

# State Policy and Advocacy Update

*(Provided by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Information current as of April 7, 2023).*

## STATE ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

April is California Community Colleges (CCC) Month and features many opportunities to celebrate the role of our system and engage in collective advocacy. Our annual Board of Governors Advocacy Day will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the day, Board of Governors members, Chancellor's Office staff, and students will meet with legislators and legislative staff to elevate our policy priorities, which includes the Cal Grant Equity Framework, affordable student housing, and support for implementation of recent reforms designed to increase access to a four-year degree. Our delegation will also seek support for our sponsored legislation, which will streamline transfer pathways for undocumented students, modernize workforce education, and ensure sufficient student representation at the state level. During the lunch hour, the Chancellor's Office will host a *Vision for Success* gallery walk that highlights the progress our system has made in fulfilling the *Vision* goals.

## STATE LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

As of this writing, the Chancellor's Office has identified 227 Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB) that have an impact on higher education or the Chancellor's Office. Of these bills, 95 are classified at Tier 1 and most likely to have a direct impact on the CCCs, our faculty, and students. This update includes a list of all Tier 1 bills we are monitoring and a breakdown of proposed positions.

For the April Consultation Council meeting, we are presenting five new bills with a **Support** position and one new bill with a **Support if Amended** position. Overall, we have a **Support** position on 12 bills, a **Support if Amended** position on two bills, and an **Oppose Unless Amended** position on one bill. These positions are in alignment with the 2023 Legislative Guiding Principles.

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](https://cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Governmental-Relations/policy-and-advocacy/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation). (cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Governmental-Relations/policy-and-advocacy/State-Relations/Tracked-Legislation). For additional details on bills, visit the [Legislative Counsel's website](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/) (leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/).

## SPONSORED LEGISLATION

### AB 680 (B. Rubio) Streamlining Transfer Pathways for AB 540 Students.

Would allow students who complete 60 units or an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) at a CCC to satisfy certain requirements for a nonresident tuition exemption under AB 540 (Firebaugh, 2001).

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

## **AB 1370 (Ta) California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program Modernization.**

Would modernize the Economic and Workforce Development Program to prioritize equitable student outcomes, work-based learning, and career and economic mobility.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

## **AB 1542 (M. Fong) Equitable Compensation for Student Board of Governors Members.**

Would increase the compensation of the two student members serving on the Board of Governors from \$100 per meeting to \$4,000 per semester.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

## **NEW BILLS WITH A SUPPORT POLICY POSITION**

***Analyses for these bills can be found in the supplemental attachment: Chancellor's Office Analyses on Legislation with a Position***

- AB 607 (Kalra) Public postsecondary institution: course materials.
- AB 928 (Reyes) CalFresh Data Dashboard: students.
- AB 1393 (Calderon) Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act applicants: Food Support Pilot Program.
- AB 1400 (Bryan) Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program: free youth transit passes.
- SB 467 (Portantino) Community colleges: apprenticeship or internship training programs.

## **NEW BILLS WITH A SUPPORT IF AMENDED POLICY POSITION**

- SB 307 (Ashby) Middle Class Scholarship Program: community colleges: current and former foster youth.

## **OTHER BILLS WITH A POLICY POSITION**

### **AB 320 (Lee) California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).**

Would expand CSAC to include four student members, one from each of the following: University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), CCCs, and a California private postsecondary educational institution.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

*Position:* **Support.**

### **AB 358 (Addis) Community college districts: student housing.**

Would remove the requirement for residential community college district student housing plans to be approved by the Division of the State Architect.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

*Position:* **Support.**

### **AB 359 (Holden) College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships.**

Would, upon an appropriation, require the California Department of Education (CDE) and Chancellor's Office to provide technical support and services for CCAP partnerships.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

*Position:* **Support.**

### **AB 610 (Holden) Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program**

Would, upon an appropriation, create the Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program to provide grants to transit agencies to create or expand free fare transit programs for students attending a CCC, CSU, or UC.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

*Position:* **Support.**

### **AB 1540 (M. Fong) Nonresident tuition: exemption.**

Would clarify an institution of higher education, in determining a student's eligibility for a nonresident tuition exemption under AB 540 (Firebaugh, 2001), may accept an affidavit provided to CSAC as part of the student's financial aid application.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

*Position:* **Support.**

### **AB 1541 (M. Fong) Community colleges: governing board membership: student members.**

Would give each student member of the governing board of a community college district an advisory vote and make conforming changes.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

*Position:* **Support.**

### **AB 1543 (M. Fong) Community colleges: student representation fees.**

Would require \$1 of the \$2 Student Representation Fee to support the operations of local student body organizations and authorize a student to opt-out of this fee.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

*Position:* **Support.**

### **SB 28 (Glazer) Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024.**

This bond bill, if enacted by voters during the March 5, 2024, statewide primary election, would provide \$2 billion for the CCCs to construct and modernize educational facilities.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

*Position:* **Support if Amended** to provide a more equitable share of bond funds for CCCs.

## **SB 629 (Cortese) West Valley-Mission Community College District.**

Would authorize the West Valley-Mission Community College District to adopt a policy that uses local unrestricted general funds to provide fee waivers to students with the greatest financial need.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

*Position:* **Oppose Unless Amended** to require districts to first address the total cost of attendance before prioritizing tuition waivers.

## **HIGH-PRIORITY LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW**

### **AB 25 (McCarty) Student financial aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program.**

Would prohibit CSAC, UC, CSU, and a CCC operating a baccalaureate degree program from considering any basic needs emergency aid in the awarding or adjusting of Middle Class Scholarship Program awards.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **AB 26 (M. Fong) Federal student loan debt relief plan.**

Would exclude from an individual's gross income, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, any amount of qualified student loan debt that is discharged under President Biden's federal student loan debt relief plan.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

### **AB 91 (Alvarez) Nonresident tuition exemption: San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCA).**

Would, until July 1, 2028, authorize SDICCA colleges to exempt, from the payment of nonresident tuition, a low-income student who is a resident of Mexico, registers for lower division courses, and has residence within 45 miles of the California-Mexico border. This bill would also authorize each participating SDICCA college to claim apportionment for up to 150 full-time equivalent students (FTES) annually.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

### **AB 247 (Muratsuchi) Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024.**

This bond bill, if enacted by voters during an unspecified 2024 statewide election, would provide an unspecified amount for the CCCs to construct and modernize educational facilities.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

### **AB 252 (Holden) The College Athlete Protection Act.**

Would require each institution of higher education to provide notifications related to Title IX rights to athletes and establish the College Athlete Protection Program in the Office of Planning and Research to regulate athletic programs.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 255 (Alanis) Priority registration for first responders.**

Would require, beginning July 1, 2024, the CSU and CCCs, and request the UC, to grant priority registration to first responders, as defined.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 260 (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 Higher Education Committee.

**AB 263 (Jones-Sawyer) Pilot program for free cost of education: working group.**

Would require CSAC to convene a working group with specified higher education representatives to create a pilot program that would cover the total cost of postsecondary education in California.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 264 (Ting) Community colleges: Lunar New Year holiday.**

Would authorize a community college district, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding, to replace closing on Lincoln Day or Washington Day with Lunar New Year.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Floor.

**AB 274 (Bryan) California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS): CalFresh: eligibility: income exclusions.**

Would exempt any grant, award, scholarship, loan, or fellowship benefit provided to any member for educational purposes from consideration as income for purposes of determining CalWORKs eligibility or grant amounts.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

**AB 290 (Hoover) 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 Education Committee.

**AB 299 (Holden) Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability.**

Would establish civil liability for an educational institution if the institution has direct involvement in, knew, or should have known of, the dangerous hazing practices of a student organization affiliated with the educational institution.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **AB 311 (Santiago) California Food Assistance Program: eligibility and benefits.**

Would remove the age limitation of the California Food Assistance Program and make any individual eligible for the program if their immigration status is the sole basis for their ineligibility for CalFresh benefits.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

### **AB 322 (Mathis) Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023.**

Would require, commencing by the 2025–26 academic year, the CSU and CCCs, and the UC if adopted by a resolution, to include within first-year and transfer orientations the location and contact information of the campus point of contact for student veterans.

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

### **AB 366 (Petrie-Norris) County human services agencies: workforce development.**

Would require the Department of Social Services to establish a \$5 million stipend program to provide grants to community college students who have an interest in public child welfare work.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

### **AB 368 (Holden) CCAP partnerships.**

Would clarify that courses offered through the CCAP program may be offered at the community college campus or the participating high school campus and authorize students to enroll in any section of a course included in the CCAP agreement.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **AB 372 (S. Nguyen) CalWORKs: eligibility: income exclusions.**

Would exempt income received by an apprentice or pre-apprentice for performing work as part of a specified apprenticeship program or pre-apprenticeship program from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility or calculating grant amounts under CalWORKs.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

### **AB 376 (Villapudua) Cal Grant C: driver training programs: commercial motor vehicles.**

Would authorize a Cal Grant C award to be used for entry-level driver training programs of less than four months that comply with specified driver training regulations related to commercial motor vehicles.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.



**AB 377 (Muratsuchi) 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 Higher Education Committee.

**AB 395 (Reyes) Community colleges: matriculation: assessment.**

Would, by August 1, 2024, and by August 1 of every even-numbered year thereafter, require each district to develop an educational plan that includes a detailed sequence of courses required for each degree, certificate, diploma, license, or transfer pathway. This bill would also require districts to offer each required course least once annually.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 456 (Maienschein) Campus mental health hotlines.**

Would require each campus of the CSU and CCCs and would request the UC to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely that operates during working hours. This bill would also authorize a campus to utilize text hotlines or online messaging platforms offered by the campus if a verbal hotline cannot be established.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 458 (Jones-Sawyer) Modern policing degree.**

Would require a peace officer to attain a modern policing degree or another advanced degree prior to receiving a basic certificate from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 461 (Ramos) Student safety: fentanyl test strips.**

Would require community college districts and CSU campuses to stock and distribute fentanyl test strips, provide information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips as part of campus orientations, and notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 472 (Wicks) Classified school district and community college employees: compulsory leaves of absence: compensation.**

Would require a classified employee placed on an involuntary leave of absence while the employee has criminal charges, an investigation, or an administrative matter pending to receive full compensation for the period of involuntary leave if the matter is resolved in favor of the employee, regardless of whether or not a merit system has been adopted.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 506 (M. Fong) CSU: graduation requirement: ethnic studies.**

Would require the CSU to collaborate with the CCCs Chancellor's Office, the CCCs Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, and the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies to develop a process for the CSU to approve community college ethnic studies courses.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 603 (Cervantes) Public postsecondary education: diversity: report.**

Would require the Board of Governors, CSU Trustees, and request the UC Regents to annually publish a report on the diversity of the student body and the governing board of their respective segments.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 624 (Grayson) Disabled student services: assessments.**

Would revise the intent of the Legislature relating to diagnostic assessments for students with disabilities and require each public higher education segment to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments as proof for academic accommodation.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 634 (Ward) Career development and college preparation courses.**

Would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, no later than May 31, 2024, 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 Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**AB 644 (Jones-Sawyer) Campus safety: hate crime: surveys.**

Would require the CCCs Chancellor's Office and the CSU Chancellor's Office, and request the UC Office of the President, to develop survey questions on campus climate related to hate crimes. This bill would require the survey questions to be submitted to the United States (U.S.) Secretary of Education for review and approval and incorporated into a specified online survey tool for campus safety.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 654 (Cervantes) UC: ethnic studies.**

Would request the UC to establish an ethnic studies undergraduate graduation requirement.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 659 (Aguiar-Curry) Cancer Prevention Act.**

Would require each public higher education segment to require first-time enrollees who are 26 years of age or younger to provide proof of full immunization against human papillomavirus (HPV) prior to enrollment.



*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Health Committee.

**AB 689 (W. Carrillo) Community colleges: registered nursing programs.**

Would require a community college with a limited enrollment course or program to ensure that at least 15% of the admitted students, but no less than three students per incoming cohort, in the course or program are incumbent health care workers and provide these students with priority enrollment.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 746 (Sanchez) Learning-Aligned Employment Program: eligibility and priority.**

Would expand the Learning-Aligned Employment Program to allow all students to participate in the program and would instead require participating campuses to prioritize eligible students from underrepresented backgrounds, as defined by CSAC.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 789 (Berman) Cal Grants: satisfactory academic progress.**

Would require, by the start of the 2024-25 academic year and as a condition of receiving Cal Grants, institutions to develop and implement policies defining “satisfactory academic progress” in a manner that is consistent with federal standards. This bill would also require CCCs, CSU, and UC to annually report certain information regarding students who became ineligible to receive financial aid because they did not achieve satisfactory academic progress.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 811 (M. Fong) Credit course repetition.**

Would require each community college district and the Board of Governors to establish policies and regulations for the repetition of credit courses consistent with specified guidelines.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 870 (Arambula) Public social services: benefits for students.**

Would require the Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup, comprised of relevant stakeholders as needed, to share best practices, updates, challenges, or other topics related to programs and services offered by the department that may be available to college students.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

**AB 888 (Cervantes) Student financial aid: immigrants seeking asylum.**

Would expand Cal Grant eligibility to a noncitizen who has filed an application for asylum and has a valid employment authorization document and social security number.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 942 (M. Fong) Postsecondary education: sex equity.**

Would provide that sexual harassment of students is a form of sex-based harassment and sex-based discrimination.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1040 (Alvarez) Community colleges: mentoring credit program.**

Would require the governing board of a community college district to create a one-to-one mentoring program that matches a student over 18 years of age who receives specific training in mentoring to a youth under 18 years of age.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1062 (Santiago) Public postsecondary education: CSU: tuition.**

Would prohibit the CSU from charging tuition or mandatory systemwide fees for up to two academic years to a CCC resident transfer student who has completed an ADT and demonstrates financial need.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1096 (M. Fong) Educational instruction: language of instruction.**

Would authorize a community college to offer courses taught in languages other than English without requiring students who enroll in those courses to concurrently enroll in an English as a Second Language (ESL) course.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1138 (Weber) Sexual assault and sexual violence prevention: transportation services.**

Would require, as a condition of receiving state funds for student financial assistance, each public higher education segment and independent postsecondary institutions to provide students free transportation to and from a rape crisis center to administer the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Kit.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1142 (M. Fong) Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California.**

Would establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California, composed of five public members with experience in postsecondary education, as the statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination, and planning entity.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1151 (McKinnor) Community colleges: use of property for athletic activities: insurance.**

Would authorize, instead of require, districts to allow clubs and associations to use the district's facilities without a direct costs fee for athletic activities, charitable or

educational purposes, or the civic well-being of the community when an alternative location is not available.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **AB 1160 (Pacheco) Protecting Students from Creditor Colleges Act.**

Would prohibit colleges from refusing to provide a diploma or certificate for a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt. This bill would also prohibit colleges from engaging a third-party debt collection agency to collect student debt.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **AB 1173 (Ta) College and career fairs.**

Would require a local educational agency that chooses to hold a college or career fair to provide a specified notice to each community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction with the local educational agency.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **AB 1190 (Irwin) Community colleges: part-time faculty: office hours.**

Would require, as a condition of receiving funds allocated for the Student Success and Support Program, each community college district to provide compensation for office hours to part-time faculty.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **AB 1198 (Grayson) Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz): Equity in Energy Task Force.**

Would establish, within GO-Biz, the Equity in Energy Task Force with specified members, including the CCCs, to develop a comprehensive strategy aimed at addressing equity in the energy industry and increasing the participation rate of women, minorities, disabled individuals, and veteran-owned businesses, as well as individuals from disadvantaged communities.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee.

### **AB 1245 (McCarty) Community colleges: childcare providers: fee waivers.**

Would require districts to waive the fees of certain early childhood education courses to students who are employed as a childcare provider at the time of enrollment.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

### **AB 1255 (W. Carrillo) Teacher credentialing: ethnic studies task force.**

Would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to convene a statewide task force, composed of relevant stakeholders, including the CCCs Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, to provide a report by September 1, 2024, with recommendations for the criteria that should be required to obtain a single-subject credential in ethnic studies.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

**AB 1275 (Arambula) Student-run community college organizations: open meetings: teleconferences.**

Would authorize the recognized statewide community college student organization and other student-run community college organizations to use teleconferencing for their meetings without having to meet specified Brown Act requirements, including identifying each teleconference location in the notice and agenda and requiring that a quorum of the student organization's members participate from a singular physical location.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1342 (M. Dahle) California College Promise: fee waiver eligibility.**

Would clarify that a student who enrolls in community college, after having enrolled in community college as a special part- or full-time student or dual enrollment student, is a first-time student for purposes of receiving a fee waiver under the California College Promise Program.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1390 (McCarty) CSU and UC: graduation requirements: service learning.**

Would, commencing with students graduating in the 2027–28 academic year, require the CSU and UC, if adopted by a resolution, to require the completion of service learning as an undergraduate graduation requirement.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1411 (Ta) Systemwide fee or tuition waivers: online posting or notice.**

Would require each campus of CCCs and CSU, and each campus of the UC if adopted by a resolution, to post online specified information regarding the availability of systemwide fee or tuition waivers, regardless of whether the institution has an online website.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1514 (Reyes) Public social services: student eligibility.**

Would require the Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup comprised of the County Welfare Directors Association of California, CSAC, UC, CSU, and CCCs to develop recommendations to allow data from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application to be released to county welfare departments.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee.

**AB 1524 (Lowenthal) On-campus access to drug testing devices.**

Would require the CSU and community college districts to stock an adequate supply of drug testing devices at no fewer than one designated and accessible central location on each campus and post a notice of these requirements in prominent and conspicuous locations on campus.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1558 (Gallagher) Postsecondary education: safety: credible threats.**

Would require each campus of the CCCs and the CSU, and request each campus of the UC, to take action after receiving a credible threat to student, faculty, or staff safety. This bill would also require each campus, after receiving a threat, to determine, through a third-party risk assessment, whether the threat is credible.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1575 (Irwin) Postsecondary education: designated advocates: notification.**

Would require each higher education segment, upon enrollment of a student, to notify the student regarding their ability to select a designated advocate who may concurrently receive administrative, academic, health, and disciplinary notices sent to a student.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1577 (Low) General acute care hospitals: clinical placements: nursing.**

Would require a general acute care hospital, as a condition of licensure, to provide clinical placements for postsecondary educational students enrolled in an approved school of nursing or an approved program of nursing education, as defined.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Health Committee.

**AB 1630 (Garcia) Housing development approvals: student housing projects.**

Would establish a streamlined, ministerial review process for student or faculty and staff housing projects.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

**AB 1695 (Gipson) Nursing Pathway Pilot Program.**

Would, subject to an appropriation, require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop career pathways toward an associate degree in nursing and require pupils who enroll in these pathways to earn credits towards an associate degree in nursing program.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Education Committee.

**AB 1699 (McCarty) K–14 classified employees: part-time or full-time vacancies: public postings.**

Would require vacancies for part-time or full-time positions of an education employer to be open only to current regular and hourly employees before the vacancy may be posted publicly for the general public to apply. This bill would also require classified employees who work part-time assignments that equal the number of hours for a full-time assignment for the same education employer to receive the same benefits as employees who work a full-time assignment.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

**AB 1745 (Soria) Veterans: waiver of mandatory tuition and fees.**

Would change the income qualifications for fee waivers provided to dependents of veterans to be based on state poverty level, as defined.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**AB 1749 (McCarty) Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act: UC.**

Would, commencing with the 2025-26 academic year, require the UC to participate in the ADT program.

*Status:* Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**ACA 7 (Jackson) Government preferences: interventions or programs: exceptions.**

This constitutional amendment would provide that, subject to approval by the Governor, the state may utilize state moneys to fund research-based, or research-informed, and culturally specific interventions or programs if those interventions or programs are established or otherwise implemented by the state for purposes of increasing the life expectancy of, improving educational outcomes for, or lifting out of poverty specific ethnic groups or marginalized genders.

*Status:* Pending referral in the Assembly.

**SB 1 (Glazer) Student loan forgiveness.**

Would exclude from an individual's gross income, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, the amount of certain student loans discharged after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2026, in conformity with federal law.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

**SB 234 (Portantino) Opioid antagonists.**

Would require all public, independent, and private postsecondary educational institutions to always maintain unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist on campus and ensure that at least two employees are aware of the location of the opioid antagonist.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Health Committee.

**SB 245 (Hurtado) California Food Assistance Program: eligibility and benefits.**

Would remove the age limitation of the California Food Assistance Program and make any individual eligible for the program if their immigration status is the sole basis for their ineligibility for CalFresh benefits.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.



**SB 433 (Cortese) Classified school and community college employees: disciplinary hearings: impartial third-party hearing officers.**

Would require an impartial third-party hearing officer to determine whether sufficient cause exists for disciplinary action against a permanent employee, excluding a peace officer, unless the exclusive representative and the community college district enter into a collective bargaining agreement providing an alternative method of determining cause.

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

**SB 444 (Newman) Community colleges: Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) programs.**

Would encourage community colleges to develop and implement MESA programs directed at identifying and increasing educational attainment among students affected by social, economic, and educational disadvantages, among other specified goals.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**SB 521 (Smallwood-Cuevas) CalWORKS: pregnancy or parenting.**

Would add denial of reasonable accommodations for pregnant or parenting students to the list of conditions that may be considered good cause for excuse from participation in welfare-to-work activities under the CalWORKs program.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Human Services Committee.

**SB 577 (Hurtado) California Fire Service Training and Education Program: fees.**

Would require the State Fire Marshal to establish and collect the admission fees and other fees associated with the California Fire Service Training and Education Program only to the extent that state appropriations and other funding sources are insufficient to cover the necessary costs of training activities.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**SB 661 (Bradford) Student Athlete Bill of Rights.**

Would remove the exemption for institutions that receive less than \$10 million in annual income derived from media rights for intercollegiate athletics, thereby requiring these institutions to grant certain benefits to student athletes such as protection of athletic scholarships.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

**SB 711 (Caballero) Community colleges: blockchain degree and certification programs: working group.**

Would, until July 1, 2026, require the Chancellor's Office, in collaboration with CDE, to convene a working group to take certain actions related to a blockchain associate of arts degree program at community colleges and K-12 career technical education programs, including exploring the feasibility of incorporating blockchain technology into curricula currently offered in associate degree and career technical education programs.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

**SB 715 (Rubio) Los Angeles Community College District Small Business and Entrepreneurship Center.**

Would appropriate \$2.5 million from the General Fund to the Los Angeles Community College District to establish the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Center at East Los Angeles College.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

**SB 791 (McGuire) Academic and administrative employees: disclosure of sexual harassment.**

Would request the governing board of the UC and require the governing boards of the CSU and community college districts to require, as part of the hiring process for an appointment to an academic or administrative position, that the applicant disclose any final administrative or judicial decision determining that the applicant committed sexual harassment.

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

**SB 886 (Education) Postsecondary education.**

This omnibus education bill would make several technical and conforming changes within the Education Code, which include: 1) repealing provisions requiring the UC, CSU, and CCCs to submit an annual report on statewide pupil identifiers; and 2) renaming the "Online Education Initiative Consortium" to "California Virtual Campus."

*Status:* Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

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