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[*AB 1858 \(Lowenthal\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/14/2026

Title: California State University: Joint Associate's Degree Pilot Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) to establish a pilot program to offer an associate degree in general education studies that is jointly conferred by a CSU campus and a community college or independent institution of higher education that awards associate degrees to former CSU students who are no longer enrolled at a CSU campus but have successfully completed coursework equivalent to the requirements for an associate degree and not previously earned an associate degree. The bill would require CSU, Long Beach to participate in the pilot program and would authorize the Chancellor to include additional CSU campuses in the pilot program.

[AB 2203 \(Tangipa\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration: Veterans and Dependents of Veterans: Federal GI Bill

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California State University and each community college district, and would request the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, commencing with the 2028-29 academic year, to grant priority for registration for enrollment to (1) a student who receives a fee waiver pursuant to the above-described provisions, and (2) a student who is using any federal GI Bill benefits.

[AB 2236 \(Berman\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Articulation Agreements

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would streamline how community college courses transfer to California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses by creating a systemwide articulation agreement based on common course numbering templates, rather than requiring individual course-by-course review. The bill requires the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates of UC, CSU, and the California Community Colleges to establish this agreement by July 1, 2027; if they fail to do so, the segments themselves must implement it by December 31, 2027. Beginning in the spring 2027-28 academic term, the streamlined agreement would become the standard method for transferring courses covered by the common course numbering system. The bill also requires annual public reporting on the agreement's results and requires campuses to post contact information for the person responsible for articulation at each campus.

[*AB 2580 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: Teacher Credentialing: Programs of Professional Preparation: California State University and Community College Partnerships

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) to develop, by July 1, 2027, a plan to increase professional teacher preparation partnerships between CSU campuses and community college districts (CCDs) that addresses (1) the expansion of online programs of professional preparation offered by the CSU in partnership with CCDs to increase access and opportunities for students pursuing teaching careers in rural communities, and (2) the expansion of educator preparation pathways between CCDs and the CSU to include opportunities for concurrent enrollment at the CSU in teacher preparation coursework for community college students pursuing a teaching credential.

[AB 2660 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Intersegmental Partnerships: Stem Education

Status: Assembly Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the Cal-Bridge Program in state law as an intersegmental partnership among the California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California to create a pathway for students—particularly those from diverse backgrounds—majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to pursue PhD programs and careers in academia or the technology sector. The bill defines the program's goals and structure, including multiple subprograms that provide mentorship, research opportunities, professional development, and financial support for undergraduate, doctoral, and postdoctoral STEM scholars. It also establishes the ENLACE Program, which would collaborate with Cal-Bridge to help prepare high school and college students for STEM education and careers through additional support and pathway programs.

[SB 892 \(Grove\)](#)

Amended Date: 02/23/2026

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration: Members and Former Members of the Armed Forces of the United States and State Guard

Status: Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend priority registration at public colleges and universities for members and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces and the State Guard by removing the current 15-year time limit for using this benefit. Under the bill, community college districts and the California State University must continue granting priority enrollment, and the University of California is requested to do so, without the 15-year restriction after leaving active duty.

Campus Safety

[AB 1730 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/19/2026

Title: Community Colleges: External Resolution Services for Civil Rights Compliance: Managing Entity and Title IX Coordinator

Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Board of Governors (BOG), by June 1, 2027, and every three years thereafter, to enter into a contract with a managing entity to administer on behalf of the California Community Colleges external resolution services for civil rights compliance, including developing and recommending a nondiscrimination policy, assisting the California Community College Chancellor's Office in developing a campus discrimination prevention training program for students and employees, and addressing grievances and complaints alleging discrimination. The bill would also require the BOG to approve and annually update the nondiscrimination policy recommended by the managing entity, require the governing boards of community college districts (CCDs) to adopt the policy, and impose a fine on CCDs that do not adopt the policy. The bill would further require CCDs to designate a staff person as a Title IX coordinator tasked with specified duties, including responding to complaints alleging discrimination and maintaining a record system of files on those complaints. The bill would establish, for a complainant or respondent dissatisfied with an administrative decision made by the managing entity or the Title IX coordinator regarding the outcome of the complaint, a process to appeal that decision to the Chancellor's Office.

[AB 1845 \(Krell\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/09/2026

Title: Student Safety: Human Trafficking

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require public and private postsecondary institutions, including California Community Colleges, to update and implement student safety policies and reporting procedures to explicitly include human trafficking. The bill would mandate annual employee training on identifying and reporting human trafficking, expand campus crime records and law enforcement agreements to cover trafficking, and require policies and prompt reporting to law enforcement as conditions for state financial aid participation.

***[AB 1928](#) (Fong)**

Amended Date: 04/09/2026

Title: Sex Equity: Sexual Harassment Complaints

Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require postsecondary institutions, including community college districts, to allow each student involved in a complaint to have both a support person and an adviser present at all stages of the process, rather than having to choose between the two under current law.

***[AB 2212](#) (Bauer-Kahan)**

Amended Date: 04/06/2026

Title: Postsecondary Education: Sexual Harassment, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policies: Student Orientation and Training

Status: Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, the governing board of a community college district, the Trustees of the California State University, the Regents of the University of California, and the governing boards of independent postsecondary educational institutions to update their respective sexual harassment policies to include a prohibition on the public disclosure of the creation or generation of digitized sexually explicit material without the depicted individual's or individuals' written consent, and a policy that the disclosure of such material without that consent is sexual exploitation.

***[SB 1328](#) (Cervantes)**

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act: Campus Contact

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require community college districts and the California State University Trustees, and request the University of California, to designate an employee as a point of contact for the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex, and two-spirit faculty, staff, and students of a branch campus, satellite location, or site other than the main campus.

College and Career

[AB 805 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/05/2026

Title: Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would create the Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program, administered by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (Division), to coordinate apprenticeships for in- and out-of-school youth ages 16 to 24 and develop a streamlined youth apprenticeship data system. The bill would require the Division to work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California Department of Education to establish program guidelines.

[AB 2466 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Strong Workforce Program: Work-Based Learning Opportunities: Regional Consortia

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand how funds from the California Community Colleges Strong Workforce Program can be used to support paid work-based learning opportunities. Existing law allows community college districts to use their allocated Strong Workforce funds to provide direct support to students or employers for paid work-based learning. This bill would additionally allow regional career technical education consortia that receive Strong Workforce funding to use their funds in the same way—providing direct support to students, employers, or both to increase employability and employment. The bill also makes conforming changes to state law governing the program.

[AB 2487 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/19/2026

Title: Artificial Intelligence: Education and Workforce Development

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the Artificial Intelligence Education and Workforce Development Act, aimed at expanding artificial intelligence (AI) education and workforce training in California—especially through community colleges. It would require the California Community Colleges (if funded) to develop statewide guidance on AI use, support AI literacy and skills training for students and instructors, and create pilot programs to integrate AI into classrooms. The bill also promotes partnerships and workforce programs to prepare workers for AI-related jobs, including hands-on training in areas like data centers and infrastructure, and directs the state's small business office to provide AI-related educational resources.

Employees

[AB 1171 \(Patel\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/15/2026

Title: Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would revise and recast the Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program by expanding eligibility to include part-time faculty who individually purchase health insurance, in addition to multidistrict part-time faculty. It would require community college districts to reimburse participating part-time faculty for their proportionate share of premium costs, as specified, while continuing the program's existing structure under which the Chancellor apportions up to one-half of eligible premium costs to participating districts.

[AB 1564 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Amended Date: 02/25/2026

Title: Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a public employer from questioning a public employee, a representative of a recognized employee organization, or an exclusive representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation. The bill would also prohibit a public employer from compelling a public employee, a representative of a recognized employee organization, or an exclusive representative to disclose those confidential communications to a third party. The bill would not apply to a criminal investigation or when a public safety officer is under investigation and certain circumstances exist.

[AB 1582 \(Ortega\)](#)

Title: Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act: Collective Bargaining: Unfair Labor Practices

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would make it an unfair labor practice for a higher education employer to circumvent or ignore an arbitrator's decision in disputes over contracting out bargaining unit work, including by renewing, extending, or entering into similar contracts that violate terms already interpreted by an arbitrator. The bill would prohibit the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) from deferring repeat violations to further arbitration and authorize PERB to impose civil penalties of \$1,000 per day for repeat offenses. The bill would also require that remedies include the charging party's attorney's fees and costs.

***[AB 1750](#) (Caloza)**

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: School Employees: Absences Due to Illness or Accident

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

Originally, this bill would have required community college and TK-12 employees who exhaust their sick leave and remain absent due to illness or injury to receive their full salary for the following five months, instead of the current partial-pay structure, and would make related conforming changes. However, the April 13, 2026, amendments removed community college employees from the bill so it no longer applies.

***[AB 1803](#) (Lowenthal)**

Amended Date: 04/09/2026

Title: Employment: Sexual Harassment Training and Education: Anti-Hate Speech Training

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require California employers to add anti-hate speech content to their existing mandatory sexual harassment prevention training.

***[AB 1883](#) (Bryan)**

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: Workplace Surveillance Tools

Status: Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would generally regulate the use of workplace surveillance tools and an employer's use of worker data. The bill would prohibit an employer from using a workplace surveillance tool on workers for various purposes, including preventing compliance with laws or regulations, inferring information about workers engaging in a protected activity, making inferences about an individual's emotional state or based on their gait, or collecting neural data. The bill would prohibit an employer from using facial recognition technology, unless it is used strictly to open a locked device or grant access to locked or secure areas. The bill would also prohibit an employer from using a workplace surveillance tool to infer specified categories of information about a worker, including, among others, their veteran status, ancestral history, religious beliefs, or disability status.

[AB 1898 \(Schultz\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/20/2026

Title: Workplace Artificial Intelligence Tools

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require an employer to provide written notice to a worker who will likely be directly or indirectly affected and to their exclusive bargaining representative of a workplace artificial intelligence tool used to assist the employer in making employment-related decisions or to surveil the workplace at least 90 days before its deployment.

[AB 1961 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/27/2026

Title: Civil Actions: Protective Orders: Workplace Violence

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

Beginning on July 1, 2027, this bill would authorize an employer to seek a workplace violence restraining order on behalf of a reasonably identifiable group of employees if a credible threat of violence is generally directed at the employer's workplace or at a group of the employer's employees. The bill would not require an employer to name any individual employee as a protected party if the employer seeks a workplace violence restraining order on behalf of a group of employees. This bill would require the Judicial Council to update its forms.

[AB 2019 \(Gipson\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Deported or Detained Faculty

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require a community college district (CCD) to allow its faculty who departed the United States on or after January 1, 2027, for a specified reason, including, due to immigration enforcement actions by the Department of Homeland Security, and who was teaching for the CCD at the time of departure to perform their instruction and professional duties through distance education or other remote modalities offered by the CCD.

[*AB 2027 \(Ward\)](#)**Amended Date:** 04/09/2026**Title:** Worker Data: Prohibitions: Artificial Intelligence**Status:** Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit an employer from using a worker's personal information to train an artificial intelligence (AI) system to replicate, automate, or replace a worker's job, and would prohibit an employer from selling, disclosing, or otherwise providing access to a worker's personal information to a third party for the purpose of training an AI system to replicate, automate, or replace a worker's job. The bill would prohibit a vendor providing services to an employer under a contract from providing access to the personal information of an employer's worker to a third party or using the personal information of an employer's worker to train AI. The bill would require a contract between an employer and vendor to include a requirement that the vendor implement and maintain reasonable security procedures to protect the worker's personal information from, among other things, unauthorized or illegal access.

[AB 2098 \(Kalra\)](#)**Amended Date:** 03/26/2026**Title:** Workers' Compensation: Medical Treatment**Status:** Assembly Insurance Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would update California's Workers' Compensation law by setting rules for when injured employees attend medical treatment. It requires employees, when possible, to schedule treatment outside of work hours and to notify their employer if appointments occur during work. Employers must allow time off for treatment unless there is a valid business need to reschedule. The bill also requires this leave to run concurrently with FMLA/CFRA leave when applicable and makes it a misdemeanor for employers to deny valid requests for treatment during work hours.

[AB 2142 \(Garcia\)](#)**Title:** School Districts: Community College Districts: Short-Term Employees: Classified Service**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would establish a rebuttable presumption that a school district or community college district is required to place a short-term employee into the classified service if the short-term employee either performs required service or any other service, or any combination of services, beyond 75% of a school year, or voluntarily separates or is laid off or terminated from employment as a short-term employee before a date constituting 75% of a school year and is then rehired by the school district or community college district at any point, including subsequent school years.

[AB 2365 \(Sanchez\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/08/2026

Title: Education-Related Positions: Dismissals: Egregious Misconduct: Employment Prohibition: Previous Employment Disclosures

Status: Assembly Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would broaden the types of offenses that qualify as egregious misconduct—adding crimes such as human trafficking, child abandonment or neglect, child abduction, and inappropriate contact or communication with a minor. It also prohibits a certificated employee who is dismissed for egregious misconduct from being hired in any education-related position by state agencies, public universities, local agencies, or school districts. The bill would impose additional reporting and employment restrictions to prevent individuals dismissed for serious misconduct from working in education again.

[AB 2417 \(Zbur\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty: Retirement

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to develop and provide informational materials for part-time faculty about their retirement options, including the State Teachers' Retirement System Defined Benefit Program, the Cash Balance Benefit Program, and Social Security. The materials must explain how each option works, the differences in contributions and benefits, and eligibility requirements, so that part-time and substitute faculty better understand their retirement choices and can make informed decisions about membership in available retirement plans.

[SB 1038 \(Laird\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/16/2026

Title: The Public Employees' Retirement System

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Public Employees' Retirement System Board to publicly post key details about an upcoming audit and provide formal written notice to affected employers before the audit begins. Employers must then notify any impacted employee representatives (such as unions) and share information about employees affected by the audit. The bill also establishes requirements for distributing and certifying the final audit report to ensure all relevant parties are informed.

[SB 1054 \(Cabaldon\)](#)**Amended Date:** 03/26/2026**Title:** Unemployment Insurance: Reporting Requirements**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Employment Development Department (EDD) to modernize and streamline employer wage reporting, including aligning definitions and deploying user-friendly reporting tools. Beginning July 1, 2027, employers with ten or more employees would be required to report additional data, including total monthly wages, industry, occupation, worker type, and hours worked. The bill would also require the EDD to develop procedures to share hours-worked and related data to verify eligibility for public benefits, in coordination with other state agencies and CalSAWS, with data sharing beginning January 1, 2028, or once system automation is ready.

[SB 1149 \(Durazo\)](#)**Amended Date:** 03/26/2026**Title:** Employees: Bereavement Leave**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would expand California's bereavement leave law by allowing employees to take protected bereavement leave for the death of a "designated person," in addition to the family members already covered under existing law. Current law requires employers to provide up to five days of bereavement leave when a close family member dies and prohibits employers from retaliating against employees who use that leave. This bill broadens the definition of "family member" to include a person the employee identifies as a significant personal relationship, allowing workers to take bereavement leave for the loss of someone they consider family even if they are not related by blood or legal relationship.

Facilities

[AB 48 \(Alvarez\)](#)**Amended Date:** 05/29/2025**Title:** Education Finance: Postsecondary Education Facilities: College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026**Status:** Senate Rules Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would place the "College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026" before voters on an unspecified statewide election in 2026. The bill would ask voters to approve the state to issue general obligation bonds aimed at funding the construction and modernization of postsecondary education facilities. The specific funding amount is currently unspecified.

[AB 2176 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Student Housing: Intersegmental Working Group

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the office of the Chancellor of the California State University and the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish an intersegmental student housing working group, composed of representatives from the two chancellor's offices, faculty, and students. The bill would request the office of the President of the University of California to join and appoint representatives to the working group. The bill would require the working group to use assessments of unmet demand developed by the respective segments in order to further analyze systemwide, regional, and campus-specific student housing needs. The bill would require the working group to develop a statewide plan that identifies opportunities for intersegmental collaboration to build campus housing and informs future state funding considerations.

[AB 2766 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/08/2026

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Housing: Foster Youth and Homeless Youth

Status: Assembly Human Services Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require California Community Colleges—rather than merely requesting them—to provide priority access to student housing for these students, aligning their requirements with those already applied to California State University and University of California (UC) (subject to UC Regents' approval). It also requires campuses with student housing to identify eligible students through housing applications, defer certain housing-related fees or deposits for priority students, and post clear information online about eligibility and priority housing benefits. The bill aims to improve housing stability and access to higher education for foster youth and homeless students.

[SB 1154 \(Reyes\)](#)

Title: Public Contracts: Best Value Procurement: Community College Districts

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

This bill would allow California community college districts to use a “best value” procurement method—rather than awarding contracts strictly to the lowest bidder—when selecting contractors for public construction projects costing more than \$1 million. The bill establishes requirements for how districts evaluate bids under this method and requires districts that use it to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2030, on how the process was used. The authorization would be temporary, expiring on January 1, 2031.

Financial Aid

[AB 1534 \(Irwin\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/19/2026

Title: Student Financial Aid: Federal Workforce Pell Grant Program

Status: Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish new state-level oversight in California for the use of federal Workforce Pell Grants, which fund short-term job training programs. Beginning July 1, 2026, colleges would be prohibited from offering or promoting these grants to students unless they receive approval from a designated state entity. To obtain approval, institutions must demonstrate that their programs meet federal eligibility requirements and additional quality and workforce alignment standards, and they must also be approved by the U.S. Department of Education. The bill creates a vetting process, including certification requirements and consultation with an advisory body, to ensure that funded programs lead to meaningful employment outcomes. Overall, the measure adds a layer of state review intended to ensure program quality and accountability, but it may also limit or delay access to these federal funds for some institutions and students.

[AB 2251 \(Rodriguez, Celeste\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Cost of Attendance

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, as part of the criteria to be a qualifying institution under the Cal Grant Program, an institution to develop and implement a cost of attendance policy and adjustment process to estimate and adjust cost of attendance information in a manner that is consistent with federal standards.

[AB 2422 \(Caloza\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Delayed Financial Aid Awards: Extensions

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, commencing with the 2027-28 academic year, require the California State University, community college districts, and private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education that receive state financial assistance to, and would request the University of California to, for a student whose financial aid award is delayed due to factors that are outside of the student's control, extend specified enrollment and financial deadlines and refrain from imposing punitive actions.

[AB 2768 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Deferment of Fees and Costs: Foster Youth

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California State University, community college districts, and private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education that receive state financial assistance to, and would request the University of California to, defer the unpaid portion of enrollment fees and costs for a student that is a foster youth or former foster youth, as defined, upon the student's initial enrollment at the postsecondary educational institutional until the student has received an initial disbursement of the student's financial aid award.

[SB 1006 \(Padilla\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/12/2026

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant B Access Costs Award

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill, commencing with the 2027-28 award year, would require the award for access costs under the Cal Grant B program to be at least the maximum per-student amount provided in the 2025-26 award year and would require that award amount to be increased annually by the amount of the percentage increase, if any, in the California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 1809 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/23/2026

Title: Public Contracts: School and Community College Districts

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would make provisions authorizing job order contracting for school and community college districts permanent by removing their current January 1, 2027, sunset dates, and would repeal certain planning requirements tied to those contracts. The bill also limits task order and job order contracts to no more than five years while preserving the validity of individual orders after a contract expires and extends obligations such as sworn contractor disclosures and skilled workforce commitments.

[AB 2178 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: County Probation Departments: Instructional Service Agreements

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize a home community college district or an eligible institution associated with the home community college district, to enter into an instructional services agreement with a county probation department to provide academic or career technical education courses at a juvenile justice facility operated by the county probation department. The bill would authorize a non-home community college district, or an eligible institution associated with the non-home community college district, to enter into an instructional services agreement with a county probation department if the home community college district and associated eligible institutions are unable, unwilling, or fail to provide requested academic or career technical education courses to a juvenile justice facility within 90 days of a written request from the administrator of the juvenile justice facility. The bill would prohibit the home community college district and associated eligible institutions from prohibiting, blocking, or otherwise interfering with the ability of the non-home community college district, or an eligible institution associated with the non-home community college district, to provide instruction at the juvenile justice facility.

[AB 2523 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Governing Bodies: Biography and Contact Information

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing bodies of California's public higher-education systems to post certain information about their members on their official websites. This includes each member's name, short biography, email address, telephone number (if assigned), and mailing address for official business. The bill is intended to improve transparency and public access to governing boards and encourages board members to consider public and stakeholder input submitted through these contacts before voting on matters at open meetings.

[AB 2528 \(Solache\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Governing Board Member Compensation

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would increase the maximum compensation that members of community college district governing boards may receive for attending board meetings. Current law caps monthly compensation between \$120 and \$1,500, depending on the size of the district's full-time equivalent student enrollment. The bill would raise those limits to between \$600 and \$4,500 per month, with different caps based on district size—while keeping existing rules that payment is tied to meeting attendance and may be prorated if meetings are missed.

[SB 1101 \(Pérez\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Sharing Personal Information: Notice

Status: Senate Privacy, Digital Technologies, and Consumer Protection Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing boards of the California Community Colleges, California State University, and qualifying independent colleges to notify faculty, staff, and students when their personal information is shared with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights during an investigative, compliance, or enforcement action. The bill would also limit such information sharing to situations required by federal or state law and require the notice to describe the types of personal data shared.

Instruction

[AB 664 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/05/2026

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Program: Southwestern Community College District

Status: Senate Rules Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would allow the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to authorize the Southwestern Community College District to offer up to four workforce-aligned bachelor's degree programs. It requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to submit an interim evaluation by July 1, 2030, and a final evaluation by July 1, 2034. The authorization would sunset on January 1, 2035.

[AB 1552 \(Jackson\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/19/2026

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Civic Engagement: Recommendations Report

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California State University Chancellor, and request the President of the University of California, before the commencement of the 2028-29 academic year and in consultation with each of their respective academic senates, to report to the Legislature, consistent with Section 9795 of the Government Code, recommendations on how to facilitate greater knowledge of American democracy and meaningful civic engagement opportunities for students on campuses, and any necessary support from the Legislature to achieve those recommendations.

[AB 1728 \(Alanis\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/19/2026

Title: Community Colleges: Common Course Numbering System: Firefighting Education, Law Enforcement Education, and Modern Policing Degree Program Courses

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges' common course numbering system for general education and transfer pathway courses to also include firefighting and law enforcement education courses.

[AB 1871 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Pupil Instruction: Dual Enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would revise College and Career Access Pathways statute to make it easier for high school students to take community college courses by removing the principal recommendation requirement and allowing a single application and parent consent form for continued participation. The bill would also eliminate the four-course per term limit (within the 15-unit cap) and require annual reporting on student outcomes, such as completion of 12+ college units or certificates by high school graduation.

[AB 2053 \(Ta\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Program: Coast Community College District

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to authorize the Coast Community College District to offer a workforce-aligned cybersecurity baccalaureate degree program at Coastline College, as provided. The bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to, on or before July 1, 2030, conduct and present to the Legislature and the Governor an interim evaluation of the baccalaureate degree program that is offered pursuant to that authorization and, on or before July 1, 2034, a final evaluation of that degree program, as provided. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2035.

[AB 2136 \(Pacheco\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Program: Cerritos Community College District

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to authorize the Cerritos Community College District to offer up to three applied baccalaureate degree programs in the fields of public safety management, paralegal studies, and automotive technology. The bill would require each baccalaureate degree program to be designed to meet documented regional workforce demand and developed in consultation with employers, labor organizations, and workforce development partners, and meet specified requirements. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to monitor the baccalaureate degree programs and would authorize the chancellor to report outcomes to the Legislature.

[*AB 2206 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: Teacher Credentialing: Community College Baccalaureate Degrees: Designated Subjects Career Technical Education Teaching Credential

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize California Community Colleges that offered a baccalaureate degree in career technical education (CTE) fields prior to January 1, 2026, to offer a corresponding program of personalized preparation and recommend the issuance of designated subjects teacher credentials in the CTE field associated with the baccalaureate degree.

[AB 2301 \(Soria\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to develop a pilot program authorizing up to ten community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Eligible districts would be selected based on criteria including equitable regional access, underserved nursing areas, and community poverty, and must continue their associate degree in nursing programs under specified enrollment caps.

[AB 2694 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would instead prohibit a community college district baccalaureate degree program from offering a baccalaureate degree program or program curricula substantially similar to a baccalaureate degree program offered by the California State University or the University of California within the geographic region served by the community college district, except where the California State University or the University of California does not enroll students from that geographic region in the same degree pathway or where documented unmet regional workforce needs justify the program.

[SB 960 \(Cabaldon\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would revise the rules for California Community Colleges baccalaureate degree programs by prohibiting a community college district from offering a bachelor's degree or curriculum already offered by the University of California or by a California State University (CSU) campus whose local admission area overlaps the district—unless the CSU program has been impacted for three consecutive years before approval. The bill retains requirements that districts document unmet workforce needs and meet other conditions before offering a baccalaureate degree, and includes details on application, funding, fees, and review processes for these programs.

[SB 975 \(Ochoa Bogh\)](#)

Title: Nursing Schools and Programs: Faculty Members, Directors, and Assistant Directors

Status: Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would amend the Nursing Practice Act to streamline and clarify how the California Board of Registered Nursing approves individuals to serve as faculty, directors, or assistant directors of approved nursing schools and programs. It would require the board to approve applicants who meet established requirements and, if needed, an approved remediation plan, and expressly allow remediation pathways with mentorship for nursing faculty and leadership at California Community Colleges with nursing programs.

Miscellaneous

[*AB 1636 \(Solache\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/09/2026

Title: Cerritos Community College District: Data Sharing

Status: Assembly Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

Beginning September 30, 2027 and until January 1, 2032, this bill would authorize the Cerritos Community College District to enter into data-sharing agreements with school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools that partner with the district under the California College Promise or the College and Career Access Pathways Program to exchange personally identifiable student information for the limited and express purpose of creating a community college student record for course enrollment at the California Community Colleges.

[AB 1641 \(Jackson\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Segments: Tribal Colleges and Universities

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand the definition of public higher education under the Donahoe Higher Education Act to include tribal colleges and universities in California operated by an Indian tribal government.

[*AB 1784 \(Pellerin\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/09/2026

Title: Postsecondary Education: Nondiscrimination: Pregnancy or Pregnancy-Related Issues

Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would impose new pregnancy and pregnancy-related nondiscrimination requirements on community college districts (CCDs) and establish a statewide implementation framework led by the Chancellor's Office and Board of Governors (BOG). For CCDs, the bill would require expanding protections to ensure pregnant and parenting students are not discriminated against and are provided reasonable accommodations, leave options, and flexibility to complete their programs. CCDs would need to designate a coordinator, train staff to inform students of their rights, update and distribute policies, and post information publicly. CCDs would also be required to formally adopt regulations consistent with a systemwide policy by September 1, 2027. At the system level, the BOG would be required to develop and adopt those systemwide regulations by July 1, 2027, including both the statutory requirements and implementation best practices, effectively setting a uniform standard that all districts must follow.

[*AB 2374 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Asian American- and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish a California Asian American- and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions governing board to designate colleges and universities as California Asian American- and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions and would require an unspecified managing entity to, among other duties, develop the application processes and to process and present initial and renewal applications to receive this designation to the governing board. The bill would make an initial and renewal designation valid for five years.

[AB 2392 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/16/2026

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Artificial Intelligence Products: Training

Status: Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and would request the University of California, before providing an artificial intelligence product to students, faculty, or staff, to provide a training to students, faculty, or staff on the use of the product.

[*AB 2504 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/06/2026

Title: Community Colleges: Artificial Intelligence: Employment Dislocation: Pilot Programs

Status: Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, upon appropriation, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to implement a pilot program by July 1, 2027, and to select up to ten community college districts to participate in the pilot program. The purpose of pilot program is to address employment dislocations associated with artificial intelligence at the California Community Colleges. The bill would require the CCCCCO, by January 1, 2032, to submit a report to the Legislature evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program.

[SB 308 \(Seyarto\)](#)

Amended Date: 01/05/2026

Title: Community Colleges: Audits: Reports

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Board of Governors to submit annual audit and fiscal condition reports to additional legislative and oversight bodies, including the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, and clarify how these reports must be submitted starting in the 2027-28 fiscal year. The bill also amends related audit reporting provisions to improve transparency and accountability in community college district finances.

[SB 968 \(Becker\)](#)

Title: Community Colleges: San Mateo County Community College District

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend indefinitely the San Mateo County Community College District's authority to use local unrestricted General Fund dollars to provide fee waivers and total cost of attendance assistance to eligible in-district students.

[*SB 1255 \(Reyes\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/14/2026

Title: Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Hispanic-Serving Institutions

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish, upon appropriation, criteria and procedures for postsecondary educational institutions in California to receive a designation as a California Hispanic-Serving Institution for the purposes of recognizing institutions that excel at providing academic resources to Latino students.

State Budget and Education Finance

[AB 1563 \(Gabriel\)](#)

Title: Budget Act of 2026

Status: Assembly Budget Committee

Position:

Summary:

This is the 2026-27 State Budget Act bill on the Assembly side.

[AB 2121](#) (Berman)*Amended Date:** 04/09/2026**Title:** Community Colleges: Current Expense of Education: Exclusions**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This urgency measure would temporarily allow community college districts (CCDs), for up to five fiscal years after 2025-26 or until certain federal funding is fully restored, to exclude specified local unrestricted expenditures from their “current expense of education.” These expenditures must be from the district’s unrestricted General Fund, capped at a defined amount, and used to sustain student support services previously funded by federal discretionary grants that have been terminated, not renewed, or reduced due to federal action on or after September 10, 2025. CCDs choosing to use this authority would be required to annually certify their eligibility to the Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges (CCCCO), and the CCCCCO would be required to maintain those certifications and report them as part of an existing reporting requirement.

[SB 879](#) (Laird)**Title:** Budget Act of 2026**Status:** Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This is the 2026-27 State Budget Act bill on the Senate side.

SB 1262 (Archuleta)

Title: Education Finance: Community Colleges: General Fund Balance

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would place a cap on community college district (CCD) unrestricted General Fund reserves beginning in fiscal year 2027-28.

Specifically, the bill would prohibit a CCD from maintaining an annual unrestricted General Fund ending balance that exceeds 50% of that year's unrestricted General Fund expenditures, unless the district satisfies all three of the following conditions:

1. Participation in the Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program;
2. Participation in the Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program; and
3. At least 75% of credit instruction hours are taught by full-time faculty.

If a district exceeds the 50% cap and does not meet all three conditions, the amount above the cap would be required to be proportionally distributed to nonsupervisory and nonmanagement employees based on hours worked in the prior fiscal year, as determined through collective bargaining. The bill also includes language intended to prevent districts from circumventing the cap by transferring funds to other accounts if those transfers would cause the receiving fund to exceed 33% of unrestricted General Fund expenditures.

Student Health

AB 1669 (Pacheco)

Amended Date: 03/09/2026

Title: Student Health: Leaves of Absence: Mental Health

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require colleges to adopt a written policy to allow a student to take a voluntary medical leave of absence for a period to be determined by the postsecondary educational institution, or for a period of one academic year, whichever is longer, and reasonably accommodate a student facing medical challenges so the student is able complete their courses of study and research. The bill would prohibit the leave of absence policy from, among other things, requiring a student who takes a leave of absence to withdraw from the postsecondary educational institution. The bill would require a postsecondary educational institution to make the leave of absence policy available to faculty, staff, and employees in a required training and available to students at an orientation session.

[AB 1985](#) (Irwin)*Amended Date:** 04/09/2026**Title:** Student Health: Athletic Coaches: Mental Health Training**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges (CCC), the California State University (CSU), and each private postsecondary educational institution and independent institution of higher education that receives state financial assistance, by July 1, 2028, to identify and compile a list of mental health training programs that can be used to train athletic coaches. The bill would require the trainings, at a minimum, to cover suicide prevention education. The bill would require each CCC and CSU campus, and each private postsecondary educational institution and independent institution of higher education that receives state financial assistance, to require a person who serves as a coach in an athletic program, as a condition of the person's employment or volunteer service, to complete one of the identified student mental health trainings by before July 1, 2028, and every two years thereafter.

[AB 2540](#) (Stefani)**Amended Date:** 03/27/2026**Title:** Public Health: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Health Centers: Abortion by Medication Techniques**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a community college that has a student health center to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, on and after January 1, 2028, offer medication abortion services, promote awareness of those services, provide information on those services to students, and post the availability of those services on its internet website. The bill would also require a student health center on a California State University or University of California campus, on or before January 1, 2028, to promote awareness of the services for abortion by medication techniques that the student health center offers, provide information on those services to students, and post the availability of those services on its internet website.

[*SB 961 \(Ashby\)](#)**Amended Date:** 04/08/2026**Title:** CalFresh: Student Eligibility**Status:** Senate Human Services Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to amend its Grant Delivery System to ensure students who may be eligible for CalFresh benefits are identified; (2) require CSAC and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to enter into a data-sharing agreement to ensure identified students are linked to basic needs resources on and off campus; and (3) deem through CDSS guidance specific student support programs at a public institution of higher education as a state-approved local education program that increases employability and therefore qualifies for the student exemption for CalFresh eligibility as well as authorizes other campus-based programs to apply to the CDSS for qualification.

Student Services

[AB 713 \(Solache\)](#)**Amended Date:** 01/05/2026**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Student Employment**Status:** Senate Rules Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit the California Community Colleges, California State University, or the University of California from disqualifying a student from being hired for an employment position due to the student's failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, except where that proof is required by federal law or where that proof is required as a condition of a grant that funds the particular employment position for which the student has applied. The bill would require the institutions to implement this requirement by January 6, 2027.

[AB 1769 \(Ramos\)](#)**Title:** Student Transfer: Tribal Colleges**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU), and request the University of California (UC), to develop and implement transfer and articulation agreements to support students transferring from California tribal colleges, including early outreach efforts. It would also require the CSU and CCC, and request the UC, to assess tools, systems, and curricula to facilitate transfer for these students.

[*AB 1829 \(Fong\)](#)**Amended Date:** 04/06/2026**Title:** Community Colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: Services**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would expand how California Community Colleges can use funding under the CalWORKs Recipients Education Program to better support low-income parenting students. Specifically, it allows colleges to use existing CalWORKs funds to provide direct financial aid for students' basic needs—such as housing, food, childcare, and technology—and shifts the program's goal from long-term self-sufficiency to broader economic mobility. The bill also gives colleges more flexibility in work-study programs by allowing them to waive the requirement that employers pay 25% of student wages, as long as the number of positions does not decrease.

Tuition and Fees

[AB 1555 \(Hadwick\)](#)**Amended Date:** 03/19/2026**Title:** Community Colleges: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition Fee: College of the Siskiyous**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would exempt up to 200 students per academic year who reside in specified Oregon counties from paying nonresident tuition at College of the Siskiyous. It would require the Siskiyou Joint Community College District to adopt rules for residency classification and appeals.

[AB 1920 \(González, Mark\)](#)**Title:** Community Colleges: California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would clarify that students who earn a certificate as part of a course sequence toward an associate degree remain eligible for a California College Promise fee waiver.

[AB 2114 \(Bryan\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition Fee Exemption: Educational Asylum Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would allow California public colleges and universities to create an “educational asylum” program for transfer students from states where laws restrict the teaching of topics such as diversity, equity, inclusion, or critical race theory. Beginning in the 2027-28 academic year, qualifying students admitted to participating institutions could receive an exemption from nonresident tuition and pay in-state tuition instead. The California Department of Education would maintain a list of states with such restrictions, and institutions could set participation limits based on available resources.

[AB 2436 \(Fong\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition and Fees: Team USA Student Athletes

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend an existing California policy that allows certain Team USA student-athletes training in the state in elite programs approved by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to qualify for in-state tuition at public colleges and universities. Current law grants these athletes resident tuition classification but is scheduled to expire on July 1, 2032. The bill removes that sunset date, effectively making the policy permanent so eligible athletes can continue to receive resident tuition rates while training in California. It also provides that if the change creates reimbursable costs for community college districts, the state must reimburse those costs through the normal state-mandate process.

[AB 2794 \(Committee on Higher Education\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption: Federal GI Bill

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would expand an existing tuition benefit for veterans and certain military-affiliated students at community colleges and the California State University campuses. Specifically, it would add the Montgomery GI Bill–Selected Reserve program to the list of federal programs that qualify students for an exemption from paying nonresident tuition, meaning more eligible students could pay in-state rates if they live in California.