

State Policy and Advocacy Update

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STATE ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

This year, the 8th annual California Community Colleges' Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) will be held on October 14-18. USAW is a system-wide campaign to advocate and provide resources for our undocumented student population. As the largest system of higher education in the country, our colleges serve a substantial number of undocumented students pursuing a postsecondary degree. We envision a higher education system that is more equitable for all Californians across the state, no matter what a student's background may be.

As part of this event, we will be hosting daily webinars from October 14-17 to share best practices on how to support undocumented students across our colleges. You can register for these virtual webinars [here](#)

(californiacommunitycolleges.cventevents.com/event/2024UndocumentedStudentActionWeek/websitePage:19c0f642-2eb7-4b7d-865b-33ddfb2c3065?rp=d63ef675-67d4-4a83-9f1e-e8cc727c3ddd).

We will also be hosting an in-person event on Friday, October 18th from 8:30 am–3:30 pm at Woodland Community College which includes a specific track for student participants. We encourage California community college staff and students to attend. Registration for the in-person event can be found [here](#)

(californiacommunitycolleges.cventevents.com/event/2024UndocumentedStudentActionWeek/regProcessStep1?rp=d63ef675-67d4-4a83-9f1e-e8cc727c3ddd).

Additionally, as part of this week the Chancellor's Office will be engaging in state and federal advocacy efforts to elevate the California Community Colleges' state and federal policy priorities for undocumented students attending our colleges.

In partnership with the Community College League of California and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, we will be hosting a virtual state legislative briefing for state legislative staff that will focus on historic policies, current implementation efforts, and the challenges still facing undocumented students. This briefing will take place on Wednesday, October 16th from 11 am–12 pm and is for Capitol staff and members.

The Government Relations Team will also be meeting with California members of Congress and other key members of Congress during this week to elevate our federal policy priorities for undocumented students.

STATE LEGISLATION OVERVIEW

The second year of the 2023-24 Legislative Session officially concluded on September 30th with the Governor taking final action on bills. Of the 2,124 bills introduced by the Legislature in 2024, 1,206 bills were sent to Governor Newsom. The Governor signed 1,017 bills, with the remainder being vetoed. A total of 118 Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB) pertaining to higher education were signed, including 55 Tier 1 bills that will have a direct impact on the California Community Colleges, operations, programs, and support.

This update includes summaries of all Tier 1 bills that were signed into law. 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://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](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/) (leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/).

ACADEMIC PATHWAYS, INSTRUCTION, AND TRANSFER

AB 1796 (Alanis) Pupil instruction: course offerings: parental notification.

Requires a school district, county office of education, or charter school serving pupils in any of grades 7 to 12 to annually inform parents of specified course offerings that may be available at their child's school, including dual enrollment.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 2057 (Berman) Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee.

Establishes a process for the California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), and other four-year institutions participating in the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to approve certain high-unit transfer model curricula (TMCs) in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. This bill also extends the operation of the ADT Intersegmental Implementation Committee by an additional two years.

AB 2370 (Cervantes) Community colleges: faculty: instructor of record: qualifications.

Requires the instructor of record for a course of instruction to be a person who meets the minimum qualifications to serve as a faculty member teaching credit instruction or a faculty member teaching noncredit instruction.

SB 1244 (Newman) College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships.

Authorizes a community college district to enter into a CCAP partnership within the service area of another community college district if the community college district in the service area has declined a request, or has failed to take action within 60 calendar days of receiving a request.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AFFORDABILITY, FINANCIAL AID, AND TUITION AND FEES

AB 1885 (Addis) Student Success Completion Grant program.

Allows students receiving support under the Disabled Services and Programs for Students (DSPS) who are classified as full-time to also receive a Student Success and Completion Grant.

Chancellor's Office Position: Sponsor

AB 1887 (Cervantes) Student financial aid: application deadlines: extension.

Extends the April 2, 2024, application deadline for financial aid programs administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) by one month, to May 2, 2024.

AB 2458 (Berman) Public postsecondary education: student parents.

Requires, by the start of the 2026–27 academic year, each community college to implement a policy to estimate cost of attendance information for student parents, identify student parents in the campus’s data management information system, and update its net price calculator to include a baseline student parent cost estimate.

Chancellor’s Office Position: Support

AB 2500 (M. Fong) Student financial aid: application deadlines: postponement.

Authorizes CSAC to automatically grant deadline extensions for financial aid programs due to certain qualifying events, including but not limited to a natural disaster, state of emergency, or labor action.

Chancellor’s Office Position: Support

AB 3158 (Berman) Community colleges: West Valley-Mission Community College District.

Authorizes 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.

AB 3240 (Calderon) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021: Cal Grant awards.

Prohibits, commencing July 1, 2025, each institution of higher education from reducing a students’ Cal Grant award below their financial need except under certain circumstances.

Chancellor’s Office Position: Support

BASIC NEEDS

AB 518 (Wicks) CalFresh: data.

Requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in consultation with stakeholders, to develop a methodology to estimate the CalFresh participation rate in California and identify data sharing opportunities with other state and local public entities, including the California Community Colleges.

AB 2033 (Reyes) Community colleges: electronic benefits transfer cards.

Requires, by September 1, 2025, each community college to apply for at least one general store or a store that sells food on campus to become an authorized retail food store under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and, if approved, ensure the store or stores accept the use of electronic benefits transfer cards.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 2567 (Mathis) Student housing: data collection: veterans.

Requires community colleges to include additional information regarding students who are veterans in annual reports regarding campus-owned, campus-operated, or campus-affiliated student housing.

FACILITIES

AB 247 (Muratsuchi) K-12 and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024.

This bond, if adopted by voters during the November 2024 General Election, would provide \$1.5 billion for community colleges to construct and modernize educational facilities.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 1142 (M. Fong) Community colleges: costs for using facilities or grounds.

Extends the authorization in existing law that allows community colleges to charge maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment costs for use of facilities by five years, to January 1, 2030.

Chancellor's Office Position: Sponsor

SB 312 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: university housing development projects: exemption.

Clarifies that, for a higher education institution to utilize an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for student housing projects, the institution must receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification for each building according to a specified timeframe.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

AB 2134 (Muratsuchi) School employees: transfer of leave of absence for illness or injury.

Requires the employing school district, county superintendent of schools, or community college district receiving an employee's transfer of leave of absence for illness or injury to honor the transfer request at any time during the employee's employment with the second employing district or county superintendent of schools.

AB 2931 (M. Fong) Classified employees: merit system: part-time student-tutors.

Exempts from classified service part-time students employed part-time as student tutors by their community college district of enrollment.

AB 2971 (Maienschein) Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup: community college districts.

Requires the existing Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup that is administered by California Department of Education to also include community colleges in their classified staffing recommendations.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

AB 1855 (Arambula) Open meetings: teleconferences: community college student body associations.

Authorizes a community college student body association to use alternate teleconferencing procedures related to the notice, agenda, and participation of public meetings if, among other requirements, the community college district has adopted a resolution authorizing this practice.

AB 2094 (Flora) Alcoholic beverage control: public community college stadiums: City of Bakersfield.

Allows alcoholic beverages to be acquired, possessed, or used during events at a public community college stadium with a capacity of 19,000 or more people located in the City of Bakersfield.

AB 2834 (Rendon) Public postsecondary education: part-time faculty.

Revises the policy preferences of the Legislature with respect to part-time community college faculty to express the preference that the names of part-time faculty be listed in the course schedule once they are assigned to a course.

AB 2885 (Bauer-Kahan) Artificial intelligence.

Provides, for purposes of the California Online Community College Research and Development Unit, a definition of “artificial intelligence” based on existing law.

NURSING EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE CAREER PATHWAYS

AB 1577 (Low) Health facilities and clinics: clinical placements: nursing.

Requires, until January 1, 2032, health facilities and clinics to, upon request, meet with a community college or CSU and work in good faith to meet the needs of the prelicensure nursing clinical placement program, including adding additional clinical placement slots to accommodate the nursing program.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 1891 (Weber) Community colleges: allied health programs.

Authorizes, until January 1, 2030, the usage of multicriteria screening for admission decisions in allied health programs. Current law allows community colleges to utilize multicriteria screening in nursing program admissions.

Chancellor's Office Position: Sponsor

AB 2015 (Schiavo) Nursing schools and programs: faculty members, directors, and assistant directors.

Authorizes the Bureau of Registered Nursing (BRN) to establish a process for approving faculty and nursing directors independent of a program's hiring process.

SB 1015 (Cortese) Nursing schools and programs.

Requires the Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee to study specified topics and to submit a report making recommendations to the Legislature regarding how approved schools of nursing or nursing programs should manage or coordinate clinical placements.

SB 1183 (Hurtado) Community colleges: registered nursing programs.

Adds living within a medically underserved area or population and knowledge of the various languages of the African continent to the list of life experiences or special circumstances that must be included in a multicriteria screening process and extends the authorization for nursing programs to utilize multicriteria screening to January 1, 2030.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

OMNIBUS HIGHER EDUCATION

AB 3290 (Higher Education) Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees: members of the Armed Services.

Extends resident classification to any student who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in the state, regardless of whether the student is assigned for educational purposes to a state-supported institution of higher education. This bill also extends the implementation date of the common course numbering system from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2027.

STUDENT EQUITY

AB 2403 (Bonta) Community colleges: student equity plan.

Requires student equity plans to also include a description of the active involvement of all groups on campus in developing the student equity plan for each community college in the community college district.

AB 2821 (Grayson) Postsecondary education: students with disabilities.

Requires the Chancellor's Office to establish a Disability Access and Compliance Training Program which includes the legal and procedural responsibility of college personnel to provide effective accommodations for disabled students.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 147 (Alvarez) California's First-Generation College Celebration Day.

This resolution designates November 8, 2024, as "California's First-Generation College Celebration Day" and urges all higher education institutions to recognize the significant role of first-generation college students in developing the state's future workforce.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

ACR 222 (Weber) Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week.

This resolution annually designates the fourth week of September as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Week.

Chancellor's Office Position: Sponsor

SB 1348 (Bradford) Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions.

Establishes the Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions to recognize campuses that excel at providing academic resources to Black and African American students.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 140 (Dodd) Community College Month.

This resolution recognizes April 2024, and the month of April every year hereafter, as Community College Month in the State of California.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

STUDENT SAFETY AND PROTECTION

AB 1524 (Lowenthal) Postsecondary education: on-campus access to drug testing devices.

Requires the CSU and community college districts to stock an adequate supply of drug testing devices at no fewer than one designated and accessible location on each campus and post a notice of these requirements in all women's and men's restrooms.

AB 1575 (Irwin) Public postsecondary education: students codes of conduct: advisers.

Authorizes students who receive a disciplinary notification to have an adviser of their choosing and requires postsecondary education institutions to provide trainings for the aforementioned adviser.

AB 1841 (Weber) Student safety: opioid overdose reversal medication: student housing facilities.

Requires the governing board of each community college district and the CSU Trustees to require each university or college-affiliated student-housing facility to stock federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication obtained through the Naloxone Distribution Project.

AB 2096 (Petrie-Norris) Restraining orders: educational institutions.

Allows, beginning January 1, 2026, a chief administrative officer, an officer or employee, or a student at a public institution of higher education to seek a temporary restraining order if there is a credible threat of violence made off the school campus or facility.

AB 2193 (Holden) Hazing: educational institutions: civil liability: resources.

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

AB 2925 (Friedman) Equity in Higher Education Act: prohibition on discrimination: training and notice.

Requires public and private postsecondary institutions, as a condition of state financial assistance, to include training to combat and address anti-Semitism as part of any antidiscrimination training or diversity, equity, and inclusion training that is offered by the institution.

TITLE IX BILL PACKAGE

AB 810 (Friedman) Postsecondary education: hiring practices: academic, athletic, and administrative positions.

Requires the governing boards of higher education institutions, as a condition of receiving state financial assistance, to implement a policy of requiring potential employees for academic, athletic, and administrative positions to disclose whether they have been the subject of a finding of sexual harassment.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 1905 (Addis) Public postsecondary education: employment: settlements, informal resolutions, and retreat rights.

Makes an employee of a public postsecondary educational institution ineligible for retreat rights if the employee is the respondent in a sexual harassment complaint and the employee is determined to have committed sexual harassment, or the employee resigned from their current position before a final administrative decision is made.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 2048 (M. Fong) Community colleges: systemic campus reforms: sexual harassment: report.

Requires the Chancellor's Office, by December 1, 2025, and in consultation with stakeholders, to submit a report to the Legislature with recommendations for establishing systemic campus reforms that effectively prevent, detect, and address sexual harassment on community college campuses.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 2326 (Alvarez) Equity in Higher Education Act: discrimination: compliance, regulations, and reports.

Clarifies that the governing board of a community college district and the chief executive officer of each community college within the community college district have joint responsibility for ensuring that programs and activities are free from discrimination and require the Chancellor's Office to make an annual presentation during a public meeting of the Board of Governors regarding compliance.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 2407 (Hart) Public postsecondary educational institutions: sexual harassment complaints: state audits.

Requires the California State Auditor, by September 1, 2028, and every five years thereafter until January 1, 2044, to conduct an audit of three community college districts regarding their ability to address and prevent sexual harassment on campus.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 2608 (Gabriel) Postsecondary education: sexual violence and sexual harassment: training.

Requires community colleges, by September 1, 2026, to include additional topics, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault, in its annual sexual violence and sexual harassment training for students.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 2987 (Ortega) Public postsecondary education: sex discrimination complaints: status updates and notices.

Requires each CSU and community college campus, and would request each UC campus, to provide status updates on the outcomes of complaints of sex discrimination to the complainants and respondents, except for those who opt to not receive the updates.

SB 1166 (Dodd) Public postsecondary education: annual report: sex discrimination.

Requires community colleges, by December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, to submit a legislative report that provides a summation of the activities undertaken by each district and by the systemwide Title IX office to ensure campus programs and activities are free from sex discrimination. The bill also requires that colleges place their Title IX reports on their website.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

SB 1491 (Eggman) Postsecondary education: Equity in Higher Education Act.

Requires the governing board of each community college district to designate an employee at each campus as a point of contact for the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual,

asexual, pansexual, transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex, and two-spirit faculty, staff, and students.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

WORKFORCE AND CAREER EDUCATION

AB 1929 (McKinnor) Career technical education: data collection.

Updates the annual reporting requirements for the Strong Workforce Program to require disaggregation of performance accountability measures by race and ethnicity.

AB 2179 (Davies) Pupil services: local apprenticeship programs.

Requires a school district to annually provide information on local apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs to the parents or guardians of pupils in grades 11 and 12.

Chancellor's Office Position: Support

AB 3087 (M. Fong) California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program.

Extends the operation of the Economic and Workforce Development Program by five years, to January 1, 2030.

Chancellor's Office Position: Sponsor

AB 3131 (McCarty) Strong Workforce Program: applicants receiving equity multiplier funding.

Requires each K-12 Selection Committee, when determining grant recipients for the K-12 component of the Strong Workforce Program, to first give positive consideration to applicants receiving Local Control Funding Formula Equity Multiplier funding.

SB 867 (Allen) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024.

This bond, if adopted by voters during the November 2024 General Election, would provide \$10 billion to finance projects for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, and clean air programs.

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