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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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#### INTRODUCTION

The California Faculty Association (CFA) represents over 29,000 faculty members, including tenure-track professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors, and coaches from all 23 campuses of the California State University (CSU) system.

CFA proudly centers anti-racism and social justice in its pursuit of an equitable education for all students in California. Protecting freedom of expression, academic freedom, critical discourse among our students, and protecting our immigrant communities are critical to our work.

CFA is proud to be Sponsoring three (3) bills and co-sponsoring four (4) bills. All legislative proposals would bring transparency and accountability to the CSU while creating a more inclusive environment for faculty and students. Additionally, CFA is opposing one (1) bill.

This document also contains a list of immigration related bills that CFA is supporting, some of which are co-sponsored bills.

For a full list of bills CFA has taken positions on, please visit:

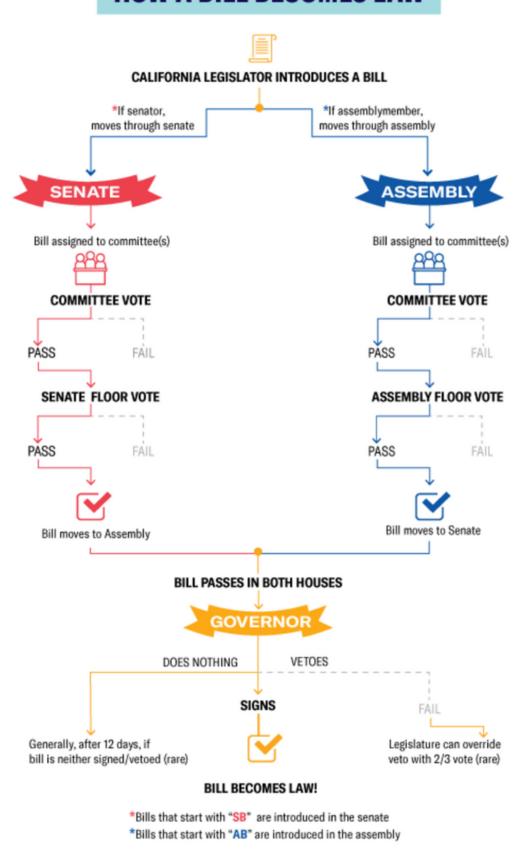
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#### **HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW**



#### SPONSORED BILLS

## Senate Bill 307 (Cervantes): Public postsecondary education: immigration enforcement

This bill would require the CSU to adopt a systemwide policy addressing course grades, administrative withdrawal, and reenrollment for undocumented students who are detained, deported, or unable to attend courses due to the actions of immigration authorities in relation to a federal immigration order.

- Passed the Senate Floor on 6/02/25.
- Status: Assembly Floor, date TBD.

# Assembly Bill 977 (Ramos): California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001: California State University: burial sites: human remains

This bill would require the California State University (CSU) system, in consultation with Native American tribes to develop a policy to identify available CSU-owned land for the burial of Native American human remains and establish three tribal burial sites – one in the Northern, Central and Southern regions of the state.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 6/02/25.
- Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

## Assembly Bill 958 (Sharp Collins): Trustees of the California State University: Gubernatorial and Faculty Appointees

This bill would ensure better faculty representation by adding an additional faculty member to the CSU Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor. The bill would add two additional trustees, with one being a faculty member.

- Moved to the Inactive File.
- Status: 2-Year Bill.

# Assembly Bill 326 (Kalra): California State University: Audits This bill would require an external audit of each campus of the CSU to be conducted at least once every 3 years

The bill would increase transparency and accountability by requiring all audits of the CSU or any of its campuses, including audits conducted by the university's internal audit staff, to be publicly available.

- Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- Status: Dead.

#### Assembly Bill 530 (Hart): CSU Transparency Act of 2025

This Bill would increase transparency and accountability by requiring the California State University to post expenditures over \$10,000 on its website, in a format that allows the public to search and aggregate that information, by July 1, 2027.

- Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- Status: Dead.

#### CO-SPONSORED BILLS

# <u>Assembly Bill 7 (Bryan):</u> Postsecondary education: admissions preference: descendants of formerly enslaved people

This bill would state that the CSU, the UC, independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions may consider providing a preference in admissions to an applicant who is a descendant of a formerly enslaved person.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 6/03/25.
- Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

## <u>Assembly Bill 340 (Ahrens):</u> Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications

This bill would prohibit public employers from coercing union representatives and interfering in the representation of union members by questioning union representatives and members regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with a union representational matter.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 6/03/25.
- Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

## Senate Bill 98 (Pérez): The Sending Alerts to Families in Education (SAFE) Act

This bill would give students, parents, and campus communities clear and timely information if immigration enforcement operations target schools and institutions of higher education. This bill would mandate schools and college campuses to immediately notify all students, parents, faculty, staff, and other community members if immigration officers are present on the premises, similar to early warning systems in place for emergency alerts.

- Passed the Senate Floor on 6/02/25.
- Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

#### Senate Bill 805 (Pérez): Crimes

This bill would clarify that a peace officer, for these purposes, includes a federal law enforcement officer. The bill would extend these offenses to include willfully and credibly impersonating any of those entities through any means for the purpose of defrauding another. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would require a law enforcement officer operating in California that is not uniformed to visibly display identification that includes their agency and either a name or badge number to the public when performing their enforcement duties, except as specified.

• Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

## Assembly Bill 1128 (Muratsuchi): California Student Teacher Support Grant Program

This bill would create a grant program to compensate student teachers to help alleviate financial stress at a critical time in the teacher preparation process. The program would award grants to teaching credential candidates to compensate them while they perform the required student teaching. The bill would require stipends for each student teacher to be equal to the daily substitute teacher rate for the applicant's local educational agency.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 6/02/25.
- Status: held by author.

## <u>Assembly Bill 335 (Gipson):</u> The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program

This bill would establish the Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program as a competitive grant program to develop and implement new, or expand existing, academic resources and student support services for underserved students, including, but not limited to, Black and African American students.

- Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- Status: Dead.

#### **OPPOSE BILLS**

#### Assembly Bill 715 (Zbur): Educational Equity: discrimination

This bill, as currently written, puts into place a system and process that, in this politically polarized climate, will facilitate local-level "citizen policing" that will undoubtedly cause harm. The policing of content related to issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, including subjects related to Ethnic Studies, through the supervision of an "Anti-Semitism Coordinator," poses four significant dangers to democratic and constitutional rights. Key concerns of this bill are that it threatens academic freedom, undermines due process, unfairly holds parties responsible for the actions of others, and poses a grave risk to all schools and districts.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 5/29/25.
- Status: Senate Education Committee.

#### IMMIGRATION RELATED BILLS

#### **Sponsored Bills**

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- Passed the Senate Floor on 6/02/25.
- Status: Assembly Floor, date TBD.

#### **Co-Sponsored Bills**

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- Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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• Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

#### **Support Bills**

#### <u> Assembly Bill 49 (Muratsuchi):</u> Schoolsites: enforcement

This bill would prohibit school officials and employees of a local educational agency from allowing an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement to enter a schoolsite for any purpose without providing valid identification and a valid judicial warrant, a court order, or exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action. The bill would require the local educational agency, if the officer or employee meets those requirements, to limit access to facilities where pupils are not present.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 5/27/25.
- Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### Assembly Bill 495 (Rodriguez): Family Preparedness Act of 2025

This bill, the Family Preparedness Plan Act of 2025, would expand the type of person who is authorized to execute a caregiver's authorization affidavit to include a "nonrelative extended family member," as defined, and grant them the same rights to authorize school-related medical care, as defined, for the minor that are given to guardians, as specified...

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 6/03/25.
- Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

## <u>Assembly Bill 681 (ElHawary):</u> California DREAM Loan Program: limits

This bill would increase the aggregate limit under the program for a student enrolled in a graduate program to \$118,500 as a graduate student, while maintaining the \$20,000 aggregate limit under the program for a student enrolled in an undergraduate program, thereby increasing the overall aggregate limit under the program for a student who receives a DREAM loan for both undergraduate and graduate enrollment to \$138,500.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 5/05/25.
- Status: Placed on the Senate Suspense File on 6/23/25.

#### <u>Assembly Bill 695 (Fong):</u> California Community College Access and Continuity for Deported Students Act

This bill, the California Community Colleges Access and Continuity for Deported Students Act, would exempt a community college student from paying nonresident tuition if the student departs the United States on or after January 1, 2025, for specified reasons, was not paying nonresident tuition at the time of departure, provides an attestation of specified information related to the departure, and reenrolls in a community college online education program no later than 3 years from the date the student departed the United States.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 6/03/25.
- Status: Senate Appropriations Committee.

## Senate Bill 81 (Arreguín): Health and care facilities: information sharing

This bill would revise the definition of "medical information" to include immigration status, including current and prior immigration status, and place of birth, and would define "immigration enforcement" to mean any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal civil immigration law, and also includes any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal criminal immigration that penalizes a person's presence in, entry or reentry to, or employment in, the United States.

- Passed the Senate Floor on 6/02/25.
- Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

#### Senate Bill 388 (Padilla): California Latino Commission

This bill would create the California Latino Commission to address the inequities faced by the Latino community in housing, education, economic mobility, labor, and health care. The commission would consist of 9 members who have demonstrated expertise in specified areas, including housing policy and advocacy and economic development.

- Passed the Senate Floor on 6/02/25.
- Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

#### Senate Bill 627 (Weiner): Law enforcement: masks

This bill would make it a crime for a law enforcement officer to wear a facial covering in the performance of their duties, except as specified. The bill would define law enforcement officer as anyone designated by California law as a peace officer and any officer or agent of a federal law enforcement agency, or any person acting on behalf of a federal law enforcement agency. The bill would make a violation of these provisions punishable as an infraction or a misdemeanor, as specified. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

• Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

#### Assembly Bill 4 (Arambula): Covered California Expansion

This bill would allow persons otherwise not able to obtain coverage by reason of immigration status to enroll in health insurance coverage in a manner as substantially similar to other Californians as feasible, consistent with federal guidance and given existing federal law and rules.

- Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- Status: Dead.

## Senate Bill 48 (Gonzalez): Immigration Enforcement: Schoolsites: prohibitions on access and sharing information

This bill would prohibit school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools and their personnel, to the extent possible, from granting permission to an immigration authority to access the nonpublic areas of a schoolsite, producing a pupil for questioning by an immigration authority at a schoolsite, or consenting to a search of any kind of the nonpublic areas of a schoolsite by an immigration authority, unless the immigration authority presents a valid judicial warrant or court order.

- Passed the Senate Floor on 6/02/25.
- Status: held by author.

#### **Resolutions (Support)**

#### AJR 5 (Lee): Birthright Citizenship

This measure would declare opposition to the unlawful Executive Order No. 1416O, entitled "Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship," ending birthright citizenship as enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, and would affirm the Legislature's commitment to birthright citizenship.

- Passed the Assembly Floor on 5/19/25.
- Status: Senate Floor, date TBD.

## SJR 9 (Durazo): Immigrants in California: mass immigration raids

This measure would strongly condemn and denounce mass immigration raids that target immigrant workers and families in California and the engagement of the military in immigration enforcement operations and in response to community protests. This measure would affirm support for safeguarding the rights and safety of all Californians, regardless of immigration status, and support, among other things, the expansion of legal services and emergency response resources to protect workers, children, and families affected by immigration enforcement.

- Passed the Senate Floor on 7/03/25.
- Status: Assembly Floor, date TBD.