

State and Federal Policy Update

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STATE LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

As of this writing, the Chancellor's Office is tracking 36 Tier 1 Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB). These bills are most likely to have a direct impact on the California Community Colleges, operations, programs, and support. The last day to introduce legislation is February 21, 2025.

Our list of Tier 1 bills includes one of our three sponsored bills, AB 363 (Bryan). This legislation will expand student access to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) program. Additional details regarding our sponsored legislation can be found in our [2025-26 Shared Advocacy Request](http://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/general/2025-26-Final-Shared-Advocacy-Request.pdf?la=en&hash=4AF71E8E56AF9FF2B99601977100674711219B7B) (www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/general/2025-26-Final-Shared-Advocacy-Request.pdf?la=en&hash=4AF71E8E56AF9FF2B99601977100674711219B7B).

A full Legislative Matrix with bill descriptions and bill status 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).

Board of Governors Sponsored Legislation

1. AB 363 (Bryan) Community colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: eligibility and services.

Academic Pathways, Instruction, and Transfer

2. AB 9 (Quirk-Silva) University of California: California State University: transfer students.

Basic Needs

3. AB 79 (Arambula) Public social services: higher education.
4. AB 90 (Jackson) Public postsecondary education: overnight student parking.
5. SB 271 (Reyes) Public postsecondary education: students with dependent children: childcare services, resources, and programs.

District Meetings, Organization, and Elections

6. AB 240 (Alanis) Community colleges: study: Counties of Amador, Alpine, Mariposa, Modoc, and Sierra.
7. AB 259 (B. Rubio) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

- 8.** AB 287 (Lackey) Elections: polling places and vote centers.
- 9.** SB 226 (Cabaldon) Community colleges: territory transfers between districts.
- 10.** AB 409 (Arambula) Open meetings: teleconferences: community college student body associations and student-run organizations.

Facilities

- 11.** AB 48 (Alvarez) College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026.

Financial Aid

- 12.** AB 88 (Ta) Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California.
- 13.** AB 313 (Ortega) Student financial aid: application deadlines: extension.
- 14.** AB 320 (Bennett) Public social services: eligibility: income exclusions.
- 15.** AB 402 (Patel) Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program and the California Community College Expanded Entitlement Program.
- 16.** SB 67 (Seyarto) Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California.

Labor and Employment

- 17.** AB 65 (Aguiar-Curry) School and community college employees: paid disability and parental leave.
- 18.** AB 339 (Ortega) Local public employee organizations: notice requirements.
- 19.** AB 340 (Ahrens) Employer-employee relations: confidential communications.
- 20.** AB 374 (Nguyen) K-14 classified employees: payment of wages: itemized statements.
- 21.** SB 241 (Cervantes) Community colleges: personnel: qualifications.

Local Administrative Policies and Procedures

- 22.** AB 370 (Carrillo) California Public Records Act: cyberattacks.
- 23.** SB 68 (Menjivar) Major food allergens.

State Operations

- 24.** SB 70 (Seyarto) Public contracts: Small Business Procurement and Contract Act.

Student Equity

- 25.** AB 243 (Ahrens) Postsecondary education: student financial aid dependency status: juvenile case file inspection.
- 26.** AB 264 (Carrillo) Veterans: benefits.

27.AB 335 (Gipson) The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program.

Undocumented Students

28.AB 49 (Muratsuchi) Schoolsites and day care centers: entry requirements: immigration enforcement.

29.AB 85 (Essayli) Law enforcement: cooperation with immigration authorities.

30.SB 48 (Gonzalez) Immigration enforcement: schoolsites: prohibitions on access, sharing information, and law enforcement collaboration.

31.AB 324 (Sanchez) California Values Act: exception.

32.SB 98 (Perez) Elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education: immigration enforcement: notification.

Workforce and Career Education

33.AB 95 (Fong) Postsecondary education: Coordinating Commission for Education in California.

34.AB 323 (Fong) Strong Workforce Program: work-based learning opportunities.

35.AB 338 (Solache) Workforce development: the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura: 2025 wildfires.

36.AB 345 (Jackson) Apprenticeship programs: approval process.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

Newly Elected California Delegation Members' Committee Assignments

Senator Adam B. Schiff (D-CA)

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
- Environment and Public Works
- Judiciary
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Representative (Rep.) Lateefah Simon (D-CA-12)

- Oversight & Government Reform
- Small Business

Rep. Adam Gray (D-CA-13)

- Agriculture
- Natural Resources

Rep. Sam Liccardo (D-CA-16)

- Financial Services

Rep. George Whitesides (D-CA-27)

- Armed Services
- Science, Space and Technology

Rep. Luz Rivas (D-CA-29)

- Natural Resources
- Science, Space and Technology

Rep. Laura Friedman (D-CA-30)

- Science, Space and Technology
- Transportation and Infrastructure

Rep. Derek Tran (D-CA-45)

- Armed Services

Rep. Gil Cisneros (D-CA-31)

- Armed Services

Rep. Dave Min (D-CA-47)

- Natural Resources
- Oversight & Government Reform

FEDERAL LEGISLATION**Reintroduction of the bipartisan "Jumpstarting Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act"**

United States (U.S.) Senators Tim Kaine (D-VA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Tina Smith (D-MN), and Roger Marshall (R-KS) have introduced S. 383, the Jumpstarting Our Businesses by Supporting Students (JOBS) Act, bipartisan legislation to help more Americans get good-paying jobs by allowing students to use federal Pell Grants to pay for shorter-term job training programs. By expanding Pell Grant eligibility, the JOBS Act is intended to help close the skills gap by allowing people to access job training they might otherwise be unable to afford but need for careers in high-demand fields.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH UPDATE

President Trump's Executive Actions (January 2025)

Executive Orders related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

1. [Ending Radical and Wasteful Government Programs](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-and-wasteful-government-dei-programs-and-preferencing/)

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- Eliminates federal government DEI-related jobs and DEI initiatives
- At least 60 Education Department employees are on paid leave, some not involved in DEI but who may have expressed interest in DEI

2. [Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-illegal-discrimination-and-restoring-merit-based-opportunity/)

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- Removes DEI from all federal hiring practices
- Orders all federal agencies to combat “illegal private-sector DEI preferences, mandates, policies, programs, and activities”

3. [Restoring America's Fighting Force](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/restoring-americas-fighting-force/)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/restoring-americas-fighting-force/)

- Ends Department of Defense (DoD) DEI policies
- Bans DEI programs at military schools like Annapolis and West Point
- Requires DoD-wide internal review of actions taken in pursuit of DEI
 - SecDef Guidance 1.31.2025: “Identity Months Dead at DoD” — Ends DoD participation in Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Pride Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, National American Indian Heritage Month, etc.

Executive Orders related to LGBTQ+ Issues

4. [Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/defending-women-from-gender-ideology-extremism-and-restoring-biological-truth-to-the-federal-government/)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/defending-women-from-gender-ideology-extremism-and-restoring-biological-truth-to-the-federal-government/)

- Establishes that the policy of the U.S. is to only recognize gender binary (only two genders, male and female) and that gender cannot change

5. [Prioritizing Military Excellence and Readiness](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/prioritizing-military-excellence-and-readiness/)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/prioritizing-military-excellence-and-readiness/)

- Erases the concept of transgender from the military

6. [Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-indoctrination-in-k-12-schooling/)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-indoctrination-in-k-12-schooling/)

- Among other things, limits federal funding to schools that “unlawfully”:
 - Provide psychological counseling for gender dysphoria
 - Aid in the social transition of minors
 - Conceal the social transition of minors from their parents

7. [Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-children-from-chemical-and-surgical-mutilation/)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-children-from-chemical-and-surgical-mutilation/)

- Removes gender-affirming care from federal health insurance
- U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary mandated to end all gender-affirming care for minors
- Defunds all external research and federally-funded professional guidelines related to gender-affirming treatment and care

Executive Orders related to Climate Action

8. [Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/putting-america-first-in-international-environmental-agreements/)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/putting-america-first-in-international-environmental-agreements/)

- Withdrawal from Paris Agreement and all United Nation (UN) environmental councils

9. [Unleashing American Energy](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/unleashing-american-energy/)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/unleashing-american-energy/)

- Pledges to gut any environmental regulation, including Electronic Vehicles (EV) mandates

10. [Declaring a National Energy Emergency](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/declaring-a-national-energy-emergency/)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/declaring-a-national-energy-emergency/)

- Mobilizes the Army Corps of Engineers and Public Works Administration to create new energy infrastructure, prioritizing fossil fuels
- Pledges to create a council to gut the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act

11. [Ending Radical and Wasteful Government Programs](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-and-wasteful-government-dei-programs-and-preferencing/)

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- Eliminates all federal environmental justice programs

12. Temporary Withdrawal of All Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Wind Leasing and Review of the Federal Government's Leasing and Permitting Practices for Wind Projects

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/temporary-withdrawal-of-all-areas-on-the-outer-continental-shelf-from-offshore-wind-leasing-and-review-of-the-federal-governments-leasing-and-permitting-practices-for-wind-projects/)

- Halts pending offshore wind leases for further review; California leases near Morro Bay and Humboldt Bay unaffected

13. Council to Assess the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/council-to-assess-the-federal-emergency-management-agency/)

- Calls for reevaluation of FEMA programs and its coordination with states and locals
- Alleges political bias in federal emergency management, claiming FEMA avoided aiding homes of supporters of the Trump-Vance presidential campaign in 2024
- Alleges FEMA spent “well over a billion dollars to welcome illegal aliens”

14. Putting People Over Fish: Stopping Radical Environmentalism to Provide Water to Southern California

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/putting-people-over-fish-stopping-radical-environmentalism-to-provide-water-to-southern-california/)

- Authorizes federal agencies to restart work on diverting water from California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to other parts of the state

15. Emergency Measures to Provide Water Resources in California and Improve Disaster Response in Certain Areas

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/emergency-measures-to-provide-water-resources-in-california-and-improve-disaster-response-in-certain-areas/)

- Leverages federal emergency in California, allowing FEMA and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to claim jurisdiction over California’s management of water and land use
- Threatens to revoke federal funding for California for environmental purposes

Executive Orders related to Migrants and Undocumented Individuals

16. Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/declaring-a-national-emergency-at-the-southern-border-of-the-united-states/)

- Declares a national emergency and invokes 10 U.S. Code (USC) § 12302, allowing military departments to call in Ready Reserve troops for active-duty service for up to 24 months

- Directs DoD to assist the DHS in obtaining full operational control of the southern border

17. Securing Our Borders

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/securing-our-borders/)

- Promises a border wall and heavy investments into resources at the U.S.-Mexico border

18. Realigning the U.S. Refugee Admission Program

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/realigning-the-united-states-refugee-admissions-program/)

- Places a moratorium on refugees seeking asylum from entering the U.S.

19. Guaranteed the States Protection Against Invasions

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/guaranteeing-the-states-protection-against-invasion/); and [Clarifying Military Role in Territorial Integrity](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/clarifying-the-militarys-role-in-protecting-the-territorial-integrity-of-the-united-states/) (www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/clarifying-the-militarys-role-in-protecting-the-territorial-integrity-of-the-united-states/)

- Places a moratorium on any undocumented entry into the U.S.
- Mobilizes the military for border protection
- Clarifies a military role in territorial integrity

20. Protecting the American People Against Invasion

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-the-american-people-against-invasion/)

- Establishes use of DHS to deport undocumented immigrants and “terrorists and gangs” in all states

21. Designating Cartels as Terrorist Organizations

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/designating-cartels-and-other-organizations-as-foreign-terrorist-organizations-and-specially-designated-global-terrorists/)

- Designates cartels as terrorist organizations to allow persecution of undocumented individuals to fall under Department of Homeland Security jurisdiction

22. Expansion of Use of Guantanamo Bay

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/expanding-migrant-operations-center-at-naval-station-guantanamo-bay-to-full-capacity/)

- Authorizes use of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to detain undocumented individuals

23. Protecting The United States From Foreign Terrorists And Other National Security And Public Safety Threats

(www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/protecting-the-united-states-from-foreign-terrorists-and-others-national-security-and-public-safety-threats/)

- Establishes stricter guidelines for immigration
- Pledges that admitted aliens and aliens already present in the U.S. must not bear hostile attitudes toward U.S. citizens, culture, government, institutions, or founding principles
- Promises to identify countries from which to ban immigrants due to insufficient screening

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