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2024 Legislative Session Recap and Impacts to Community Colleges

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Ballot and Election Highlights

- **Proposition 2 (Education Facilities Bond)** - invests \$10 billion in climate resilience projects, supporting efforts to tackle wildfire prevention, drought preparedness and other initiatives.
- **Proposition 4 (Climate Bond)** - allocates \$1.5 billion to modernize, repair and upgrade community college facilities, addressing infrastructure needs across the state.
- 11 of 14 local facilities bonds were approved, totaling over \$8 billion

Federal Election Highlights

- **President**
 - Republican control (Donald J. Trump)
- **Senate**
 - Republican control (52 republicans, 45 democrats, 3 races pending)
- **House**
 - Republican control (207 republicans, 193 democrats, 35 races pending)

Notable Changes in the State Legislature



***Sen. Josh Newman
(D-29)**



**Sen. Steven Glazer
(D-07)**



**Sen. Scott Wilk
(R-21)**



**Asm. Kevin McCarty
(D-06)**



**Asm. Evan Low
(D-26)**



*** Asm. Greg Wallis
(R-47)**

Outgoing or possibly outgoing members (as of 11/7/24)*



**Asm. Patrick Aherns
(D-26)**



**Sen. Sasha Perez
(D-25)**



**Sen. Christopher
Cabaldon
(D-03)**

- Overall, the Legislature will have over 35 new members in 2025.
- The Senate will be split 30 Democrats-10 Republicans in 2025
- The Assembly will be split 62 Democrats-18 Republicans
- Super majority in both houses holds

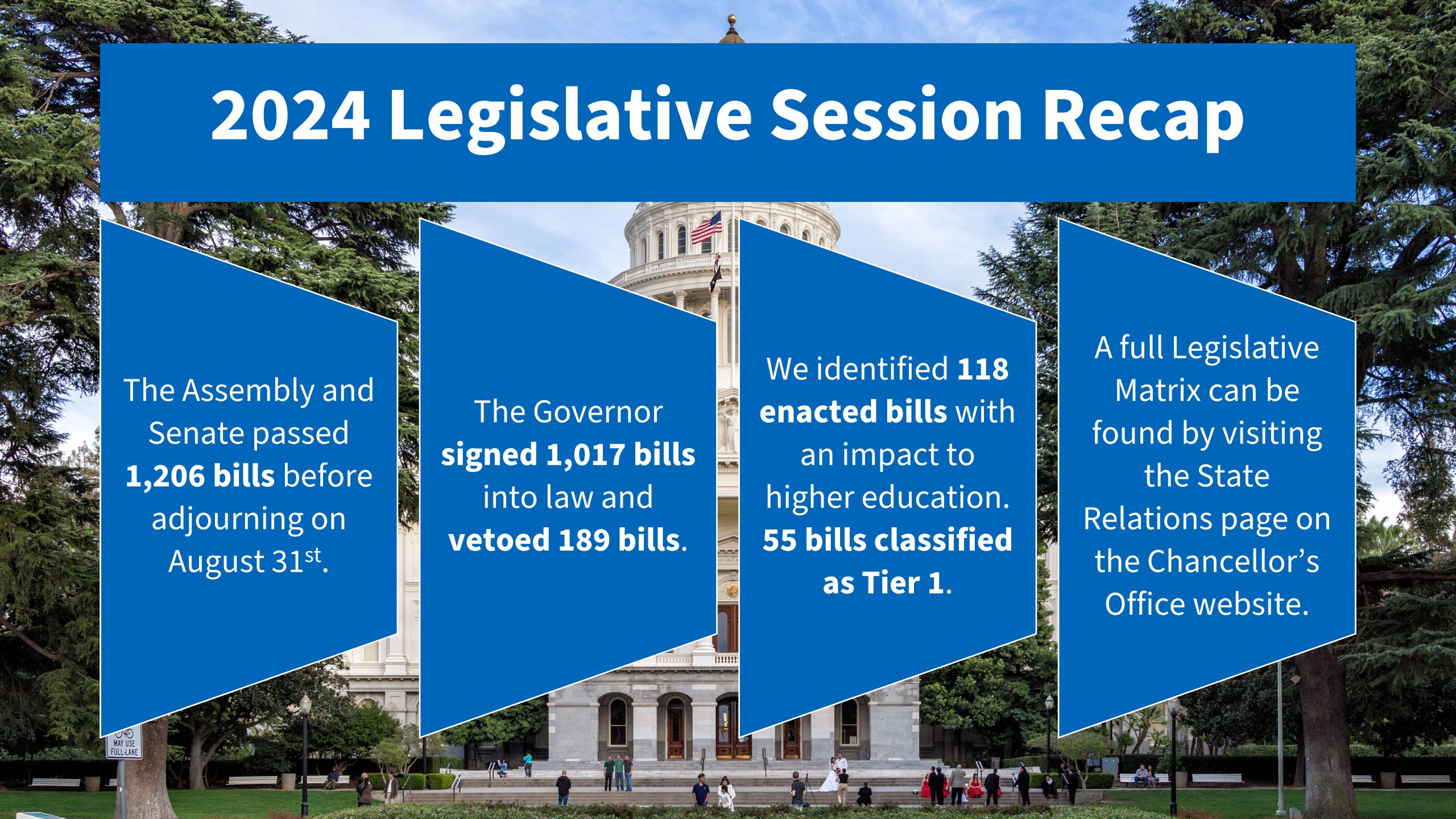


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2024 Legislative Session Overview

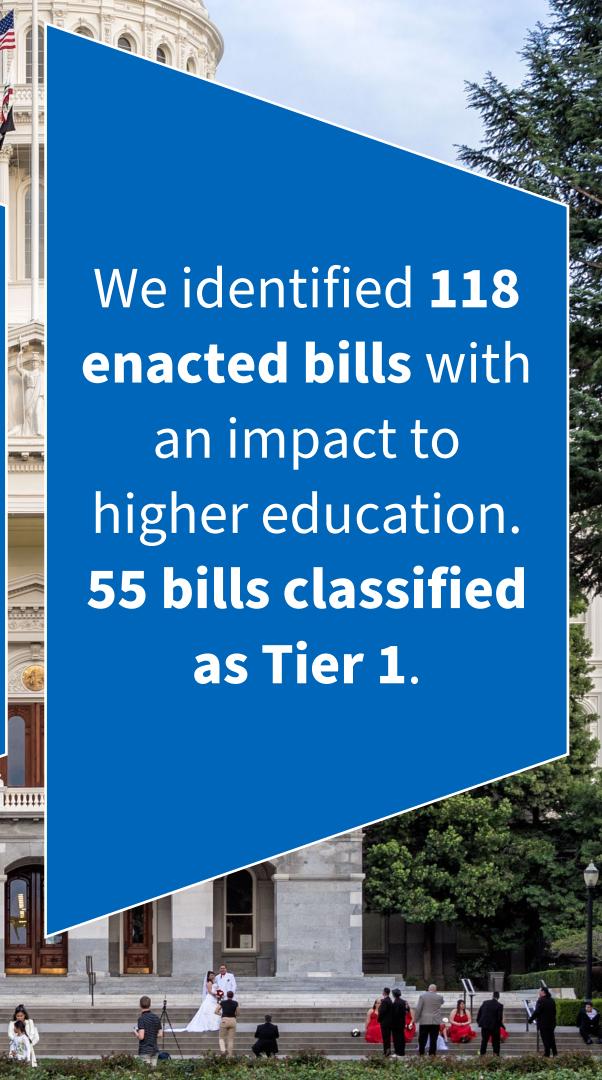
2024 Legislative Session Recap



The Assembly and Senate passed **1,206 bills** before adjourning on August 31st.



The Governor **signed 1,017 bills** into law and **vetoed 189 bills**.



We identified **118 enacted bills** with an impact to higher education. **55 bills classified as Tier 1.**



A full Legislative Matrix can be found by visiting the State Relations page on the Chancellor's Office website.

2024 Chaptered Legislation and Guidance Report – Available Now!

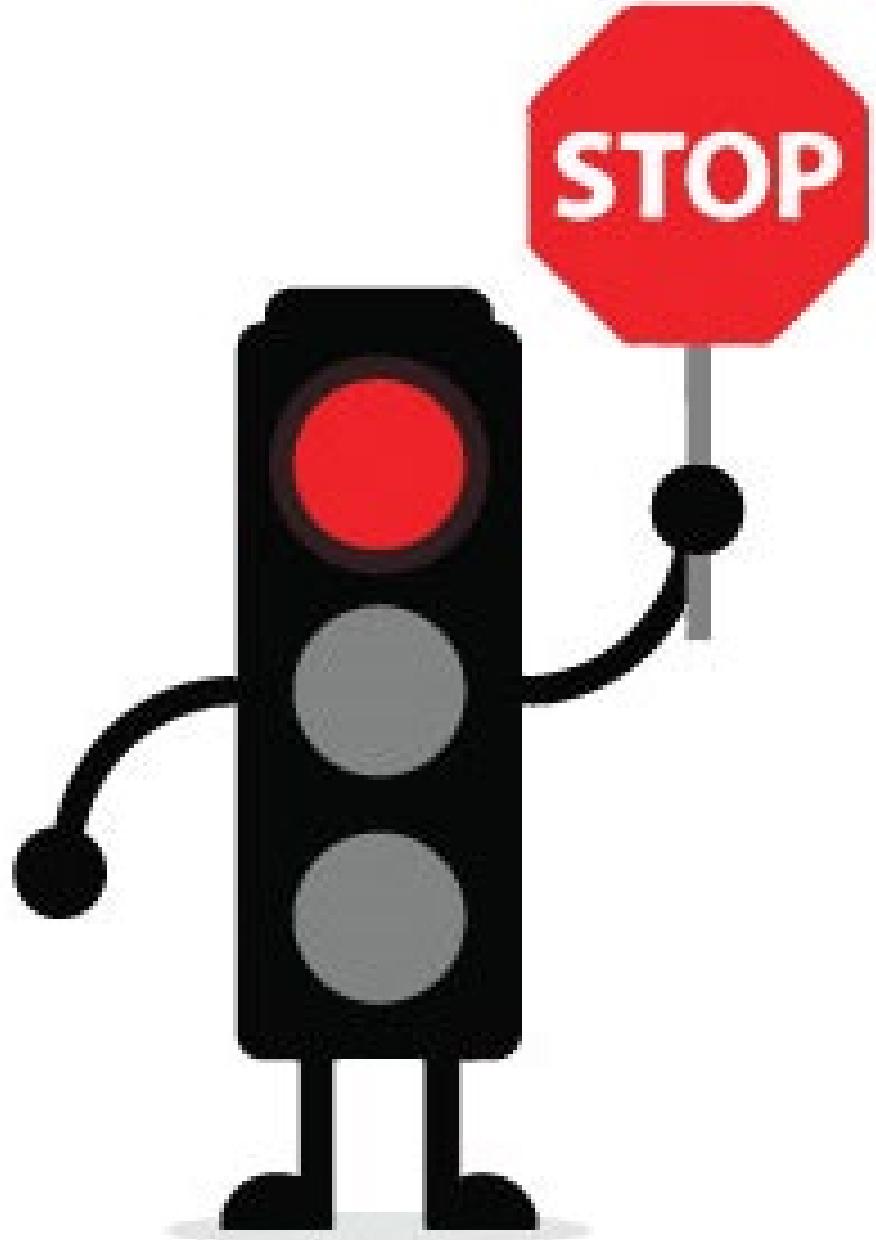
- The Chaptered Legislation and Guidance Report is designed to inform campus leaders of recently enacted laws and regulations.
- Report includes:
 - Review of existing statutory requirements.
 - Description of the bill purpose.
 - A high-level summary of requirements for colleges or entities;
 - Chancellor's Office preliminary guidance recommendations for district action.



2024 REPORT

Chaptered Legislation and Guidance

Always check
the latest
version of the
bill



Bill title and author

AB 2033 (Reyes): Public postsecondary education: electronic benefits transfer cards: basic needs services and resources.

Review of existing statutory requirements

Existing Law:
Education Code Section 66023.5 requires each campus of the California Community Colleges to establish the position of Basic Needs Coordinator and a Basic Needs Center to serve as a point of contact for students to more easily access and gain awareness of basic needs services and resources.

Existing federal law requires entities to apply to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to become authorized to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Description of legislative intent

Bill Purpose:
The purpose of this bill is to support low-income students by increasing the number of locations that accept SNAP benefits using an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card on campus.

High-level summary of requirements for colleges or entities

Requirements Under New Law:
This bill requires, by September 1, 2025, each community college with an on campus general store that sells food to apply to become authorized to accept SNAP benefits.

Specifically, with respect to the California Community Colleges this bill:

- Expands the contents of the existing services and resources document that each campus is required to develop to also include, by September 1, 2025, the United States (U.S.) Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service's "SNAP Retail Locator" website link.
- Clarifies that campuses are encouraged to collaborate with CDSS to obtain specified data for inclusion in the annual Basic Needs Center report submitted by the Chancellor's Office.
- Requires each campus of the community colleges to identify and apply for at least one general store or a store that sells food on campus to become an authorized retail food store under SNAP, and, if approved, ensure the store or stores, within a reasonable time, accept the use of electronic benefits transfer cards.

Chancellor's Office preliminary guidance and recommendations for district action

Chancellor's Office Guidance (revised as of 10/7/2024):

Institutions are encouraged to work with their facilities and business officers to submit an application to the U.S. Food and Nutrition Services to become eligible to accept SNAP benefits. The process can take several months so, colleges should start it quickly in order to meet the September 1, 2025 deadline.

Additional information regarding the application to become a SNAP retailer can be found on the U.S. Food and Nutrition Service website (<http://bit.ly/4gdbpYu>).

The text of this bill is available on the California Legislative Information website (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2033).

Chancellor's Office Sponsored Legislation



AB 1885 (Addis)

Allows students receiving support under DSPS who are classified as full-time to also receive a SSCG.

Status: SIGNED

AB 1891 (Weber)

Authorizes multicriteria screening for allied health programs.

Status: SIGNED

AB 1142 (M. Fong)

Extends the sunset date allowing colleges to charge maintenance costs for use of facilities.

Status: SIGNED

AB 3087 (M. Fong)

Extends the operation of the EWD Program by five years.

Status: SIGNED

ACR 222 (Weber)

Annually designates the fourth week of September as HBCU Week.

Status: CHAPTERED



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2024 Major Legislative Themes P1

Academic Pathways

SB 1244: Removes dual enrollment barriers.

AB 1796: Dual enrollment outreach for high school students.

AB 2057: High-unit ADTs in STEM fields.

College Affordability

AB 2458: Cost of attendance information for student parents.

AB 2500: Financial aid application extensions.

AB 3240: Cal Grant scholarship displacement.

Basic Needs

AB 518: CalFresh data sharing.

AB 2033: EBT cards on college campuses.

Labor and Employment

AB 2971: Expansion of Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup.

AB 2134: Transfer of sick leave for certificated employees.

2024 Major Legislative Themes P2

Nursing Education

- **AB 1577:** Collaboration on clinical placements.
- **SB 1183:** Extension of nursing multicriteria screening.

Student Equity

- **AB 2403:** Updates to Student Equity Plans.
- **AB 2821:** Disability Access and Compliance training.
- **SB 1348:** Designation of Black-Serving Institutions.

Title IX

- Bill package that implements recommendations from Call to Action report.



Notable Governor's Vetoes

- **AB 359 (Holden)**
 - Technical changes to CCAP.
- **AB 2088 (McCarty)**
 - Right of first refusal for classified staff vacancies.
- **AB 2093 (Santiago)**
 - Promise fee waivers for BA students.
- **AB 2104 (Soria) & SB 895 (Roth)**
 - Pilot program for CCCs to offer BSNs.
- **AB 2277 (Wallis)**
 - Increase in part-time faculty load.



Legislative Deep Dive: Student Safety & Title IX

AB 2193 (Holden) Anti-Hazing Campus Policies

Bill Summary: Allows for civil action to be brought against an educational institution for hazing but creates a rebuttable presumption **if** the campus has a comprehensive prevention and training program.



Implementation: Districts should consult with their legal counsel on how to best implement the requirements of this bill and establish a comprehensive education and training program consistent with the bill's requirements.

Districts are **strongly** encouraged to take reasonable steps to prevent campus hazing.

Title IX Bill Package

AB 810 (Friedman)

- Requires governing boards to implement a policy that requires potential employees to disclose whether they have been the subject of a finding of sexual harassment.

AB 1905 (Addis)

- Makes an employee of a public postsecondary educational institution ineligible for retreat rights if the employee is the respondent in a sexual harassment complaint

AB 2048 (M. Fong)

- Requires the Chancellor's Office to develop recommendations for establishing systemic campus reforms that effectively address sexual harassment.



Title IX Bill Package



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AB 2326 (Alvarez)

- Clarifies that governing boards and CEOs have joint responsibility for ensuring that programs and activities are free from discrimination.

AB 2407 (Hart)

- Requires the California State Auditor to conduct an audit every five years of three districts regarding their ability to address harassment.

AB 2608 (Gabriel)

- Requires community colleges to include, in its annual training for students, how to recognize drug-facilitated sexual assault.

Title IX Bill Package

AB 2987 (Ortega)

Requires community colleges to provide status updates on the outcomes of sex discrimination complaints.

SB 1166 (Dodd)

Requires colleges to annually summarize its activities to ensure campus programs are free from sex discrimination.



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Legislative Deep Dive: Health Care Pathways & Nursing Education

AB 1891 (Weber) Allied Health Multicriteria Screening



Bill Summary: Authorizes the usage of multicriteria screening for admission decisions in allied health programs.



Implementation: Multicriteria screening can result in equitable outcomes. Consider whether it is appropriate for your allied health programs.

SB 1183 (Hurtado) Updates to Nursing Multicriteria Screening

Bill Summary: Adds “living within a medically underserved area” to nursing multicriteria screening and extends the sunset date.

Implementation: Update any policies and forms to reflect the new policy changes.

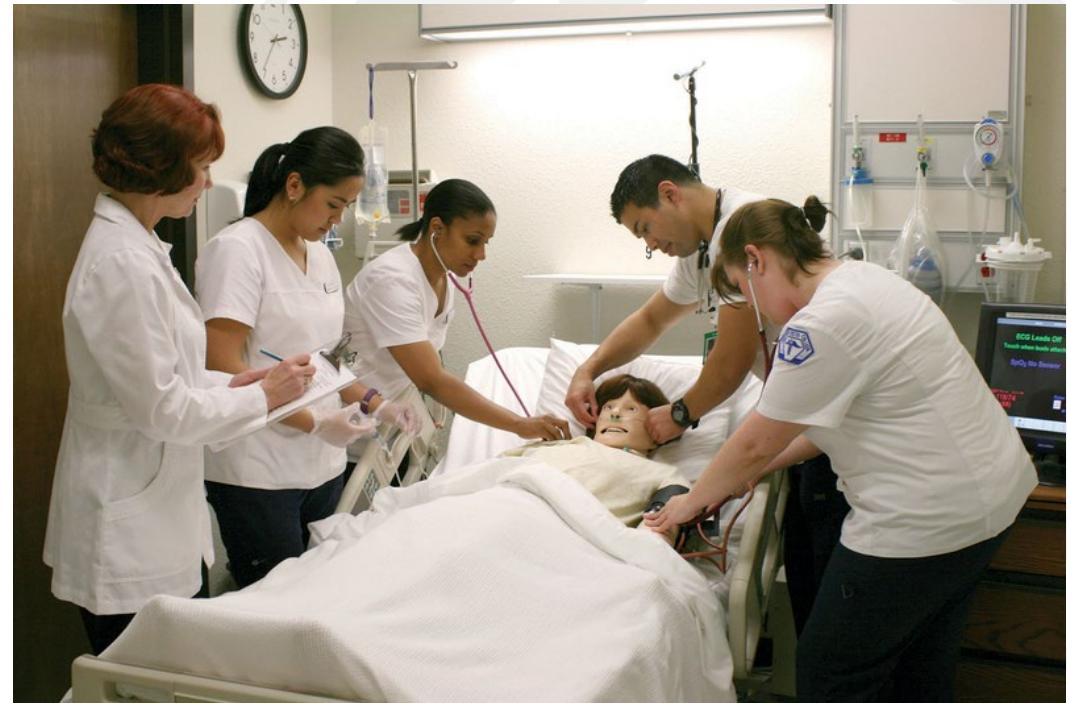
AB 1577 (Low) Clinical Placements



Bill Summary: Requires health facilities to meet with a community college nursing program and work in good faith to meet the clinical placement needs.



Implementation: Take advantage of this opportunity! Meet with health facilities to determine student placement opportunities.





Legislative Deep Dive: Financial Aid and Basic Needs

AB 1885 (Addis)

Student Success and Completion Grant Eligibility (SSCG)



Bill Summary: Expands SSCG eligibility to students who enroll in at least 9 units and are considered full time as part of a DSPS Academic Accommodation Plan.



Next Steps: Districts should notify students receiving an Academic Accommodation Plan that they may be eligible for a SSCG award commencing with the 2025-26 academic year.





Affordability and Basic Needs

AB 2033 (Reyes)

- Requires each community college to apply for at least one campus store that sells food to become an authorized retail food store under CalFresh (federally known as SNAP).

AB 2458 (Berman)

- Requires each community college to implement a policy to estimate cost of attendance information for student parents based on Chancellor's Office guidance. Colleges are also required to update student parent website with information about public benefits and financial assistance.



Legislative Deep Dive: Labor and Employment

AB 2134 (Muratsuchi) Transfer of Sick Leave

Bill Summary: Requires the employing community college district receiving an employee's leave transfer to honor the transfer request at any time.

Implementation: Update policies to accept and grant requests at any time from certificated new employees.



AB 2971 (Maienschein) Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup



Bill Summary: Requires the Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup to also include community colleges in their classified staffing recommendations.



Implementation: Contact CDE regarding participation in the Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup.





Highlight of Federal Policies in 2024



Areas of Legislative Interest in 2025

- Workforce and Adult Education
- Undocumented Students
- Equitable Placement
- Dual Enrollment
- Nursing Education/Clinical Placements
- Transfer
- Artificial Intelligence

Questions?





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