

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY TRACKED LEGISLATION

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SPONSORED & SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

[AB 2500 \(Mike Fong\) Student financial aid: application deadlines: postponement](#)

Summary: Streamlines the process for the Commission to extend state financial aid deadlines when certain qualifying events impede students' ability to apply by (1) granting the executive director such authority, (2) extending the 10-day submission timeframe to 15 days instead, and (3) authorizing the Commission to automatically grant deadline extensions in instances when the President or Governor has declared an emergency. This bill also requires the Commission to submit a report to the Legislature on deadline extension requests.

Status: Assembly Print

Position: Sponsor

Alignment with Policy Priorities: Elevate opportunities to expand or refine existing financial aid programs, rather than create new ones, to make the financial aid landscape navigable for students and families.

LEGISLATION WITH DIRECT IMPACT TO THE COMMISSION

[AB 1142 \(Mike Fong\) Postsecondary education: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California](#)

Summary: Establishes the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California as the statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination, and planning entity.

Status: Senate Rules Committee (Two Year Bill)

[AB 1575 \(Irwin\) Public postsecondary education: students codes of conduct: advisers](#)

Summary: Requires the governing boards for community college districts, the California State University, and the University of California, as a condition of receiving state funds for student financial assistance, to adopt a policy permitting a student to be represented by an adviser if the student receives a notification of an alleged violation of the institution's student code of conduct, as defined.

Status: Senate Rules Committee (Two Year Bill)

[AB 1780 \(Ting\) Postsecondary education: legacy admissions](#)

Summary: Spot bill with the intent to address legacy admissions at institutions participating in the Cal Grant Program.

Status: Assembly Print

AB 1793 (Ta) Student financial aid: Cal Grants: Middle Class Scholarship Program: eligibility: dependents of members of the armed services stationed outside of California

Summary: Extends Cal Grant & Middle Class Scholarship eligibility to students who were not California residents during high school, but who meet all other eligibility criteria and are a dependent of a member of the US armed forces who is stationed outside of CA on active duty, but who otherwise maintains residence in CA.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 1839 (Alanis) Peace officers: education and hiring grants

Summary: Establishes the “Law Enforcement Officer Grant Program” for the Commission to administer one-time grants of up to \$6,000 per year (\$18,000 maximum) to students enrolled in a modern policing degree program at a community college on or after January 1, 2026. Recipients must commit to working as a peace officer at a qualifying agency for four years within the six years following completion of the program. These grants must supplement, not supplant other sources of aid. The Commission must coordinate with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to publish a list of qualifying agencies by April 15 each year, as well as conduct evaluation and subsequent report by the end of 2031 and every two years after. Additionally, the Commission may use up to 1.5 percent of funding for outreach and administration. Lastly, the bill includes a repayment provision should recipients fail to meet specified criteria.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 1927 (Alanis) Golden State Teacher Grant Program: career technical education instructors

Summary: Expands the Golden State Teacher Grant Program to students who commit to working for four years as a credentialed career technical education instructor.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 2027 (Gipson) Student financial aid: College Access Tax Credit Fund: community college student transfers: Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools

Summary: Requires the Commission to also award grants using College Access Tax Credit funds to transfer students enrolled at Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools that are identified under the federal Higher Education Act, are physically located in California, and offer undergraduate studies.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 2165 (Reyes) Pupil instruction: financial aid application

Summary: Spot bill that would amend the opt-out form provision of the universal financial aid completion law (AB 469, 2021) for high school seniors.

Status: Assembly Print

AB 2184 (Davies) Student financial aid: Cal Grant C and Cal Grant 2

Summary: Starting with the 2025-26 award year and upon an annual appropriation, this bill doubles the maximum Cal Grant C award amount, as well as the prorated Cal Grant award and Cal Grant 2 access award amounts under the Cal Grant Reform Act.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 2363 (Ta) Student Aid Commission: membership

Summary: Increases the total Commission's membership to 16 by adding one more member of the public.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 2458 (Berman) Public postsecondary education: student parents

Summary: Requires each California State University and California Community College, while requesting the University of California, to include on their website information about resources available for student parents, including financial aid applications, Student with Dependent Children Grants, and cost of attendance (COA) adjustment/dependent care allowance information. Additionally, this bill requires the CSU Chancellor and the CCC Chancellor's Office, and requests the UC Office of the President, to develop and disseminate a policy to estimate and adjust COA information for student parents, as informed by various sources including the Commission's Student Expenses and Resources Survey and students' financial aid information. Further, this bill requires the CSU and CCC campuses, and requests UC campuses, to establish a data field on their data management system by the beginning of 2025 to identify student parents as informed by financial aid application filings for purposes of connecting them with resources.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

AB 2507 (Friedman) Student financial aid: Students at Risk of Homelessness Emergency Pilot Program

Summary: Establishes the Students at Risk of Homelessness Emergency Pilot Program which requires the Commission to contract with a nonprofit organization with over 50 years of experience operating an interest-free loan program in more than one county to award no-interest loans (with four-year repayment plans) to undergraduate students who are eligible for a Pell Grant, are enrolled at least part-time at UCLA, UC Berkeley or UC Irvine, are at risk of disenrolling or are at risk of homelessness due to the inability to pay for housing, and maintain satisfactory academic progress. The contracted nonprofit would be tasked with determining student eligibility, loan amounts, and awarding loans to students. Lastly, the nonprofit organization is required to submit an annual report to the Commission, which then the Commission must submit to the Legislature.

Status: Assembly Print

AB 2664 (Bryan) Foster youth

Summary: Requires that when a child is returned to the home after a hearing, and subsequently removed again within 60 days, that the original date of removal be the date the child entered foster care.

Status: Assembly Print

AB 2768 (Berman) Golden State Teacher Grant Program: nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies

Summary: Expands the Golden State Teacher Grant Program definition of “priority school” to also include “nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency” with 55 percent or more unduplicated pupils.

Status: Assembly Print

AB 2781 (Irwin) State Grants

Summary: Prevents state agencies from contracting, for the purpose of distributing grants, to an organization that is composed of members that would receive the grant.

Status: Assembly Print

AB 2930 (Bauer-Kahan) Automated decision tools

Summary: Requires any agency deploying an automated decision tool to: perform an impact assessment for any automated decision tool used by the agency, provide impact assessment to the Civil Rights Department within seven days, prior to the automated decision tool being used for any consequential decisions provide the subject of the consequential decision with the purposed of the automated decision tool, use the automated decision tool in a manner that results in algorithmic discrimination, among other things.

Status: Assembly Print

AB 3159 (Rendon) Student financial aid: community service scholarship

Summary: Spot bill with the intent to enact legislation related to the “Willie L. Brown, Jr. Community Scholarship Program.”

Status: Assembly Print

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

Summary: Starting July 1, 2025, this bill extends California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act protections to Cal Grant eligible students, in addition to those eligible for Pell Grant or financial aid under the California Dream Act Application.

Status: Assembly Print

SB 782 (Limon) Gubernatorial appointments: report

Summary: Requires the office of the Governor to maintain on its website a list of every state board and commission that includes, for each state board or commission, the membership list, stated purpose, duties, meeting frequency, webpage and vacancies.

Status: Assembly Desk

SB 892 (Padilla) Public contracts: artificial intelligence services: safety, privacy, and nondiscrimination standards

Summary: Requires the Department of Technology to establish safety, privacy, and nondiscrimination standards relating to artificial intelligence services, as well as prohibiting any contracts for artificial intelligence being entered into that don't meet those standards.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization

SB 896 (Dodd) Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act

Summary: Requires the Government Operations Agency, the Department of Technology, and the Office of Data and Innovation to produce a State of California Benefits and Risk of Generative Artificial Intelligence Report that includes the most significant, potential beneficial uses for the deployment of generative artificial intelligence. Also, as deemed appropriate by the Director of Emergency Services, the California Cybersecurity Integration Center, and the State Threat Assessment Center to perform joint risk analysis of potential threats.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization

SB 908 (Cortese) Public records: legislative records: electronic messages

Summary: Prohibits an elected or appointed official or employee of a public agency from creating or sending public records using nonofficial electronic messaging system unless a copy is also sent to an official electronic messaging system.

Status: Senate Rules

SB 1078 (Min) Language access

Summary: States the intent of the Legislature to create an Office of Language Access to provide critical oversight, accountability, and coordination across various state agencies to ensure limited-English-proficient individuals have meaningful access to government programs and services.

Status: Senate Rules

SB 1114 (Niello) State agencies: budget and personnel disclosure

Summary: Requires state agencies to post on their website immediately below header/title, a brief disclosure in table form of its total personnel, authorized budget, and the source of all appropriated funds for current and previous three fiscal years.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

SB 1220 (Limon) Public benefits contracts: phone operator jobs

Summary: Requires any state agency that contracts for call center services that all subcontractors are to performed by workers in California.

Status: Senate Rules

SB 1322 (Wahab) Foster youth: Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program

Summary: Starting with the 2025–26 AY (contingent upon an appropriation), this bill lowers the Chafee Grant eligibility age to 14, instead of 16.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

SB 1391 (Rubio) Teachers: preparation and retention data

Summary: Requires the Commission to annually collect demographic data on Golden State Teacher Grant Program recipients. Further, to the extent possible, GSTG demographic data would be integrated within the Cradle-to-Career Data System. Additionally, this bill requires the Office of Cradle-to-Career Data to create a teacher training and retention dashboard within the data system by January 1, 2026 with information on the state's teacher workforce, including an evaluation of the GSTG program's teacher recruitment effectiveness.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

SB 1483 (Wilk) Cal Grant Program

Summary: Spot bill related to the Cal Grant Program.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

SB 1491 (Eggman) Disclosures: Equity in Higher Education Act: Title IX: exemptions

Summary: Starting with the 2026-27 school year, this bill requires the Commission to provide a written notice to state financial aid recipients on whether their institution has an exemption from either the Equity in Higher Education Act or Title IX on file with the Commission.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

OTHER PRIORITY TRACKED LEGISLATION

[AB 1961 \(Wicks\) Food access: strategic plan](#)

Summary: Spot bill with the intent to require the State to develop a strategic master plan to end hunger in California.

Status: Assembly Print

[AB 1967 \(Jackson\) Food Insecurity Office](#)

Summary: Creates a Governor-appointed Food Insecurity Officer within the Government Operations Agency responsible for coordinating and addressing food insecurity throughout state government operations. This Officer would be responsible for establishing strategy plans for CalFresh and increasing enrollment for seniors, families with children, and individuals leaving incarceration.

Status: Assembly Human Services Committee

[AB 1968 \(Jackson\) CalFresh: enrollment for senior citizens](#)

Summary: Requires California Department of Social Services to partner with the Franchise Tax Board to automatically enroll otherwise eligible individuals 60 years of age or older for CalFresh.

Status: Assembly Human Services Committee

[AB 2033 \(Reyes\) Community colleges: electronic benefits transfer cards](#)

Summary: Requires each California Community College campus to have at least one convenience or grocery store on campus that accepts Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards as an authorized retail food store under Supplemental Nutrition Access Program (SNAP)/CalFresh, by September 1, 2025.

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

[AB 2150 \(Arambula\) Public social services: higher education](#)

Summary: Requires county human services agencies to solicit input from public institutions, including basic needs directors/coordinators, when developing engagement protocols. Additionally, this bill requires California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop and facilitate trainings for basic needs directors and staff, and eligibility workers on CalWORKs work requirements, income eligibility for social programs, and approval process to attain status as a campus-based Local Programs that Increase Employability (LPIE). This bill also requires CDSS to convene a quarterly workgroup with participation from all 58 county staff liaisons, at least four college basic needs centers, at least one staff member from each public higher education segments, and any other relevant stakeholders to discuss social services program enrollment trends, and barriers and solutions to enrollment. Lastly, the bill requires CDSS to work with specified stakeholders to submit a report to the Legislature by June 30, 2026 (and every three years thereafter) with findings and recommendations about enrollment success trends and services offered by the department that may be available to students attending a campus of an institution.

Status: Assembly Human Services Committee

AB 2586 (Alvarez) Public postsecondary education: student employment

Summary: Prohibits public colleges and universities from disqualifying students from being eligible to apply for employment positions at the campus due to not providing proof of federal work authorization, except where proof is required by federal law or is a grant condition for the place of employment. This bill requires the public segments to adopt regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this bill within 90 days of going into effect.

Status: Assembly Print

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

Summary: Allows the governing board of 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, as determined by the community college district, when other fee waivers are not provided to those students.

Status: Assembly Print

ACA 20 (Cervantes) University of California: students: paid opportunities

Summary: Requires all students attending the University of California, regardless of immigration status, to be eligible to apply for and accept paid opportunities at the University of California, including, but not limited to, employment, fellowships, residencies, apprenticeships, and contract work. UC Regents would be required to adopt policies consistent with that requirement.

Status: Assembly Print

ACR 147 (Alvarez) California's First-Generation College Celebration Day

Summary: Designates November 8, 2024, as "California's First-Generation College Celebration Day" and urges all institutions in California to support first-generation college students with opportunities and equity in completing their desired degree programs.

Status: Assembly Print

SB 1089 (Smallwood-Cuevas) Food injustice

Summary: Spot bill with the intent to enact legislation addressing food injustice.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

SB 1415 (Glazer) CalWORKs

Summary: Requires that CalWORKs recipients participating in an educational activity at a qualifying postsecondary educational institution receive a one-time payment of \$700 before the beginning of the academic term, to help pay for school costs. This amount must be adjusted every three years based on the California Necessities Index.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

SCR 93 (Hurtado) President Joseph Biden's goal of ending hunger and increasing healthy eating and physical activity

Summary: Expresses the Legislature's support for President Biden's goal of ending hunger and increasing healthy eating and physical activity by 2030.

Status: Senate Floor