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***[SB 640](#) (Cabaldon)**

Amended: 6/19/2025

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Admission, Transfer, and Enrollment

Status: 6/5/2025-A. HIGHER ED.

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the California State University (CSU) Direct Admission Program under which a pupil graduating from a high school of a participating local educational agency is deemed eligible for enrollment into a designated CSU campus. The bill would require, upon the implementation of transcript-informed pupil accounts, the reporting available on the CaliforniaColleges.edu platform to be used to provide the data required to determine eligibility for the program. The bill would require the California College Guidance Initiative, on behalf of the CSU, to transmit a letter of direct admission to each eligible pupil that notifies the pupil that they have been directly admitted. The bill would also require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, in collaboration with the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the CSU, an intersegmental curriculum workgroup composed of specified CCC and CSU faculty, to create no fewer than five transfer model curricula that are not related to existing associate degrees for transfer.

College & Career

[AB 323](#) (Fong)

Title: Strong Workforce Program: Work-Based Learning Opportunities

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

The bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, by June 30, 2026, to revise existing policies under the Strong Workforce Program to facilitate paid work-based learning experiences for students and employers. The bill would authorize community college districts to allocate program funds directly to support students and employers in these paid learning initiatives, aiming to improve employability and employment outcomes.

Employees

[AB 65](#) (Aguiar-Curry)

Title: School and Community College Employees: Paid Disability and Parental Leave

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require a K-14 public school employer to provide up to 14 weeks of full pay to certificated and classified employees due to pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from those conditions.

[AB 339](#) (Ortega)*Amended:** 6/18/2025**Title:** Local Public Employee Organizations: Notice Requirements**Status:** Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the governing bodies of public agencies, as well as designated boards and commissions, to provide recognized employee organizations with at least 60 days' written notice before issuing requests for proposals, requests for quotes, or renewing or extending existing contracts for services that fall within the scope of work of the job classifications represented by the employee organization. In cases of emergency or exigent circumstances where providing the full notice period is impractical, the public agency is required to give as much advance notice as possible under the circumstances. If the recognized employee organization requests to meet and confer after receiving the notice, the public agency is obligated to engage in discussions, in good faith and within a reasonable time frame, regarding the proposed contract decision and any negotiable effects.

[AB 340](#) (Ahrens)**Amended:** 3/5/2025**Title:** Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications**Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would prohibit 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 the same personnel 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 374](#) (Nguyen)**Amended:** 4/9/2025**Title:** K-14 Classified Employees: Payment of Wages: Itemized Statements**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a public school employer to furnish to a classified employee at the time of each payment of wages an accurate statement in writing that shows specified information, including:

- Gross wages earned
- All deductions
- All applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period

The employer would also be required to record the deductions made from the payment of wages and keep the record on file for at least three years. Current and former classified school employees would also be given the right to inspect or receive a copy of records pertaining to their employment, as provided.

AB 1028 (Fong)**Amended:** 5/23/2025**Title:** Community Colleges: Temporary Employees**Status:** Senate Education Committee**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would require, if a governing board of a community college district terminates a part-time faculty member, the governing board must comply with the procedures delineated in the collective bargaining agreement. The bill would clarify that in all cases, part-time faculty are temporary by nature, and their employment is based on enrollment and funding. Due to their temporary nature, no part-time faculty are assured continual employment regardless of status, length of service, or reemployment preference.

AB 1067 (Quirk-Silva)**Amended:** 5/23/2025**Title:** Public Employees' Retirement: Felony Convictions**Status:** Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a public employer to continue an investigation of a public employee for misconduct, even after a public employee retires, if the public employer's investigation indicates that the public employee may have committed a crime. The bill would require if the public employer's investigation indicates that a public employee may have committed a crime, the employer must refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Thereafter, the employer may close its investigation. If a felony conviction results that arose out of the prescribed misconduct, the employee must forfeit all accrued rights and benefits in any public retirement system in which they are a member, in accordance with existing law.

SB 241 (Cervantes)*Amended:** 6/26/2025**Title:** Community Colleges: Personnel: Qualifications**Status:** Assembly Floor—Third Reading**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would explicitly require that individuals serving in roles such as community college instructors, librarians, counselors, student personnel workers, supervisors, administrators, chief administrative officers, extended opportunity programs and services workers, disabled students' programs and services workers, apprenticeship instructors, or supervisors of health must meet the established minimum qualifications or alternative qualifications for their respective positions. The bill does not prohibit community college staff from using artificial intelligence tools to assist in the operations of a community college or in providing services to community college students.

SB 494 (Cortese)**Amended:** 4/10/2025**Title:** Classified School and Community College Employees: Disciplinary Hearings: Appeals: Contracted Administrative Law Judges**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would authorize a permanent classified employee of a community college district or K-12 school district to appeal disciplinary action to a contracted administrative law judge, paid by the school district and jointly selected by the district and the employee or their employee organization unless the employee organization and the school district have agreed to an alternative method of appealing disciplinary action. The bill would require this alternative method of appealing a disciplinary action to be subject to judicial review pursuant to specified standards of review of arbitration awards.

SB 590 (Durazo)**Amended:** 4/3/2025**Title:** Paid Family Leave: Eligibility: Care for Designated Persons**Status:** Assembly Insurance Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, commencing July 1, 2027, expand eligibility for benefits under the paid family leave program to include individuals who take time off work to care for a seriously ill designated person. The bill would define designated person to mean any individual related by blood or whose association with the claimant is the equivalent of a family relationship. The bill would authorize the claimant to identify the designated person when they file a claim for benefits.

Facilities

AB 48 (Alvarez)**Amended:** 5/29/2025**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 648 (Zbur)**Amended:** 5/5/2025**Title:** Community Colleges: Housing: Local Zoning Regulations: Exemption**Status:** Senate Local Government Committee**Position:** Support**Summary:**

This bill would exempt the construction of faculty and staff housing projects, student housing projects, and university housing development projects from local zoning regulations of any city, county, or city and county when constructed on property owned or leased by a community college district, if the parcel on which the project will be constructed meets either of the following requirements:

- The parcel is contained either wholly or partially within a one-half mile radius of a main campus
- The parcel is contained either wholly or partially within a one-half mile radius of a satellite campus that existed before July 1, 2025

AB 1470 (Haney)*Amended:** 6/23/2025**Title:** Food Facilities: Retail Food Safety: Coastal Development Permits: Exemption**Status:** Senate Health Committee**Position:****Summary:**

Originally, this bill had to do with the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund. However, the bill was recently gutted and amended into a food facilities bill and will be removed from the next report.

Financial Aid

AB 88 (Ta)**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: Eligibility: Dependents of Members of the Armed Services Stationed Outside of California**Status:** Senate Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would extend Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship Program eligibility to a student who was not a resident of California at the time of high school graduation or its equivalent but meets all other applicable eligibility requirements and is a dependent natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed outside of California on active duty, if the member of the Armed Forces of the United States otherwise maintains California as their state of legal residence.

AB 243 (Ahrens)**Amended:** 6/12/2025**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Student Financial Aid Dependency Status: Juveniles**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would authorize personnel at a county child welfare department, county probation department, or local educational agency, upon request of a youth formerly in the foster care or probation system, to provide information from the youth's juvenile case file to an institution of higher education (IHE) to assist the youth's attendance at that institution. It further requires a financial aid administrator to accept a sworn attestation as sufficient documentation for adjusting a financial aid applicant's dependency status who is attending or applying to a California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus. Lastly, it makes any information received by an IHE confidential, and a violation of the confidentiality provisions subject to a misdemeanor of up to a \$500 fine.

AB 313 (Ortega)**Amended:** 5/20/2025**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Extension**Status:** Assembly Floor—Concurrence**Position:****Summary:**

Existing law requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to grant a postponement of an application deadline of up to 30 calendar days for any financial aid program administered by CSAC pursuant to a formal request. Existing law also authorizes CSAC to grant a postponement of an application deadline of up to an additional 30 calendar days, without submission of a formal request, if CSAC finds that a state of emergency declared by the Governor or the President of the United States has occurred. This bill would additionally authorize CSAC to grant the above-described postponement of an application deadline without submission of a formal request if CSAC finds that there was a delay in the opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as declared by CSAC.

AB 402 (Patel)**Amended:** 5/23/2025**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program and the California Community College Expanded Entitlement Program**Status:** Senate Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would set, beginning with the 2026-27 award year, and subject to an appropriation, the maximum tuition award amount for new Cal Grant A and B recipients attending an independent institution of higher education (ICCU) at either \$9,708 or \$8,056, with the higher amount conditioned on the achievement of the target numbers for associate degree for transfer commitments that apply for the prior award year. The bill would authorize a student who receives a California Community College Expanded Entitlement Award and who subsequently transfers to an ICCU to remain eligible to receive the award.

[AB 537](#) (Ahrens)*Amended:** 6/30/2025**Title:** Community Colleges: California College Promise**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would stipulate that for purposes of eligibility for the California College Promise Program, students can now be enrolled in nine or more semester units, thus no longer needing to be enrolled full-time to qualify for participation. The bill would require community colleges to provide a written notification to initial recipients of the California College Promise that includes specified information related to the two academic years of eligibility for the California College Promise. The bill would require, as a condition of participating in and receiving funding for the California College Promise Program, community college districts to refrain from referring to any other student financial aid funding program as the California College Promise. The bill would clarify that community colleges can use funding appropriated to waive some or all of the fees for first-time community college students and returning community college students who are enrolled at a community college with an eligible workload, and who complete and submit appropriate applications.

[SB 67](#) (Seyarto)**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: Eligibility: Dependents of Members of the Armed Services Stationed Outside of California**Status:** Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would extend Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship Program eligibility to a student who was not a resident of California at the time of high school graduation or its equivalent but meets all other applicable eligibility requirements and is a dependent natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed outside of California on active duty, if the member of the Armed Forces of the United States otherwise maintains California as their state of legal residence.

[SB 323](#) (Pérez)**Amended:** 3/25/2025**Title:** Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act Application**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

By the start of the 2026-27 financial aid cycle, the California Student Aid Commission shall amend the California Dream Act application, and any of its grant processing systems, to clarify and ensure that the application can be used by any student eligible for state financial aid programs, regardless of their eligibility for federal financial aid.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 259 \(Rubio, Blanca\)](#)

Amended: 4/21/2025

Title: Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

Position:

Summary:

Existing law allows, until January 1, 2026, alternative teleconferencing procedures that permit members to participate remotely under specified circumstances, provided that at least a quorum participates in person from a single public location within the agency's jurisdiction. This bill would extend the sunset date to January 1, 2030.

[AB 395 \(Gabriel\)](#)

Amended: 6/26/2025

Title: Holidays

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, beginning with the 2026-27 academic year, the governing board of a community college districts (CCD) and the California State University (CSU) to make every reasonable effort to avoid calendaring an institutional event on a date for which the institution of higher education knows, or has reason to know, that members of the public would be unable to participate or be present due to the ritual observance of a religious, cultural, or ancestral holiday. The bill would require the governing board of a CCD and the CSU, in considering and making a determination of which dates to avoid, to seek input from the student and faculty organizations on campus.

[AB 409 \(Arambula\)](#)

Amended: 6/23/2025

Title: Open Meetings: Teleconferences: Community College Student Body Associations and Student-Run Organizations

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

Position:

Summary:

Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes a California Community Colleges student body association and other specified student-run community college organizations to use alternate teleconferencing provisions related to notice, agenda, and public participation if the board of trustees of the community college district has adopted an authorizing resolution and two-thirds of an eligible legislative body votes to use the alternate teleconferencing provisions. This bill would extend the sunset date to January 1, 2030.

[AB 699 \(Stefani\)](#)**Amended:** 5/5/2025**Title:** Elections: Local Tax Measures**Status:** Senate Local Government Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would allow a jurisdiction placing a measure that imposes or increases tiered tax rates or authorizes the issuance of bonds on the ballot to include the phrase “See county voter guide for detailed tax rate information” in the ballot label. The bill would require a local jurisdiction selecting this option to specify the reasons for doing so in the resolution calling the election.

[SB 226 \(Cabaldon\)](#)**Title:** Community Colleges: Territory Transfers Between Districts**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would authorize the Board of Governors (BOG) to approve the transfer of territory from specified community college districts (CCDs) to another district upon its own initiative or upon the filing of a petition by the governing board of a district or the county committee on school district organization for the county where territory would be transferred. The bill would require the BOG to ensure that a transfer of territory and any necessary agreements between the CCDs comply with and meet the requirements of specified provisions of existing state law, including that the reorganization of any district does not affect the classification of academic employees already employed by any district affected and that the transfer agreement provides for the allocation of funds, property, and obligations affected by the transfer.

[SB 707 \(Durazo\)](#)**Amended:** 5/29/2025**Title:** Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconference Requirements**Status:** Assembly Local Government Committee**Position:****Summary:**

The Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. This bill would, until January 1, 2030, require an eligible legislative body to comply with additional meeting requirements, including that, except as specified, all open and public meetings include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform and that the eligible legislative body take specified actions to encourage residents to participate in public meetings.

Instruction

AB 731 (Fong)

Amended: 7/1/2025

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

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would amend the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership, to align with best practices, in order to streamline access to dual enrollment for high school students throughout the state. Specifically, the bill would:

- Remove the requirement for a student to procure a principal's recommendation in order to participate in a CCAP dual enrollment program
- Add to the terms and protocols of a CCAP partnership agreement to include a requirement for a student to complete one application for the duration of the student's participation in the CCAP partnership program
- Provide additional clarity around the type of community college coursework which may be offered as part of the CCAP agreement to include in-person coursework at the high school or the college or online coursework using either synchronous or asynchronous modalities
- Remove the requirement that restricts the number of courses (four courses per term) students can undertake as part of the CCAP partnership program. Retains the requirement that prohibits students from taking more than 15 units per term

AB 1400 (Soria)

Amended: 3/24/2025

Title: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts (CCDs) to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The bill would limit the pilot program to 15 CCDs statewide and would require the CCCCCO to identify and select eligible CCDs based on specified criteria. The bill would require the CCCCCO to develop a process designed to assist CCDs with nursing programs that are applying for national accreditation for the purpose of qualifying for the pilot program, as provided. The bill would require each participating CCD to give priority registration for enrollment in the pilot program to students with an associate degree in nursing from that CCD. The program would sunset on January 1, 2035.

Miscellaneous

[AB 587 \(Davies\)](#)

Amended: 5/7/2025

Title: Student Aid Commission: Membership

Status: Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, on the date that a public member's term expires on the California Student Aid Commission, replace one of the public members with a member who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and represents the veteran community.

[AB 662 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Amended: 5/1/2025

Title: Postsecondary Education: Mixed-Use Intersegmental Educational Facility in the City of Chula Vista: South County Higher Education Planning Task Force

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the South County Higher Education Planning Task Force for purposes of evaluating the feasibility of establishing a mixed-used intersegmental educational facility in the City of Chula Vista. The bill would require the task force to conduct specified activities, convene its first meeting by July 1, 2026, and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by July 1, 2027.

[AB 972 \(Wilson\)](#)

Amended: 4/24/2025

Title: Postsecondary Education: Discrimination: Sex

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would clarify a person may not be discriminated against on the basis of their sex, by adding the term "sex" to the list of protected characteristics in the prohibition of discrimination section of the Equity in Higher Education Act.

[AB 1093 \(Solache\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish, until January 1, 2032, the California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program for 400 students who attend a California public higher education campus to attend universities in Mexico and for 400 students who attend a university in Mexico to attend a public higher education campus in California.

AB 1098 (Fong)**Amended:** 4/10/2025**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Undergraduate and Graduate Students: Pregnancy or Pregnancy-Related Issues**Status:** Senate Judiciary Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would extend to pregnant or recently pregnant undergraduate students the prohibitions and obligations placed by existing law on postsecondary educational institutions for pregnant or recently pregnant graduate students. The bill would require these institutions to: (1) require responsible employees, upon being informed of a student's pregnancy or pregnancy-related condition, to give the student the contact information of a coordinator designated by the institution, as specified, and information about what the coordinator can do to ensure the student has equal access to educational programs; (2) require reasonable accommodations provided to a pregnant student or a recently pregnant student to be provided through the institution's coordinator; and (3) provide a pregnant student or recently pregnant student access to a private and secure room for lactation.

SB 391 (Laird)**Amended:** 6/26/2025**Title:** Community Colleges: Chancellor of the California Community Colleges: Data Request Fee Policy**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would authorize the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to establish a data request fee policy for researchers seeking access to individually identifiable or student data. This policy would require approval from the Board of Governors, periodic revisions, and public availability on the CCCCCO website, and comply with applicable federal and state privacy laws. The bill exempts state agencies and students requesting data for individual studies from these fees.

SB 638 (Padilla)**Amended:** 5/23/2025**Title:** California Education and Workforce Development Coordinating Entity: Career Technical Education and Career Pathways Grant Program**Status:** Assembly Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would establish in the Government Operations Agency the California Education and Workforce Development Coordinating Entity, composed of specified state officers and student and local workforce development representatives appointed by the Legislature, for the purpose of serving as the statewide career technical education planning and coordinating entity. The bill would require the coordinating entity to perform specified duties, including implementing the Master Plan for Career Education; streamlining workforce program rules, allocations, and reporting requirements; and developing a state plan regarding career technical education, career pathways, and workforce development.

SB 744 (Cabaldon)**Amended:** 6/11/2025**Title:** Accrediting Agencies**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would provide that, for purposes of any code or statute, a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education as of January 1, 2025, shall retain that recognition until January 20, 2029, provided that the accrediting agency continues to operate in substantially the same manner as it did on January 1, 2025. The bill would repeal those provisions on January 1, 2030.

SB 790 (Cabaldon)*Amended:** 6/26/2025**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Interstate Reciprocity Agreements for Distance Education: Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutions**Status:** Assembly Business and Professions Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would authorize the Governor to enter into one or more interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education through a compact on behalf of the state. The bill would require the Governor to designate a state agency, department, or office for the implementation of an interstate reciprocity agreement for distance education if the Governor enters into such an agreement. The bill would authorize postsecondary educational institutions to apply to the designated entity for approval to operate under an interstate reciprocity agreement.

School Safety and Student Discipline

AB 90 (Jackson)*Amended:** 6/19/2025**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Overnight Student Parking**Status:** Senate Education Committee**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would require the governing board of each community college district (CCD) to adopt a plan to offer an overnight parking program to eligible students and would require the plan to be developed in consultation with basic needs coordinators and campus security. The bill requires CCDs to vote on the plan annually until it is adopted. The bill would require the plan to include a procedure for issuing an overnight parking permit and to designate at least one parking lot and at least 50 parking spots on campus for use by participating students under the program. The bill would impose duties on basic needs coordinators related to the community college programs, including when acceptance of applications from eligible students would begin. The bill would require the governing board of each CCD, by December 31, 2026, to vote to establish an overnight parking program that aligns with the plan except, if the governing board does not vote to establish the program, the bill would require the governing board to annually vote on whether to establish an overnight program plan until it votes to establish the program. Recent amendments removed the California State University from the bill.

[SB 98](#) (Pérez)*Amended:** 6/23/2025**Title:** Elementary, Secondary, and Postsecondary Education: Immigration Enforcement: Notification**Status:** Assembly Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This urgency bill would require institutions of higher education and TK-12 schools to issue notification when the presence of immigration enforcement is confirmed on their respective campuses or school sites. For community colleges, this bill would require the campus to notify all students, faculty, staff, and other campus community members when the presence of immigration enforcement is confirmed on campus. The bill would require the notification to include the date and time the immigration enforcement was confirmed, the location of the enforcement, and a hyperlink to additional resources.

State Budget and Education Finance

[AB 102](#) (Gabriel)*Amended:** 6/24/2025**Title:** Budget Act of 2025**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 5, Statutes of 2025**Position:****Summary:**

This is budget bill junior and reflects the budget agreement reached between the Administration and the Legislature. Assembly Bill 102 makes the necessary amendments to Senate Bill 101, the main 2025-26 State Budget bill.

[AB 121](#) (Committee on Budget)*Amended:** 6/24/2025**Title:** Education Finance: Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill**Status:** Signed by the Governor, Chapter 8, Statutes of 2025**Position:****Summary:**

This is the budget trailer bill that mostly makes policy changes impacting TK-12 education. However, there are several provisions in this bill that also pertain to the community colleges, including the following:

- Calculates the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee at \$120 billion in 2024-25, but appropriates \$118 billion, creating a settle-up amount for 2025-26 of approximately \$1.9 billion
- Funding for the cost of transitional kindergarten enrollment from the Local Control Funding Formula outside of the Proposition 98 split between TK-12 education and the California Community Colleges starting in 2025-26, shifting approximately \$233 million from community colleges to TK-12

***AB 123 (Committee on Budget)**

Amended: 6/24/2025

Title: Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 9, Statutes of 2025

Position:

Summary:

This is the higher education budget trailer bill that makes policy changes impacting higher education, including Education Code affecting community college districts (CCDs). Some key elements of the bill include the following actions:

- Makes changes to the Rising Scholars program to authorize the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to enter agreements with all CCDs to provide funds for services in support of postsecondary education for justice-involved students
- Adjusts the payment of apportionments to CCDs for the 2025-26 fiscal year to defer \$408.4 million of those payments to the 2026-27 fiscal year in accordance with a designated schedule
- Establishes the California Career Passport Program to be administered by the CCCCCO
- Amends the Budget Act of 2024 to include \$100 million one-time to support enrollment growth at the California Community Colleges
- Appropriates \$6.6 million to support the development of e-Transcript California
- Appropriates \$5.1 million to provide grants through a CCD to California community-based organizations for financial aid outreach and application assistance supporting current and prospective community college students
- Appropriates \$20 million to support emergency financial assistance grants to students attending a community college
- Appropriates \$15 million to support Dreamer Resource Liaisons
- Appropriates \$10 million to support the California Healthy School Food Pathway program
- Appropriates \$10 million for transfer to a community college for allocation to the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Council
- Appropriates up to \$15 million to support the Credit for Prior Learning Initiative
- Appropriates \$60 million to establish the Student Support Block Grant, which authorizes CCDs to use the allocated funds for certain purposes, including, for assistance to students with food, housing, transportation, and other basic needs
- Appropriates \$5 million for allocation to community colleges that are members of the Los Angeles Regional Consortium to assist with workforce recovery efforts and career technical education workforce development associated with the Los Angeles fires

AB 227 (Gabriel)

Title: Budget Act of 2025

Status: Assembly Budget Committee

Position:

Summary:

This is the main State Budget bill for the 2025-26 fiscal year for the Assembly.

SB 65 (Wiener)

Title: Budget Act of 2025

Status: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Position:

Summary:

This is the main State Budget bill for the 2025-26 fiscal year for the Senate.

SB 101 (Wiener)

Amended: 6/9/2025

Title: Budget Act of 2025

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 4, Statutes of 2024

Position:

Summary:

This is the main State Budget bill for the 2025-26 fiscal year. This bill represents a budget package that authorizes General Fund expenditures of \$231.9 billion and assumes \$251.9 billion in total General Fund resources.

***SB 103 (Wiener)**

Amended: 6/24/2025

Title: Budget Acts of 2022, 2023, And 2024

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 6, Statutes of 2025

Position:

Summary:

This is the budget bill junior that makes changes to the three prior fiscal years. Among other things, for TK-14 education, the bill aligns appropriation to actual costs for special education programs administered by local educational agencies in 2024-25 and adjusts the required deposit into the Public School System Stabilization Account, the Proposition 98 Rainy Day Fund, to \$455 million.

Student Services

[AB 79 \(Arambula\)](#)

Amended: 3/24/2025

Title: Public Social Services: Higher Education

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require a county human services agency to receive input from basic needs directors, basic needs coordinators, or designated staff when developing protocols for engagement between the county human services agency and institutions of public higher education. The bill would require the Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop a training with a focus on public social services topics to be available for basic needs directors, staff of a campus basic needs center, other designated professional staff from each campus of an institution of higher education, and eligibility workers. The bill would require the DSS to convene a workgroup to share best practices, address challenges, and identify statewide issues that includes at least 12 county staff liaisons, comprised of at least two county staff liaisons from each of the six regions of the California Statewide Automated Welfare System consortium.

[AB 466 \(Solache\)](#)

Amended: 5/23/2025

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Donate Life California: Educational Information

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require each campus of the California Community Colleges and each campus of the California State University to provide educational materials on “Donate Life California” and the registry to students. The bill would permit the information to be shared with students in a manner that best fits the needs of the campus and the student population.

[*AB 727 \(González, Mark\)](#)

Amended: 6/19/2025

Title: Pupil and Student Safety: Identification Cards

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, beginning July 1, 2026, require public institutions of higher education that issue identification cards to additionally have printed on the identification cards the telephone number and text line for The Trevor Project’s LGBTQ+ suicide hotline.

SB 271 (Reyes)

Amended: 5/23/2025

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Students With Dependent Children: Childcare Services, Resources, and Programs

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require each community college and California State University campus financial aid office, childcare development center, and basic needs center to refer their respective students with dependent children to local resource and referral agencies, and each other for purposes of connecting and informing students of existing childcare services and resource.

SB 761 (Ashby)

Amended: 5/23/2025

Title: CalFresh: Student Eligibility

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to amend its Grant Delivery System to ensure CSAC identifies students who may be eligible for CalFresh. The bill would deem any campus-based program of study at a public institution of higher education as a state-approved local education program that increases employability, as having an “employment and training component” and therefore qualifying for the student exemption for CalFresh eligibility.

Tuition and Fees

AB 695 (Fong)

Title: California Community Colleges Access and Continuity for Deported Students Act

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would exempt community college students from paying nonresident tuition if they were involuntarily deported due to immigration enforcement and reenroll in an online education program. In addition, if a deported student legally reenters the U.S. and resumes in-person education, they would be eligible for nonresident tuition and qualify for financial aid upon reenrollment.

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[AB 934 \(Berman\)](#)

Amended: 3/24/2025

Title: Community Colleges: Degrees and Certificates: Education Plans

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

This bill would require the Board of Governors to require all community colleges to award degrees and certificates retroactively in accordance with specified provisions. The bill would require, commencing with the 2026-27 academic year, a community college, before the beginning of the spring term of the academic year, to identify students who, during the previous five academic years, (1) have completed the semester or quarter units required to receive a degree or certificate; (2) need 12 semester units or 18 quarter units, or less, to complete the minimum number of units required to receive a degree or certificate; or (3) have completed the general education transfer requirements, and to notify those students.

College & Career

[AB 95 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended: 4/23/2025

Title: California Education Interagency Council

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

This bill would, subject to an appropriation, establish in the Government Operations Agency the California Education Interagency Council, composed of specified state officers for purposes of evaluating workforce and economic changes in the state, integrating and aligning education and employment systems, maximizing funding impact, supporting adult skill development, coordinating regional education and workforce needs, and serving as a forum for discussions of intersegmental and cross-sector policy issues. The bill would require the council to adopt a strategic plan, report to the Governor and the Legislature on the outcome of its work and recommendations to advance intersegmental student pathway efforts aligned to careers, establish a faculty and employer advisory committee, and provide advice and recommend tools designed to support students across their educational careers.

Employees

[AB 569 \(Stefani\)](#)

Amended: 4/24/2025

Title: California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013: Exceptions: Supplemental Defined Benefit Plans

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

The California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 prohibits a public employer from offering a supplemental defined benefit plan if the public employer did not do so before January 1, 2013, or, if it did, from offering that plan to an additional employee group after that date. This bill would authorize a public employer to bargain over contributions for supplemental retirement benefits administered by, or on behalf of, an exclusive bargaining representative of one or more of the public employer's bargaining units, subject to the limitations in current law.

[AB 1163 \(Elhawary\)](#)

Amended: 5/5/2025

Title: Employees: Workplace Violence Prevention Plans: Topics and Trainings

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

This bill would require all community college districts to, by July 1, 2026, implement comprehensive workplace violence prevention plans. These plans must include in-person training sessions that allow real-time interaction, covering topics such as physical and verbal de-escalation techniques and strategies to support students' safe return to the learning environment after violent incidents. The training is required for all new employees before they begin their duties and annually for existing staff.

[AB 1247 \(Garcia\)](#)

Title: Classified Employees: School Districts and Community College Districts: Contracting Out: Training Requirements

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position: Oppose

Summary::

This bill would stipulate that when community college or school districts contract out services traditionally performed by classified employees to achieve cost savings, the contracts must ensure that contractors provide health care or retirement benefits to their employees that are equivalent to those offered to direct hires and confirm that contracted workers meet or exceed the minimum qualifications and standards required of direct hires performing the same functions. The bill would also mandate that classified employees receive compensation at their regular rate of pay for time spent completing any training required by law, collective bargaining agreements, or employer policies. Additionally, the bill would require that all mandated trainings, whether conducted online or in person, provide opportunities for employees to ask questions and receive real-time responses from a qualified individual. The bill specifies that trainings related to child abuse reporting, suicide prevention, sexual harassment, or discrimination must be conducted in person.

[AB 791 \(Berman\)](#)**Amended:** 4/24/2025**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Cost of Attendance**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year**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 850 \(Pacheco\)](#)**Title:** Institutional Debt Transparency Act**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year**Position:** Oppose**Summary::**

This bill would limit all post-secondary institutions from placing an enrollment or registration hold on students who owe institutional debt unless all the following are done:

- The institution grants a one-time exemption from an enrollment/registration hold to a student
- The institution notifies the student of the one-time exemption in writing and that the accumulation of additional debt or failure to pay or enter into a payment plan by the end of the academic term may result in an enrollment or registration hold
- The enrollment/registration hold is not placed on students within good standing on a payment plan

[SB 305 \(Reyes\)](#)**Amended:** 4/10/2025**Title:** Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: Free Application for Federal Student Aid and California Dream Act Application**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year**Position:****Summary::**

This bill would require community colleges to provide, commencing with the 2026-27 academic year, students with specified information related to completing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA), and to confirm, commencing with the 2027-28 academic year, that students who have not opted out have completed and submitted the FAFSA or the CADAA. The bill would require community college districts to ensure that students are directed to services to assist students in complying with the bill's requirements, and that the information shared by students is handled in compliance with state and federal privacy laws. The bill would require the Student Aid Commission to adopt regulations that include model opt-out forms and acceptable use policies, as specified.

SB 416 (Pérez)**Amended:** 3/26/2025**Title:** Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Qualifying Institutions: Financial Aid Offer Letter Template**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year**Position:****Summary::**

This bill would require, by April 1, 2026, the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to convene a workgroup. The bill would require the workgroup to include CSAC, all segments of postsecondary education, student organizations, and experts. The bill would require the workgroup to identify the common terms, definitions, and structure of financial aid offer letters sent by postsecondary educational institutions, and would require, by July 1, 2027, the workgroup to create a financial aid offer letter template. The bill would also require, by July 1, 2027, the workgroup to submit a report to the Legislature that includes the financial aid offer letter template. The bill would require, as part of the criteria to be a qualifying institution under the Cal Grant Program, an institution, by the start of the 2028-29 academic year, to use the financial aid offer letter template for all conditional offers of attendance.

AB 810 (Irwin)**Amended:** 4/10/2025**Title:** Local Government: Internet Websites and Email Addresses**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year**Position:****Summary::**

Current law requires that a local agency that maintains a website for use by the public to ensure that the internet website uses a “.gov” top-level domain or a “.ca.gov” second-level domain no later than January 1, 2029. Current law requires that a local agency that maintains public email addresses to ensure that each email address provided to its employees uses a “.gov” domain name or a “.ca.gov” domain name no later than January 1, 2029. Existing law defines “local agency” for these purposes as a city, county, or city and county. This bill would expand the definition of “local agency” to include a special district, school district, joint powers authority, or other political subdivision, thereby requiring those entities to comply with the above-described domain requirements. The bill would allow a community college district or community college to use a “.edu” domain to satisfy these requirements.

Instruction

[AB 988 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended: 5/5/2025

Title: Pupil Instruction: Statewide Dual Enrollment Framework: Advisory Board

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

This bill would establish a dual enrollment advisory board to provide input and feedback to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI). The advisory board would include three K-12 credentialed teachers, one K-12 administrator, one high school counselor, one representative from the California College Guidance Initiative, one community college faculty member, one representative from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (CCC), one representative from the Academic Senate of the California State University (CSU), one community college administrator, the Chancellor of the CCC, the Chancellor of the CSU, the President of the University of California, and four members of the public.

The bill would require the SSPI, in collaboration with the dual enrollment advisory board, to develop a statewide dual enrollment framework to provide guidance for how dual enrollment programs should operate in the state.

[SB 438 \(Cabaldon\)](#)

Title: School Attendance: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

This bill would reduce the 240-minute minimum school day to instead be 180 minutes of attendance for a pupil enrolled under a CCAP partnership if the pupil is also enrolled in a community college.

Miscellaneous

[AB 240 \(Alanis\)](#)

Amended: 3/10/2025

Title: Community Colleges: Study: Counties of Amador, Alpine, Mariposa, Modoc, and Sierra

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

The bill would require the California Research Bureau to conduct a study evaluating the current state of community college services and opportunities in the counties of Amador, Alpine, Mariposa, Modoc, and Sierra that are not fully included within the territory of a community college district (CCD). The study aims to identify gaps and propose policy recommendations to ensure that residents have access to both in-person and online postsecondary education programs and courses, comparable to those available in similarly sized communities within established CCDs. The report is due to the Legislature by December 31, 2027.

SB 618 (Reyes)**Amended:** 5/1/2025**Title:** Electricity: Deenergization Events: Report: Compensation**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year**Position:****Summary::**

This bill would require electrical corporations to automatically issue a \$30 reimbursement credit for every 24 hours of power loss during a deenergization event, with credits funded by utility shareholders, not ratepayers. Utilities must submit post-event reports to the California Public Utilities Commission detailing customer impacts and costs. Community college districts affected by power shutoffs could benefit from these credits, helping offset operational disruptions. The bill also directs publicly owned utilities to include customer compensation procedures in their wildfire mitigation plans.

School Safety and Student Discipline

AB 421 (Solache)**Title:** Immigration Enforcement: Prohibitions on Access, Sharing Information, and Law Enforcement Collaboration**Status:** Assembly Public Safety Committee—Two-Year**Position:****Summary::**

This bill would prohibit California law enforcement agencies from collaborating with, or providing any information in writing, verbally, on in any other manner to, immigration authorities regarding proposed or currently underway immigration enforcement actions when the actions could be or are taking place within a radius of one mile of any childcare or daycare facility, religious institution, place of worship, hospital, or medical office.

State Budget and Education Finance

AB 1433 (Sharp-Collins)**Title:** Education Finance: Funding: Noncredit Instruction**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year**Position:****Summary::**

This bill would require the Board of Governors (BOG) to allocate base funding for designated categorical programs to noncredit colleges and noncredit centers that meet specified conditions. The bill would specify that the categorical programs eligible for those base funding allocations include disabled student programs and services, mental health services, and veteran resource centers. The bill would require the BOG, in consultation with the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to determine the methodology for allocating the base funding.

Student Services

[AB 335 \(Gipson\)](#)

Amended: 3/20/2025

Title: The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position: Support

Summary::

This bill would establish a \$75 million Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program as a competitive grant program to develop and implement new, or expand existing, academic resources and student support services for underserved students, including, but not limited to, Black and African American students. Community colleges would receive \$50 million from the grant.

[AB 363 \(Bryan\)](#)

Amended: 3/20/2025

Title: Community Colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: Eligibility and Services

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position: Support

Summary::

This bill would expand who can participate in the program to include students who have exceeded the 60-month limit on the California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program cash aid and have one or more dependents who are recipients of aid under CalWORKs. The bill would add direct aid designed to meet ongoing basic needs and services, as described, as a special service for which program funds may be used. The bill would authorize programs to waive the requirement that an employer pay at least 25% of the wage for work-study positions if the number of work-study positions will not decrease. The bill would delete the limit on the provision of subsidized campus childcare for program participants.

Tuition and Fees

[AB 556 \(Patterson\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Waiver of Campus-Based Fees: Veterans

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

This bill would prohibit the three public higher education segments from charging dependents of veterans with service-connected disabilities or those killed in service any mandatory campus-based fees.

AB 1035 (González, Mark)

Title: Community Colleges: California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee—Suspense File—Two-Year

Position:

Summary::

This bill would authorize extending the term of eligibility of the California College Promise for an additional two academic years for first-time community college students and returning community college students who matriculate into upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate degree program.