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## Access

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

**Amended Date:** 04/23/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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 the associate degree to be awarded at no cost to the former student. The bill would require CSU Long Beach to participate in the pilot program and would authorize the CSU 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—Suspense File

**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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/13/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/27/2026

**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Intersegmental Partnerships: Stem Education

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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**[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 Floor—Consent**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.

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**Campus Safety**

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**[\\*AB 1730 \(Fong\)](#)****Amended Date:** 04/23/2026**Title:** Community Colleges: External Resolution Services for Civil Rights Compliance: Managing Entity and Civil Rights Coordinator**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Board of Governors, within one year of an appropriation, 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 office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in developing an annual campus discrimination prevention training program for students and employees, and addressing grievances and complaints alleging discrimination.

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**[AB 1845 \(Krell\)](#)****Amended Date:** 04/09/2026**Title:** Student Safety: Human Trafficking**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/09/2026

**Title:** Sex Equity: Sexual Harassment Complaints

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/23/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:**

**Summary:**

This bill would amend Education Code to include definitions of technology-facilitated sexual harassment and digitized sexually explicit materials; and requires postsecondary education institutions to update and create an array of policies pertaining to sexual harassment to address the new definitions of technology-facilitated sexual harassment and digitized sexually explicit materials.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/13/2026

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

**Status:** Senate Appropriations 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 1796 \(Jackson\)](#)

**Amended Date:** 04/16/2026

**Title:** Licensed Professional Interior Designer Practice Act

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:**

**Summary:**

This bill would change how interior designers are regulated in California by creating a state licensing system instead of the current voluntary certification. Under this bill, people who want to practice "professional interior design" (especially work connected to building construction and safety) would need to meet state requirements such as education, experience, and passing an exam, and would be licensed by the California Architects Board. The bill also defines what counts as professional interior design, sets rules for contracts and design documents, and creates penalties for practicing without a license. It phases out the existing private certification system and replaces it with a state-run program by around 2028.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/23/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:**

**Summary:**

This bill would extend the deadline for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to revise the policies, regulations, and guidance for the Strong Workforce Program by one year to June 30, 2027. 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.

## 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:** Oppose

**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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/09/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Floor—Third Reading

**Position:**

**Summary:**

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

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

**Amended Date:** 04/13/2026

**Title:** Workplace Surveillance Tools

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

**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.

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

**Amended Date:** 03/20/2026

**Title:** Workplace Artificial Intelligence Tools

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

**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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/16/2026

**Title:** Civil Actions: Protective Orders: Workplace Violence

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

**Position:**

**Summary:**

This bill would authorize an employer to seek a workplace violence restraining order on behalf of all employees, without naming a specific employee, at the employer's workplace or a location where a group of employees perform their primary job duties if harassment, unlawful violence, or a credible threat of violence is directed at that workplace or location, rather than a specific employee. The bill requires the Judicial Council to adopt or modify related workplace violence restraining order forms by January 1, 2028.

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

**Title:** Community Colleges: Deported or Detained Faculty

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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**[AB 2027 \(Ward\)](#)**

**Amended Date:** 04/09/2026

**Title:** Worker Data: Prohibitions: Artificial Intelligence

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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

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**[\\*AB 2142 \(Garcia\)](#)****Amended Date:** 04/23/2026**Title:** School Districts: Community College Districts: Short-Term Employees: Classified Service**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would establish a rebuttable presumption that a school district or community college district is required to replace a short-term employee position with a position in the classified service if (1) the short-term employee performs the required service of the position beyond 75% of a school year or college year, (2) the short-term employee voluntarily separates or is laid off or terminated from employment for at least 50% but less than 75% of a school year or college year and is then rehired in the next school year or college year to perform substantially the same services for at least 50% of the school year or college year, or (3) the services of the short-term employee position are used at least 50% of a school year or college year for three of five consecutive school years or college years.

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**[\\*AB 2365 \(Sanchez\)](#)****Amended Date:** 04/27/2026**Title:** Education-Related Positions: Egregious Misconduct: Previous Employment Disclosures**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would expand the definition of "egregious misconduct" to include additional offenses such as those relating to human trafficking, child abandonment and neglect, and impermissible contact or communication with a minor. The bill also requires the state to add a section to its educator misconduct database showing whether any complaints have been filed against a teacher or credential applicant. The system would include identifying information (name, date of birth, and last four digits of their Social Security number) and list all schools or agencies that submitted reports. It also requires the state to give schools and educational agencies access to this system within five business days of a request.

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

**Title:** Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty: Retirement

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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**[\\*SB 947 \(McNerney\)](#)**

**Amended Date:** 04/22/2026

**Title:** Employment: Automated Decision Systems

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**Position:**

**Summary:**

This bill would regulate how employers can use artificial intelligence (AI) and automated decision systems in the workplace. The bill limits the use of these systems in decisions like discipline, termination, or deactivation of workers by requiring human review and independent evidence. The bill also bans certain uses of AI, such as predicting worker behavior, identifying protected characteristics (like race or gender), or targeting workers for exercising their legal rights. The bill gives workers the right to see the data used about them by these systems and requires employers to notify workers when AI is used in employment decisions. It includes protections against retaliation and allows workers or the state to take legal action if the rules are violated, with penalties for employers who do not comply. Overall, the bill aims to ensure that AI is used responsibly in the workplace and that human oversight protects workers' rights.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/29/2026

**Title:** The Public Employees' Retirement System

**Status:** Senate Floor—Second 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.

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**[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.

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

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**Facilities**

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**[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.

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

**Title:** Student Housing: Intersegmental Working Group

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/08/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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**[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 Appropriations 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 \(Rodriguez, Celeste\)](#)

**Amended Date:** 04/16/2026

**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, no later than the start of the 2027-28 academic year, 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 \(Caloza\)](#)

**Amended Date:** 04/16/2026

**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.

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

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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**[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.

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**Governance and District Operations**

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**[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.

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

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

**Status:** Assembly Floor—Consent

**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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/23/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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

**Title:** Community Colleges: Governing Board Member Compensation

**Status:** Assembly Floor—Third Reading

**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.

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**[SB 1101 \(Pérez\)](#)**

**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Sharing Personal Information: Notice

**Status:** Senate Appropriations 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.

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**Instruction**

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**[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.

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

**Amended Date:** 03/19/2026

**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Civic Engagement: Recommendations Report

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

**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.

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**[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.

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

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

**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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/13/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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

**Title:** Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/23/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:** Support

**Summary:**

This bill would authorize a community college district to offer a baccalaureate degree program with a substantially similar curriculum to a program offered by the California State University or the University of California if those institutions do not enroll students from the district's geographic region in the same degree pathway, and if documented unmet regional workforce demand supports the need for the program.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/22/2026

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

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**Position:** Support

**Summary:**

Beginning July 1, 2030, the bill would authorize a community college district to offer a baccalaureate degree program or program curricula offered by a campus of the California State University (CSU) whose local service area includes, or overlaps with, the territory of the district if the CSU program has been impacted for three consecutive years before the date the program is approved.

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**\*[SB 1302](#) (Wahab)****Amended Date:** 04/23/2026**Title:** Nursing**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill includes language from Senate Bill 975 which 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.

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**Miscellaneous**

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**\*[AB 1636](#) (Solache)****Amended Date:** 04/27/2026**Title:** Cerritos Community College District: Data Sharing**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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. The bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to, by September 1, 2027, in collaboration with the California Department of Education develop a form that will be used to collect informed consent from participating students.

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**[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.

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**[AB 1784 \(Pellerin\)](#)****Amended Date:** 04/09/2026**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Nondiscrimination: Pregnancy or Pregnancy-Related Issues**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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**[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 Appropriations 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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/23/2026

**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Generative Artificial Intelligence Systems: Procurement Standards: Training

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:**

**Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU), and would request the University of California (UC) to, before providing a generative artificial intelligence system to students, faculty, or staff, convene a joint working group to present recommendations for procurement standards and training, which the bill would require to be submitted by January 1, 2028, and provide the training to students, faculty, or staff, as applicable. The bill would require the CCC and CSU and would request the UC to review the training developed by the working group at least once per academic year, update the training as necessary, and maintain records of completed trainings for each student, faculty member, and staff member who receives a training.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/16/2026

**Title:** Community Colleges: Artificial Intelligence: Pilot Program

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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, 2033, to submit a report to the Legislature evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program.

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**[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.

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**[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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/14/2026

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

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

**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.

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**State Budget and Education Finance**

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**[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.

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**[AB 2121 \(Berman\)](#)**

**Amended Date:** 04/09/2026

**Title:** Community Colleges: Current Expense of Education: Exclusions

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:** Support

**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.

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**[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.

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**[SB 1262 \(Archuleta\)](#)**

**Title:** Education Finance: Community Colleges: General Fund Balance

**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

**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:** 04/16/2026

**Title:** Student Health: Medical Leaves of Absence: Mental Health

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:**

**Summary:**

This bill would, commencing with the 2027-28 academic year, require a campus of the California Community Colleges, University of California, the California State University, a private postsecondary educational institution, or an independent institution of higher education to (1) 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 up to one academic year, whichever is longer, and (2) provide reasonable accommodations to a student facing a medical challenge, without requiring the student to provide documentation of the medical challenge, so that the student is able complete their course of study and research. The bill would prohibit the leave of absence policy from, among other things, requiring a student who takes a medical leave of absence to submit an official notice of withdrawal to the postsecondary educational institution.

### [AB 1985 \(Irwin\)](#)

**Amended Date:** 04/23/2026

**Title:** Student Health: Athletic Coaches: Mental Health Training

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.

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**\*[AB 2540](#) (Stefani)****Amended Date:** 04/23/2026**Title:** Public Health: Public Postsecondary Education: Student Health Centers: Abortion by Medication Techniques**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a community college that has a student health center to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, by January 1, 2029, 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 website.

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**[SB 961](#) (Ashby)****Amended Date:** 04/08/2026**Title:** CalFresh: Student Eligibility**Status:** Senate Appropriations 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.

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**Student Services**

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**[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.

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**[AB 1769 \(Ramos\)](#)****Amended Date:** 04/16/2026**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.

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**[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.

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**Tuition and Fees**

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**[AB 1555 \(Hadwick\)](#)****Amended Date:** 03/19/2026**Title:** Community Colleges: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition Fee: College of the Siskiyous**Status:** Assembly Floor—Third Reading**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.

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**[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.

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

**Amended Date:** 04/23/2026

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Position:**

**Summary:**

This bill would authorize a public postsecondary educational institution to administer an educational asylum program, in collaboration with the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. The bill would require a participating institution to grant educational asylum status to a transfer student who meets specified requirements, including residing in a restricted state. The bill, commencing with the 2027-28 school year, would exempt a transfer student who is granted educational asylum status from paying nonresident tuition at a participating institution and would require the transfer student to only pay resident tuition and fees.

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

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

**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.

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

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

**Status:** Assembly Appropriations 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.