

State Policy and Advocacy Update

STATE ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

On April 19th, the Chancellor's Office will hold an in-person Advocacy Day just outside its headquarters located in downtown Sacramento. This event not only represents an opportunity for our system to advocate for our 2022 state budget and legislative priorities but allows us to celebrate the role and impact of the California Community Colleges. April features many opportunities for advocacy and engagement, including Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Month, Immigrant Day of Action, and Black Student Success Week, and we encourage you to participate in these events. We will provide an update on our Advocacy Day during the April Consultation Council meeting.

The Chancellor's Office continues remain involved in policy conversations and coalition building on issues including equitable placement, undocumented students, financial aid reform, and basic needs. Earlier this month, the Senate Education Committee unanimously passed Senate Bill 1141, which would expand the nonresident tuition exemption to additional California Community College students. This legislation, which is sponsored by our office, is consistent with our priorities to remove time-consuming and cost-prohibitive barriers for undocumented students. Over the next month, the Chancellor's Office will collaborate with stakeholders and partners across our system to ensure the bill moves forward in the legislative process and is signed into law.

STATE LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

To date, we have identified 235 Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB) that have an impact on higher education or the Chancellor's Office. Of these bills, 87 are classified at Tier 1 and most likely to have a direct impact on the California Community Colleges (CCCs), our faculty, and students. A full Legislative Matrix and a list of all Tier 1 bills can be found by visiting the [State Relations page on the Chancellor's Office website](http://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Government-Relations-Policy-in-Action/Policy-in-action/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation). (www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Government-Relations-Policy-in-Action/Policy-in-action/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation).

Since the last Consultation Council meeting in March, the Chancellor's Office has taken a **Support** position on AB 2315 (related to affirmed names and genders). Overall, we have a **Support** position on ten bills and an **Oppose** position on one bill. Analyses for AB 2315 and AB 1964 (related to ethnic studies courses) are included as attachments to this item.

The following policy positions are in alignment with the 2022 Legislative Guiding Principles, which authorizes the Chancellor's Office to adopt official positions on legislation if it meets the goals established in the *Vision for Success*, advances the priorities established in the 2022-23 Students First Budget and Legislative Proposal, and is consistent with Board of Governors policy. A summary of how these bills are aligned to the Legislative Principles is included as part of this update.

For additional details on bills, visit the [Legislative Counsel's website](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/) (leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/).

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

SB 1141 (Limón) Public postsecondary education: exemption from payment of nonresident tuition.

Would remove the two-year cap on full-time enrollment in credit courses that can be counted towards achieving AB 540 status and change the threshold to qualify from three to two years of full-time attendance.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SJR 9 (Limón) 20th anniversary of the nonresident tuition exemption: American Families Plan: immigration reform.

Recognizes October 12, 2021, as the twentieth anniversary of the passage of AB 540 and calls on Congress to pass the American Families Plan, which would allow undocumented students to qualify for federal financial aid.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

NEW BILLS WITH A POLICY POSITION

AB 2315 (Arambula) Community colleges: records: preferred or affirmed names.

Would require each community college district to implement a process that allows students, staff, and faculty to declare an affirmed name, gender, or both name and gender identification to be used in records where legal names are not required by law.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Equitable Classroom Environment.** Support legislation that provides students with the equitable classroom supports they need to be successful and colleges the resources they need to reduce equity gaps.

OTHER BILLS WITH A POLICY POSITION

AB 75 (O'Donnell) Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022.

This bond bill, if approved by voters during an unspecified statewide election in 2022, would provide \$12 billion to construct and modernize K-14 education facilities. This bill includes an urgency statute.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

*Principle: **Facilities.*** Support legislation that provides adequate resources and authority for the system to meet facility needs, including student housing, as outlined in the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and System Budget Request.

AB 102 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.

Would remove the sunset date of January 1, 2027, for the College and Career Access Pathway (CCAP) program and authorize a county office of education to enter into a CCAP partnership with a community college district.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

*Position: **Support***

*Principle: **Dual Enrollment.*** Support legislation that reduces unnecessary barriers and increases dual enrollment opportunities for historically underserved students.

AB 288 (Calderon) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021.

Would prohibit each institution of higher education from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid award below their financial need beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

*Position: **Support***

*Principle: **Financial Aid.*** Support legislation that increases financial aid available to help community college students cover the total costs of college success, removes eligibility barriers to accessing financial aid for disproportionately impacted students, and provides adequate resources to college financial aid offices to support students.

AB 1187 (Irwin) Community colleges: tutoring.

Would provide that supervised tutoring for all credit and noncredit courses, as authorized pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Governors by July 31, 2023, is eligible for state apportionment.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

*Position: **Support***

*Principle: **Access.*** Support efforts that remove barriers to college access and expands opportunity (e.g., standardized testing, admissions, placement practices).

AB 1232 (McCarty) Nonresident tuition fees: English as a second language courses.

Would create a nonresident tuition exemption for recent immigrants, refugees, and asylees who have settled in California, resided in the state for less than one year, and enrolled in credit ESL courses.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Special Student Populations.** Support legislation that allows colleges to provide educational opportunities to historically underrepresented populations outlined in Student Equity Plans, such as undocumented, first-generation, low-income, foster youth, veterans, justice-involved students, homeless students, and students with disabilities.

AB 1746 (Medina) Cal Grant Reform Act.

Would overhaul the Cal Grant program by consolidating the existing entitlement programs into a Cal Grant 2 program for community college students and Cal Grant 4 program for four-year students, expand access by aligning eligibility requirements with income standards for the Pell Grant, and provide an automatic inflationary adjustment to the Cal Grant award for community college students.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

Principle: **Financial Aid.** Support legislation that increases financial aid available to help community college students cover the total costs of college success, removes eligibility barriers to accessing financial aid for disproportionately impacted students, and provides adequate resources to college financial aid offices to support students.

AB 2820 (Medina) California Online Community College.

Would add a sunset date to provisions that authorize the creation of Calbright. Specifically, this bill would provide that the California Online Community College Act is inoperative on January 1, 2024, and appropriate Calbright's funding for specified purposes.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Position: **Oppose**

Principle: **Single District Legislation.** Maintain neutrality around district-specific legislation *unless* it affects or diverges resources allocated to all districts or deviates from the mission of the California Community Colleges.

SB 22 (Glazer) Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022.

This bond bill, if approved by voters during an unspecified statewide election in 2022, would provide \$2 billion for the California Community Colleges to construct and modernize education facilities.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

Position: **Support**

*Principle: **Facilities.*** Support legislation that provides adequate resources and authority for the system to meet facility needs, including student housing, as outlined in the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and System Budget Request.

SB 641 (Skinner) CalFresh for College Students Act.

Would require the Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup that would submit a legislative report on how to improve the CalFresh application process for college students.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

Position: **Support**

*Principle: **Basic Needs.*** Support legislation that increases access to services and programs that address students' basic needs, including but not limited to, food insecurity, housing and homelessness, health care, and mental health.

SB 885 (Laird) Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program.

Would remove the 20 district cap on CAYFES/NextUp funds, formally change the name of the program to NextUp, eliminate the unit requirement for eligible students, and reduce the amount of funds the Chancellor's Office can set aside for administrative costs.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Position: **Support**

*Principle: **Special Student Populations.*** Support legislation that allows colleges to provide educational opportunities to historically underrepresented populations outlined in Student Equity Plans, such as undocumented, first-generation, low-income, foster youth, veterans, justice-involved students, homeless students, and students with disabilities.

TWO-YEAR BILLS UNDER REVIEW

AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer) Public postsecondary education: pilot program for free cost of attendance.

Would establish a working group with specified higher education representatives to consider the creation of a pilot program that would cover the total cost of attending postsecondary education in California.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 421 (Ward) Career development and college preparation courses.

Would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, no later than May 31, 2022, requiring the accounting of students enrolled in career development and college preparation courses to be conducted by positive attendance count or on a census date basis.

Status: Referred to the Senate Inactive File.

AB 595 (Medina) University of California and California State University: student eligibility policy.

Would require the CSU, and request the UC, before adding any changes in student eligibility policy that affects students of that segment, to engage in a multi-step process prior to making said change.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 778 (E. Garcia) Purchase of California-grown agricultural food products.

Would require all California state-owned or state-run institutions, including public universities and colleges and school districts, to only purchase agricultural products grown in California unless the product is not available from an in-state source.

Status: Referred to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

AB 1106 (Cervantes) Employment Training Panel: pilot program: employment training needs.

Would require the Employment Training Panel to establish a pilot program to serve the employment training needs of small businesses and strengthen the linkages between higher education institutions and employers.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1290 (Lee) Student Aid Commission.

Would expand the Student Aid Commission to include four student members, one from each of the following: UC, CSU, CCCs and a California private postsecondary educational institution.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1467 (Cervantes) Student safety: sexual assault procedures and protocols.

Would require sexual assault counselors to be independent from the Title IX office and be appointed based on a demonstrated ability to effectively provide sexual violence victim services and response.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1491 (McCarty) Adult education: consortia: carryover of allocated funds.

Would prohibit a member of an adult education consortium and the consortium itself from carrying over more than 15% of its allocation from the immediately prior fiscal year and authorize the consortium to reduce the annual allocation for a member due to noncompliance.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1505 (Rodriguez) Full-time faculty obligation number.

Would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations that require the Fall 2023 full-time faculty obligation for each community college district to be set to the actual full-time faculty number reported for Fall 2022 and annually adjusted pursuant to these regulations.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

SB 20 (Dodd) Student eligibility for CalFresh benefits.

Would require the California Student Aid Commission to notify California College Promise Grant students that they may also be eligible for CalFresh benefits.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

SB 367 (Hurtado) Opioid overdose reversal medication.

Would require each public higher education institution to provide educational and preventive information regarding opioid overdose as part of established campus orientations and require each campus health center to apply to use the statewide standing order issued by the State Public Health Officer to distribute dosages of opioid reversal medication.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW**AB 1602 (McCarty) California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022.**

Would provide zero-interest loans to qualifying applicants of the UC, CSU, and the CCCs for the purpose of constructing affordable student, faculty, and staff housing.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 1606 (Irwin) Veterans: waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.

Would change the income qualifications for fee waivers provided to dependents of veterans to be based on area median income instead of national poverty level and expand the definition of dependents of veterans to include the spouse of a veteran with a disability rating of 70 percent or greater.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

AB 1671 (Patterson) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement for Foster Youth Act of 2022.

Would prohibit public and private higher education institutions from reducing an institution-based financial aid award below the financial need of an undergraduate student who is a current or former foster youth and a California resident.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Floor.

AB 1691 (Medina) Classified School and Community College Employee Summer Assistance Programs.

Would authorize classified employees of a participating community college district meeting certain requirements to withhold an amount from their monthly paycheck during an academic year to be paid out during the summer recess period.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1705 (Irwin) Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: matriculation: assessment.

Would prohibit colleges from requiring students to enroll in pre-transfer level English or math coursework except under very limited circumstances and provide clarifying amendments to current equitable placement practices consistent with existing regulations.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1712 (Medina) Campus climate: sexual misconduct: workgroup: survey.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to develop a campus climate and sexual misconduct survey, provide the survey to students beginning on March 1, 2024, and every three years thereafter, and report the results to the governing board of each institution.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1719 (Ward) Teacher Housing Act of 2016: faculty and community college district employees.

Would expand the Teacher Housing Act of 2016 to include housing for faculty and community college district employees.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

AB 1733 (Quirk) State bodies: open meetings.

Would require all open meetings to have options for teleconference participation, allow for the use of teleconference in closed sessions, and remove existing provisions of the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act that require each teleconference location to be identified in the notice and agenda and accessible to the public. This bill includes an urgency statute.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee.

AB 1736 (Choi) Community colleges: student government.

Would allow a student to be elected as an officer in student government if they are enrolled in an adult education program offered by a community college district or area a disabled student.

Status: Pending referral in the Senate.

AB 1752 (Santiago) Community colleges: part-time employees.

Would require persons who are employed to teach adult or community college classes part-time to receive compensation in at least an amount that bears the same ratio to the amount provided to full-time employees with comparable duties relative to time spent.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1764 (Medina) Student housing: survey.

Would require the CCCs, UC, and CSU to collect data on student housing insecurity at each of their respective campuses and submit a report to the Legislature on or before October 15, 2023. This bill also exempts community college housing projects from the Field Act.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1844 (Medina) Higher Education Student and Faculty Protection Act.

Would require the UC, CSU, and CCCs to take certain actions before extending an official offer of employment to an applicant, including requesting that an applicant sign a statement declaring whether the applicant is the subject of any findings of sexual harassment.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1856 (Medina) Community colleges: part-time employees.

Would increase the number of instructional hours that a part-time community college faculty member may teach at one district from 67% to 85% of a full-time assignment.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1913 (Bryan) Los Angeles Community College District: California Center for Climate Change Education.

Would establish the California Center for Climate Change Education, as part of the Los Angeles Community College District, to promote climate change education at the California Community Colleges and establish opportunities for students to engage in hands-on internships and other learning opportunities.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1919 (Holden) Transportation: free student transit passes.

Would require colleges to maintain their funding for free or reduced fare youth transit as provided in the 2018-19 fiscal year and require transit agencies to offer free transit passes to all persons 25 years of age and under in order to be eligible for state funding.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1942 (Muratsuchi) Instructional service agreements with public safety agencies.

Would require instruction provided by districts under instructional service agreements with public safety agencies to be funded under the apportionment formula used for instruction in career development and college preparation courses.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1958 (M. Fong) Community College Student Access, Retention, and Debt Cancellation Program.

Would establish the Community College Student Access, Retention, and Debt Cancellation Program to support efforts to increase student retention rates and enrollment by engaging former community college students who may have withdrawn from a community college due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1964 (M. Fong) California State University and California Community Colleges: course articulation: ethnic studies.

Would require the CCC Chancellor's Office and CSU Chancellor's Office to ensure that at least one course identification (C-ID) descriptor number in certain ethnic studies areas is issued and require the CSU to accept certain community colleges ethnic studies courses as meeting its graduation requirement.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1987 (Salas) Postsecondary education: student mental health spending: report.

Would require the UC, CSU, and CCCs to submit an annual report by March 1 to the Department of Finance and the Legislature on the use of funds allocated for student mental health resources.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1998 (Smith) Community colleges: nonresident tuition fees: Western Undergraduate Exchange.

Would authorize the Board of Governors to enter into the Western Undergraduate Exchange and authorize community college districts with 3,000 or fewer full-time equivalent students to also exempt students from states that participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange from the mandatory fee requirement.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2045 (Jones-Sawyer) Personnel commissions: ranked groups.

Would require, upon approval of action by the personnel commission of a community college district to hold an election, classified employees to determine by majority vote if applicants for a vacancy to be placed on eligibility lists in ranked groups according to their relative merit as determined by competitive examinations.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2058 (O'Donnell) Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program: Strong Workforce Program.

Would consolidate specified K-12 career technical education programs, increase ongoing funding for the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant program to \$450 million per year, and delete authorization for the K-12 Strong Workforce Program.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 2122 (Choi) Public postsecondary education: mental health hotlines: student identification cards.

Would authorize the CCCs, CSU, and UC to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely and require each campus with a mental health hotline to print the number of the hotline on student identification cards.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2232 (McCarty) School facilities: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

Would require all K-12 schools, CCC, CSU, and UC campuses to ensure that facilities that have heating, ventilation, and air condition (HVAC) systems meet specified minimum ventilation rate requirement.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

AB 2255 (M. Fong) The Affordable Broadband Service Program for California Dreamers.

Would establish the Affordable Broadband Service Program for California Dreamers, to be developed and administered by the Student Aid Commission in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to provide affordable broadband service to eligible students.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

AB 2263 (Villapudua) Golden State Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Emergency Assistance Grant Program.

Would, upon an appropriation, establish the Golden State Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Emergency Assistance Grant Program to provide one-time grants to eligible California residents enrolled in a state-approved apprenticeship or vocational program.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2266 (Santiago) California College Promise: fee waiver eligibility.

Would remove, for the purpose of determining eligibility for the California College Promise (AB 19), the qualification that students be first-time students and the exclusion of students who have previously earned a degree or certificate.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2341 (Medina) California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009: complaint processing contracts.

Would authorize a public institution of higher education, including those established by another state that provides in-person instruction at a physical location in California, to contract with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to review and act on complaints concerning the institution, thereby allowing California students attending these institutions to access federal financial aid.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

AB 2359 (Gipson) Compton Community College District: personnel commission.

Would repeal provisions authorizing the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees and the Chancellor to assume the powers and duties of the Compton Community College District Personnel Commission, thereby restoring the Commission's powers.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2371 (Santiago) Public postsecondary education: California State University: tuition.

Would prohibit the charging of tuition or mandatory systemwide fees for enrollment at a CSU campus for up to two academic years to a CCC transfer student that has completed an ADT and received a Promise Grant or Promise Program fee waiver.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2413 (Carrillo) Classified school and community college employees: disciplinary hearings: compensation.

Would allow a classified community college employee who is not subject to binding arbitration in their collective bargaining agreement to retain their pay during a personnel investigation appeal.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2425 (Bryan) Community colleges: Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program.

Would establish the Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program, administered by the Chancellor's Office and the Student Aid Commission, to enter into agreements with up to 10 community college districts to provide funding for stipends to formerly incarcerated individuals.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2437 (Boerner Horvath) California Pay Our Interns Program.

Would establish the California Pay Our Interns Program, under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, to provide grants to eligible recipients for internships at offices of the Legislature, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or any state agency or department.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2456 (McCarty) Cal Grant Program: student eligibility.

Would, for purposes of Cal Grant eligibility, re-define "part time" and "full time," except for a community college student. Specifically, commencing with the 2023-24 award year, "full time" would mean 30 or more semester units taken in an academic year, except for a community college student.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2482 (Calderon) Student health: pilot program: wellness vending machines.

Would create a pilot program, until July 1, 2029, that would require the CSU and CCCs to establish at least one vending machine that dispenses wellness products, as defined, at five campuses of their respective segments.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2491 (Cervantes) Postsecondary education: electronic benefits transfer cards.

Would require, on or before August 1, 2023, the convenience stores and bookstores located on each public and private institution of higher education to accept the use of EBT cards.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2572 (B. Rubio) Adult Learners Grant Program: distance learning.

Would establish the Adult Learners Grant Program, administered by the Student Aid Commission, to make grants available to California residents who are at least 25 years of age, enrolled solely in distance education courses, and pursuing a postsecondary degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential in a field with high employer need.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2617 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: best practices: communication and marketing strategy.

Would require the Department of Education and Chancellor's Office to identify best practices for CCAP partnerships and financial incentives for school districts and community college districts to participate in CCAP partnerships.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2624 (Kalra) Public postsecondary education: course materials.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to prominently display the estimated costs of all required course material for no less than 75% of the total number of courses on the online campus schedule.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2627 (Bauer-Kahan) Electronically collected personal information: California Community Colleges: memorandum of understanding.

Would authorize a state or local agency to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community college district for the purpose of sharing personal information about users to facilitate outreach and access to support resources, unless the user has not granted permission for that disclosure.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee.

AB 2637 (B. Rubio) Nursing: schools and programs: exemptions.

Would exempt an approved school of nursing or approved nursing program that is accredited, maintains a minimum pass rate of 80%, and meets other specified criteria from the requirement to seek Board of Registered Nursing approval for changes to clinical simulation hours and placements.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

AB 2652 (McCarty) Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act applicants: Food Support Pilot Program.

Would, until January 1, 2025, require the Student Aid Commission to establish a state-funded Food Support Pilot Program to provide California Food Assistance Program benefits to students who submit a California Dream Act application.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

AB 2676 (Cervantes) Postsecondary education: student financial aid verification.

Would prohibit the California Student Aid Commission and higher education institutions from performing a verification to establish eligibility for state financial aid on a student

more than once, unless there is a break in attendance of more than one year by the student or the student transfers institutions.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2683 (Gabriel) Postsecondary education: sexual violence and harassment: training and resources.

Would, beginning September 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, require a postsecondary institution to annually train its students on sexual violence and sexual harassment, including the differing rates at which students experience sexual harassment and sexual assault in the educational setting based on their race, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2738 (Reyes) Public postsecondary education: community colleges: matriculation: assessment.

Would require, by January 1, 2024, each community college district to make available, for each associate of arts degree and certificate, the courses, schedule of courses, and the number of academic years, months, semesters, or terms that it takes to obtain the degree or certificate.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2747 (Nazarian) Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees: Team USA student athletes.

Would entitle any Team USA athlete who trains in California in an elite level program approved by the United State Olympic and Paralympic Committee to resident classification for tuition purposes.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2795 (E. Garcia) Community colleges: concurrent award of associate degree and high school diploma.

Would expressly authorize a community college district to establish and offer to students a course of study leading to the concurrent award of an associate degree and a high school diploma.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2810 (Arambula) Student nutrition: CalFresh: student eligibility: Federal Application for Student Aid data.

States legislative intent to codify federal administrative guidance encouraging higher education institutions to use FAFSA data to inform students of eligibility for CalFresh and would require the CSU and CCCs to use FAFSA data to identify students who meet the income requirements of the CalFresh program.

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2881 (Berman) Public postsecondary education: students with dependent children.

Would require public institutions of higher education to grant priority enrollment to student parents and ensure students have specified information to enroll in the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2973 (Higher Education) Postsecondary education: omnibus bill.

Would make several technical and conforming changes within the Education Code, including revising the mission of the community colleges to include the provision of instruction and additional learning supports to close learning gaps and updating specified references of “remedial” to “pretransfer-level.”

Status: Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 851 (Portantino) Cal Grant Program: independent institutions of higher education.

Would, commencing with the 2022-23 award year, restructure the formula for determining the maximum Cal Grant award for independent institutions of higher education, conditioned on the achievement of associate degree for transfer (ADT) targets, and expand Cal Grant awards to students attending those institutions.

Status: Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 874 (Cortese) Classified school district and community college employees: probation: promotion.

Would clarify that a classified employee of a merit school district or community college district may return to their previous classification if they are promoted but do not pass the probation for that promotional position.

Status: Referred to the Senate Floor.

SB 886 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: public universities: housing projects.

Would exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act a university housing development carried out by a public university on real property owned by the public university if the project meets certain requirements.

Status: Referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

SB 893 (Becker) San Mateo County Community College District: California College Promise.

Would authorize the San Mateo County Community College District to charge students an enrollment fee of less than \$46 per unit per semester and authorize the district to use existing funds for the implementation of the California College Promise.

Status: Referred to the Senate Floor.

SB 964 (Wiener) Behavioral health.

Would require the CCCs, CSU, and UC to develop two accelerated programs of study related to associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees in social work.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 1080 (Min) College and career fairs.

Would require a school district or school that chooses to hold a college or career fair to notify each community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction with the school district or school of a college or career fair the school district or school is planning to hold.

Status: Pending referral in the Assembly.

SB 1160 (Durazo) Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition.

Would expand AB 540 to include students who are in the United States on nonimmigrant visas, including international students.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 1351 (Durazo) California Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Would establish the California Youth Apprenticeship Program for the purpose of awarding grant funds to eligible applicants to develop new apprenticeship programs or expand existing apprenticeship programs to serve individuals from 16 to 24 years of age who are unhoused, in the child welfare or juvenile justice system or criminal justice system, living in concentrated poverty, or are facing barriers to labor market participation.

Status: Referred to the Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee.

SB 1401 (Bradford) College Athlete Race and Gender Equity Act.

Would require higher education institutions with sports in which 50% of the institution's total sports revenue exceeds the total grant-in-aid athletics scholarship amount provided to the institution's college athletes in the sport to pay an athlete degree completion distribution to each qualifying college athlete based on a specified calculation.

Status: Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

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