

# California Community Colleges 2023 Chaptered Legislation Quick Reference Guide for Districts

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## INTRODUCTION

This Chaptered Legislation **Quick Reference Guide** includes a brief overview of 81 different bills signed by the Governor in 2023 that will impact California Community Colleges. The bill summaries are not intended to be comprehensive. A full report on Chaptered Legislation can be found on our Government Relations [website](https://cocco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Governmental-Relations/policy-and-advocacy/Enacted-Bills) (cocco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Governmental-Relations/policy-and-advocacy/Enacted-Bills).

Bills are organized into the following “tiers” of significance:

- **Tier 1** bills have a **direct effect** on the programs, services, and day-to-day operations of the California community colleges, students, faculty, staff, and/or Chancellor's Office.
- **Tier 2** bills are unlikely to significantly alter current policies, procedures, or practices, but they may have an **indirect effect** on the programs and/or services of the California community colleges, students, faculty, staff, and/or Chancellor's Office but may still result in some minor changes to core functions.
- **Tier 3** have direct impacts to **other** higher education segments and partners including the University of California, California State University, and K-12. These bills generally do not require any action by community colleges but depending on the scope of the bill, may have indirect impacts to community colleges.
- **Budget bills and budget trailer bills** are related to the annual state budget allocations and policies. Implementations guidance for these bills are included within the [Chancellor's Office Compendium of Allocations & Resources](https://cocco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/report/august-2023-24-compendium-of-allocations-resources.pdf?la=en&hash=6488A8B0530CF847998A10A9E56EE31321D190C0) (cocco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/report/august-2023-24-compendium-of-allocations-resources.pdf?la=en&hash=6488A8B0530CF847998A10A9E56EE31321D190C0).

## **TIER 1 LEGISLATION**

### **AB 70 (Rodriguez): Emergency response: trauma kits.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires buildings that were constructed prior to January 1, 2023, to have at least six trauma kits, as defined, if the buildings have been modified, renovated, or improved after January 1, 2023.

### **AB 91 (Alvarez): Community colleges: exemption from nonresident tuition fee: residence near the California-Mexico border.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, until July 1, 2028, authorizes specified colleges near the California-Mexico border 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.

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

#### **Bill Summary:**

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

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

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, commencing with the 2025–26 academic year, requires the CSU and CCCs, and the UC if adopted by a resolution, to include location and contact information of the campus point of contact for student veterans in orientations and to develop a document that contains specified information for student veterans.

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

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill removes the requirement for residential community college district student housing plans to be approved by the Department of General Services.

### **AB 368 (Holden): College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill clarifies that courses offered through the College and Career Access Pathways (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.

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

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires 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.

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

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires a classified employee placed on an involuntary leave of absence for a criminal charge, a criminal investigation, or a pending administrative matter, 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.

**AB 557 (Hart): Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill eliminates the sunset date authorizing local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with specified requirements during a proclaimed state of emergency.

**AB 607 (Kalra): Public postsecondary education: course materials.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCCs) and California State University (CSU), and requests the University of California (UC), to prominently display the estimated costs of all required course materials for a specified percentage of courses each year.

**AB 634 (Ward): Community colleges: career development and college preparation courses.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill clarifies that Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) courses, whether offered face-to-face or through distance education, are eligible for enhanced state apportionment.

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

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill declares the public policy of the state that students who are 26 years of age or younger are expected to be fully immunized against HPV before first-time enrollment at a CSU, UC, or CCC.

## **AB 760 (Wilson): Public postsecondary education: affirmed name and gender identification.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill clarifies that CCCs are required to update the records for current students, staff, and faculty to include the affirmed name, gender, or both name and gender identification for both unofficial transcripts and official transcripts.

## **AB 764 (Bryan): Local redistricting.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires community college districts to implement the same criteria and processes that counties and cities are currently mandated to use when redistricting the boundaries of trustee areas.

## **AB 789 (Berman): Student financial aid: Cal Grants: satisfactory academic progress.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, by the start of the 2024-25 academic year and as a condition of receiving Cal Grants, requires institutions to develop and implement policies defining “satisfactory academic progress,” in a manner that is permissible under federal standards.

## **AB 928 (Rendon): CalFresh Data Dashboard: students.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires California Department of Social Services to update its existing CalFresh Data Dashboard with data specific to college students’ receipt of CalFresh on an annual basis, rather than over time.

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

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill authorizes 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.

## **AB 1151 (McKinnor): Community colleges: civic centers: uses: insurance.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill authorizes, instead of requires, 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.

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

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires 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.

## **AB 1291 (McCarty): University of California Associate Degree for Transfer Pilot Program.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires UC Los Angeles (UCLA) to declare certain majors as similar to the transfer model curricula from select community colleges according to a specified timeline and requires UC, by the 2028-29 academic year, to designate at least five campuses to declare at least 12 majors as similar to the transfer model curricula from select community colleges.

## **AB 1311 (Soria): Public postsecondary education: allied health programs: assessment.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, by January 1, 2025, requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct an assessment evaluating the efficacy of existing programs in allied health jointly offered between campuses of the CCCs, CSU, and UC.

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

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill clarifies 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 the California College Promise Program.

**AB 1400 (Bryan): Student financial aid: College Access Tax Credit Fund: community college student transfers: Historically Black Colleges and Universities.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill, commencing with the 2024–25 award year, provides certain Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) transfer students with a financial aid award from the College Access Tax Credit Fund if they satisfy specified criteria.

**AB 1484 (Zbur): Temporary public employees.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires local public employers to include temporary employees in the same bargaining unit as permanent employees and requires the public employer to promptly participate in collective bargaining to establish certain employment conditions for the newly added temporary employees.

**AB 1540 (M. Fong): Postsecondary education: nonresident tuition: exemption.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires institutions of higher education, in determining a student’s eligibility for a nonresident tuition exemption under AB 540 (Firebaugh, 2001), to accept an affidavit provided to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

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

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires the governing board of each California community college district to grant its student trustee(s) an advisory vote.

**AB 1745 (Soria): Public postsecondary education: veterans: waiver of mandatory systemwide tuition and fees.**

**Bill Summary:**

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

## **SB 428 (Blakespear): Temporary restraining orders and protective orders: employee harassment.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, commencing January 1, 2025, expands the circumstances under which employers can seek restraining orders on behalf of their employees to include harassment, unlawful violence, or a credible threat of violence, as defined.

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

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill encourages community colleges to develop and implement Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) programs directed at identifying and increasing educational attainment among students affected by social, economic, and educational disadvantages, among other specified goals.

## **SB 447 (Atkins): GO-Biz: Building and Reinforcing Inclusive, Diverse, Gender-Supportive Equity Project.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill repeals provisions in existing law that prohibits state agencies, CCCs, UCs, and CSUs from requiring travel to a state that has adopted laws leading to discrimination based on certain protected classes.

## **SB 467 (Portantino): Community colleges: apprenticeship or internship training programs.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill prohibits the denial of admission to a CCC apprenticeship or training program because the student is using an individual tax identification number for the purposes of any required background check by the class or program.

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

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill adds denial of reasonable accommodations for pregnant or parenting students in violation of Title IX to the list of conditions that may be considered good cause for excuse from participation in welfare-to-work activities under the CalWORKs program.

## **SB 544 (Laird): Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill creates, until January 1, 2026, an alternative set of provisions under which a state body may hold a teleconference meeting under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act,

including requiring at least one member of the state body to be physically present at each teleconference location.

**SB 553 (Cortese): Occupational safety: workplace violence: restraining orders and workplace violence prevention plan.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill, commencing July 1, 2024, requires employers to establish a workplace violence prevention plan that contains specified elements and authorizes, commencing January 1, 2025, any employer or the collective bargaining representative of an employee who has suffered unlawful violence or a credible threat of violence to seek a restraining order on behalf of the employee or other employees at other workplaces of the employer.

**SB 791 (McGuire): Postsecondary education: academic and administrative employees: disclosure of sexual harassment.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requests the UC Regents and requires the CSU Trustees 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.

**SB 886 (Committee on Education): Postsecondary education.**

**Bill Summary:**

This omnibus education bill makes several technical and conforming changes within the Education Code, which include renaming the “Online Education Initiative Consortium” to “California Virtual Campus.”

## TIER 2 LEGISLATION

### **AB 334 (B. Rubio): Public contracts: conflicts of interest.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill specifies, for the purposes of state law prohibiting conflicts of interests in public contracts, that an independent contractor is not considered a public official or an employee if certain conditions are met.

### **AB 355 (Alanis): Firearms: assault weapons: exception for peace officer training.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill exempts persons enrolled in specified peace officer training courses from assault weapon prohibitions while they are engaged in firearms training, being supervised by a firearms instructor, and the enrollee has met specified hiring and employment standards.

### **AB 443 (Jackson): Peace officers: determination of bias.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, commencing January 1, 2026, requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to establish a definition of “biased conduct” and requires law enforcement agencies to use that definition in any investigation regarding a bias-related complaint.

### **AB 449 (Ting): Hate crimes: law enforcement policies.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires, instead of authorizes, state and local law enforcement agencies to adopt a hate crime policy by July 1, 2024, and to report that policy to the Department of Justice according to a specified schedule.

### **AB 480 (Ting): Surplus land.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill allows local agencies to declare designated property as “exempt surplus land” without holding a public hearing if certain conditions are met, including if the declaration and findings are available for public comment at least 30 days before it takes effect.

### **AB 587 (R. Rivas): Public works: payroll records.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires any copy of requested payroll records, made available for inspection by a Taft-Hartley trust fund or joint labor-management committee, to appear on forms provided by the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement.

**AB 590 (Hart): State-funded assistance grants and contracts: advance payments.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill, subject to certain requirements, authorizes a state agency administering a grant program to provide advance payments to a qualified nonprofit organization.

**AB 785 (Santiago): California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: City of Los Angeles: County of Los Angeles: affordable housing and transitional housing.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill, until January 1, 2030, creates exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for low-barrier navigation centers, supportive housing, transitional housing, and affordable housing projects undertaken by Los Angeles public agencies, including the Los Angeles Community College District.

**AB 818 (Petrie-Norris): Protective orders.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires clarifies that a peace officer, including those employed by community college districts, must serve a protective order upon request by a petitioner, even if that request is not made at the scene of a domestic violence incident.

**AB 1121 (Haney): Public works: ineligibility list.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires awarding public works authorities, including community college districts, to annually submit a list of ineligible contractors, as specified, to the Department of Industrial Relations.

**AB 1166 (Bains): Liability for opioid antagonist administration.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill provides qualified immunity for civil damages to persons administering or providing emergency opioid antagonists at the scene of an overdose or suspected overdose.

**AB 1307 (Wicks): California Environmental Quality Act: noise impact: residential projects.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill specifies that noise from residents does not constitute a significant environmental effect under CEQA and specifies that institutions of higher education are



not required to consider alternative locations for a residential or mixed-use housing projects if certain conditions are met.

## **SB 2 (Portantino): Firearms.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill prohibits persons granted a concealed carry license from carrying a firearm into any area under the control of a community college, including, but not limited to, buildings, classrooms, entertainment venues, and athletic fields.

## **SB 229 (Umberg): Surplus land: disposal of property: violations: public meeting.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires a local agency to hold a public meeting to discuss its planned disposal of surplus land if it has been notified by the Department of Housing and Community Development that its disposal is in violation of the Surplus Land Act.

## **SB 259 (Seyarto): Reports submitted to legislative committees.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires a state agency to post on its internet website any report mandated or requested by law or identified in the Legislative Analyst Office's Supplemental Report of the Budget Act, as specified.

## **SB 416 (Laird): State agencies: building and renovation projects: LEED certification.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, commencing January 1, 2024, requires new state building and renovation projects to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold or higher certification, except in specified circumstances.

## **SB 461 (Wahab): Days and hours of work: religious or cultural observance.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill authorizes an employee to elect to receive eight hours of holiday credit for observance of a holiday or ceremony of the state employee's religion, culture, or heritage, in lieu of receiving 8 hours of personal holiday credit.

### **SB 510 (Laird): State civil service: probationary periods.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill clarifies that the probationary period for a state employee commences on the first day that the employee reports to work or begins performing job duties.

### **SB 515 (Stern): School facilities: shade structures.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires projects for the installation of freestanding, open-sided shade structures on the Division of the State Architect pre-checked design list, that have adjusted construction costs that exceeds its valuation, to instead have the cost of compliance for path of travel improvements limited to 20 percent of the construction cost.

### **SB 790 (Padilla): Public records: contracts for goods and services.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill specifies that a government contract for the purchase of goods or services is a public record subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

### **SB 798 (Glazer): Elections: local bond measures: tax rate statement.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires that the estimated tax rate in the statement for a local bond to be expressed as the rate per \$100,000 of assessed valuation on all property to be taxed.

## **TIER 3 LEGISLATION**

### **AB 226 (Ramos): University of California: California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill urges the UC, by June 30, 2024, and annually thereafter, to report each campus's progress towards completing repatriation of Native American remains and cultural items.

### **AB 255 (Alanis): Public postsecondary education: priority registration for first responders.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, commencing with the 2025-26 academic year, requires the CSUs, and requests the UCs, to grant priority registration to first responders, as defined.

### **AB 278 (Reyes): High Schools: Dream Resource Center Grant Program.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill establishes the Dream Resource Center Grant program, administered by the California Department of Education, for purposes of creating Dream Resource Centers at high schools.

### **AB 370 (Addis): Pupil instruction: State Seal of Biliteracy.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill modifies the criteria for earning the State Seal of Biliteracy by authorizing high school pupils to complete certain course requirements at a public higher education institution.

### **AB 389 (Ramos) Native American repatriation: California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001: California State University.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This bill requires the CSU to comply with various requirements regarding the handling, maintenance, and repatriation of Native American human remains and cultural items, including prohibiting the use of any Native American human remains or cultural items for purposes of teaching or research.

**AB 447 (Arambula): Public postsecondary education: students with disabilities: inclusive college programs.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill, contingent upon an appropriation, authorizes the CSU and requests the UC to establish and maintain inclusive college programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as specified.

**AB 569 (Garcia): California State University: Cybersecurity Regional Alliances and Multistakeholder Partnerships Pilot Program.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill, by July 1, 2028, requires the CSU Chancellor's Office to submit a report to the Legislature on the Cybersecurity Regional Alliances and Multistakeholder Partnerships Pilot Program.

**AB 656 (McCarty): California State University: doctoral programs.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill authorizes the CSU to award professional or applied doctoral degrees statewide that do not duplicate UC doctoral degrees if certain requirements are met.

**AB 840 (Addis): Tied-house exceptions: advertising.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill authorizes specified alcoholic beverage licensees to purchase advertising space and time from an on-sale licensee that is the owner, manager, or major tenant at various facilities situated on CSU campuses.

**AB 1138 (Weber): Postsecondary education: sexual assault and sexual violence prevention: medical examinations transportation services.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill requires, as a condition of receiving state funds for student financial assistance, the CSU Trustees and UC Regents to provide students free transportation to and from a rape crisis center to administer the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) kit.

**AB 1273 (Bonta): Classified employees: Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup.**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill, by December 31, 2024, requires the California Department of Education to convene the Classified Employee Staffing Ratio Workgroup to recommend staffing ratios for classified staff assignments.

## **SB 4 (Wiener): Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, until January 1, 2036, provides that an affordable housing development project is a “use by right” on land owned by a religious institution or an independent non-profit institution of higher education if the development satisfies specified criteria.

## **SB 27 (Durazo): University of California: vendors.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill makes it unlawful for a vendor to accept payment from the UC Regents, if the vendor is performing services or supplying the university with employees to perform services, who are paid less than the higher of the total compensation rate specified in the vendor’s contract with the university or as required by university policy.

## **SB 633 (Gonzalez): California DREAM Loan Program: DREAM grants.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill commencing with the 2024-25 academic year, authorizes a CSU or UC campus participating in the DREAM Loan Program to award DREAM grants to eligible students if that campus has unawarded funds.

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

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill strikes an exemption in current law for institutions of higher education receiving less than \$10 million on average in annual income derived from media rights for intercollegiate athletics to provide specified benefits to their student athletes, thereby requiring these institutions to provide these specified benefits.

## **SB 808 (Dodd): California State University: annual report: sexual harassment reports: formal sexual harassment complaints.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, by December 1 of each year, requires the CSU to submit a report to the Legislature on the investigations and outcomes of sexual harassment reports and complaints.

## **SB 857 (Laird): Advisory task force: LGBTQ+ pupil needs.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This bill, by July 1, 2024, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene an advisory task force to identify the statewide needs of LGBTQ+ pupils and make

recommendations on the implementation of supportive policies and initiatives that address LGBTQ+ pupil well-being.

## **BUDGET BILLS AND BUDGET TRAILER BILLS**

### **AB 102 (Ting): Budget Act of 2023.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This budget bill amends certain provisions of the Budget Act of 2023 by making changes to specified programs and allocations, including the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program and LGBTQ+ Program.

### **AB 111 (Budget): Personal Income Tax Law: exclusion: student loan debt: discharge of fees: higher education emergency grants.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This budget trailer bill clarifies that student loan debt relief and other pandemic relief provided to students through public postsecondary education institutions is not taxable income.

### **SB 101 (Skinner): Budget Act of 2023.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This budget bill implements the Budget Act of 2023 by adding, amending, and repealing specified sections and items to make appropriations for the support of state government during the 2023–24 fiscal year.

### **SB 104 (Skinner): Budget Acts of 2022 and 2023.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This budget bill junior makes various technical and programmatic changes to allocations included in the Budget Act of 2023, including the Campus Childcare Tax Bailout program and the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program.

### **SB 117 (Budget and Fiscal Review): Higher education trailer bill.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This higher education budget trailer bill provides implementation language for the allocations included in the Budget Act of 2023 and makes additional budget appropriations.

### **SB 141 (Budget and Fiscal Review): Education finance: education omnibus budget trailer bill.**

#### **Bill Summary:**

This higher education budget trailer bill clarifies that local educational agencies with existing middle college and early college programs are eligible to participate in the dual

enrollment competitive grant program administered by the California Department of Education.

## **SB 142 (Budget and Fiscal Review): Higher education trailer bill.**

### **Bill Summary:**

This higher education budget trailer bill makes various technical and programmatic changes to allocations included in the Budget Act of 2023, including the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program.