

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE BILL REVIEW

(updated 8/4/2026)

BUDGET BILLS

SB 135 – Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review Higher Education Budget Trailer Bill

Status: 07/13/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 79, Statutes of 2026

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Cradle-to-Career Data System to be a source for actionable data and research on education, economic, and health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities, and to provide for expanded access to tools and services that support the navigation of the education-to-employment pipeline. Existing law defines “data providers” as the entities that submit the individual, educational, academic, training, employment, social service, health, and other information used to create the data system. This bill would require the data providers, and would request the University of California, to enter into memoranda of understanding for data sharing purposes for implementation of the data system. (Based on 07/13/2026 text)

SB 111 – Laird (D) Budget Act of 2026

Status: 06/29/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 21, Statutes of 2026

Summary: The Budget Act of 2026 would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2026–27 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2026 by amending, adding, and repealing items of appropriation and making other changes. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill. (Based on 06/29/2026 text)

CAC BILLS

AB 1707 – Davies (R) Electricians: certification application, examination, and renewal

Status: 07/22/2026 - In committee: Hearing postponed by committee

Calendar: 08/10/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Summary: Current law requires the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to maintain minimum standards for the competency and training of electricians through a system of testing and certification. Current law requires the division to issue certification cards to electricians who have been certified and paid a fee, in accordance with certain procedures. This bill would require the division to permit the application for certification and examination as an electrician to be submitted electronically and would also permit electricians to renew their certifications electronically. The bill would permit an individual who fails the electrician certification examination to reregister for certification and to retake the examination again immediately at the next available appointment with the division. (Based on 02/04/2026 text)

AB 1980 – Caloza (D)

Labor: apprenticeship: Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeships Grant Program

Status: 06/29/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Summary: Existing law establishes in the Labor and Workforce Development Agency the Department of Industrial Relations. Existing law requires the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a Women in Construction Priority Unit to, among other things, provide resources for employers and project owners, including public agencies, to improve construction worksite culture, address barriers to employment, and develop training and materials for workforce pipeline professionals specific to women and nonbinary individuals in construction. This bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the department to establish, through the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, the Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeships Grant Program for the purpose of increasing equitable access to building and construction career pathways for women, nonbinary individuals, and underrepresented populations in California. The bill would require the department to issue a competitive request for applications for qualified organizations, as defined. The bill would authorize the grants to be used only for specified purposes, including to provide direct participant stipends to offset lost wages and enable full participation in preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs that are registered with the division. This bill would require the department to prioritize applications from qualified organizations that have programs serving women, nonbinary individuals, and underrepresented populations who meet specified criteria. (Based on 06/08/2026 text)

AB 2550 – Caloza (D)

Women in the construction industry: report

Status: 07/01/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (July 1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR

Calendar: 08/03/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Summary: Existing law requires the Employment Development Department, among other duties, to establish, in conjunction with other state entities, a systemwide policy of actively promoting the training of women in nontraditional occupations. Existing law defines “nontraditional occupations” as any job classification in which not more than 25% of the employees are women, according to the statistics of the United States Department of Labor. This bill would require the department to collect specified data on construction workers, including, among other data, the training and educational capacity to produce trained, certified, and licensed construction workers. This bill would also require the department to work with the Department of Industrial Relations’ Division of Apprenticeship Standards to determine this capacity within state-registered construction preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs and to determine the number of construction preapprentices and apprentices in any given year who are women. (Based on 04/16/2026 text)

ACR 145 – Caloza (D)

Women in Construction Week

Status: 04/21/2026 - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 41, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Would proclaim the week of March 1, 2026, to March 7, 2026, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week. (Based on 04/21/2026 text)

SB 909 – Smallwood-Cuevas (D)
Public works

Status: 07/01/2026 - July 1 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.

Summary: Existing law requires that, except as specified, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages be paid to workers employed on public works and imposes misdemeanor penalties for a willful violation of this requirement. Existing law generally requires a contractor or subcontractor to be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations to be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of any public work contract. Existing law requires a contractor or subcontractor to meet specific conditions to qualify for this registration, including that a contractor or subcontractor pay an initial application fee and an annual renewal fee set by the Director of Industrial Relations. Existing law authorizes the department to establish and adjust annual registration and renewal fees up to \$800 by publishing the fees on the department's internet website. This bill would increase the fee limit to \$1,000. (Based on 05/14/2026 text)

SB 1024 – Menjivar (D)
Firefighter postpartum and recovery leave

Status: 06/25/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR

Calendar: 08/05/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Summary: The Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 entitles an employee who works in California for the same employer for 30 or more days within a year from the commencement of employment to paid sick days. Under existing law, an employee accrues paid sick days at a rate of not less than one hour per every 30 hours worked, subject to certain use, accrual, and yearly carryover limitations. This bill would entitle active firefighting members of specified fire departments who, after 20 weeks of gestation, give birth or have a stillbirth or miscarriage to 26 weeks of fully paid postpartum and recovery leave, provided that the member has at least 1,250 hours of service with the fire department in the 12-month period before the date of the childbirth, stillbirth, or miscarriage. The bill would require the leave to be granted without regard to employment classification and to begin immediately upon the date of the childbirth, stillbirth, or miscarriage. (Based on 05/14/2026 text)

SB 1299 – Arreguin (D)
State Fire Marshal Fire Suppression Education and Training Safety Act

Status: 06/25/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 08/05/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Summary: Existing law authorizes the State Fire Marshal to propose, adopt, and administer the regulations that the State Fire Marshal deems necessary in order to ensure fire safety in buildings and structures within this state, including regulations related to construction, modification, installation, testing, inspection, labeling, listing, certification, registration, licensing, reporting, operation, and maintenance. Existing law authorizes the State Fire Marshal to establish and collect reasonable fees necessary to implement these provisions. Under existing law the State Fire Marshal has enacted regulations for the certification and regulation of fire sprinkler fitters pursuant to the above-described authority. A violation of these regulations is a misdemeanor. This bill, the State Fire Marshal Fire Suppression Education and Training Safety Act, would codify and revise and recast the above-described regulations for the certification and regulation of fire sprinkler fitters. The bill would prohibit a person from working on a fire suppression system, as defined, without first being certified or registered by the State Fire Marshal, except as provided. (Based on 06/17/2026 text)

CAC/IACA BILLS

AB 135 – Committee on Budget Higher education budget trailer bill

Status: 06/29/2026 - From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 13. Noes 5.) (June 29). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: 08/03/26 #161 S-ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Cradle-to-Career Data System to be a source for actionable data and research on education, economic, and health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities, and to provide for expanded access to tools and services that support the navigation of the education-to-employment pipeline. Existing law defines “data providers” as the entities that submit the individual, educational, academic, training, employment, social service, health, and other information used to create the data system. This bill would require the data providers, and would request the University of California, to enter into memoranda of understanding for data sharing purposes for implementation of the data system. (Based on 06/26/2026 text)

AB 1694 – Carrillo (D) California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program: renewal grants

Status: 06/29/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program, administered by the State Department of Education, with the purpose of encouraging, maintaining, and strengthening the delivery of high-quality career technical education programs. Existing law requires, for the 2021–22 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, \$300,000,000 to be available to the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the program. Existing law requires a grant applicant to demonstrate a proportional dollar-for-dollar match and sets that amount at \$2 for every \$1 received from the program. Existing law prohibits an applicant from being awarded an amount higher than the amount that the allocation formula determines the applicant to be eligible to receive under the program. Existing law authorizes a grant recipient under the program to consist of one or more, or any combination, of school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, or regional occupational centers or programs operated by joint powers authorities or county offices of education, as provided. Existing law provides that an applicant receiving a grant from the program in a prior fiscal year is eligible to apply to receive a renewal grant if the applicant’s career technical education program continues to meet specified requirements, as provided. This bill would delete the prohibition against an applicant being awarded more than the amount determined by the allocation formula and would instead provide that an applicant receiving a grant from the program in a prior fiscal year is required to receive a renewal grant for at least 3 additional years, as provided. (Based on 06/11/2026 text)

AB 805 – Fong (D) Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program

Status: 06/29/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Summary: Existing law establishes the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations and requires the division, among other things, to evaluate apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs to ensure that the program evaluated is complying with its standards, as specified. Existing law requires the to perform various functions with respect to apprenticeship programs and the welfare of apprentices. This bill would establish the Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program to be administered by the division and would authorize the division to work with the State Department of Education and the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in order to, among other things, identify resources to support youth apprenticeships. The bill would require a program applicant for a Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program to submit documentation to the chief, as specified. (Based on 06/18/2026 text)

SB 75 – Smallwood-Cuevas (D)

Employment: Preapprenticeship Pathways to Employment Pilot Program.

Status: 03/02/2026 - Stricken from file. Veto sustained.

Summary: Would, by January 1, 2028, require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in partnership with the Department of Industrial Relations, to establish the Preapprenticeship Pathways to Employment Pilot Program. The bill would, until January 1, 2032, provide incarcerated individuals access to preapprenticeship training in the skilled construction and building trades. The bill would require the program to provide, among other things, instruction based on the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum and content coordinated with joint apprenticeship training committees. The bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to implement the program at one men's facility and one women's facility. The bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, beginning January 1, 2029, to annually report certain data regarding participation in the program to the Legislature. (Based on 09/18/2025 text)

SB – 845 Perez (D)

Pupil instruction: career technical education, career education, and apprenticeships

Status: 06/25/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 08/05/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Summary: Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to authorize a pupil who meets specified criteria to attend community college. Existing law requires a pupil to receive credit for community college courses that the pupil completes at the level determined appropriate by the governing boards of the school district and community college district. This bill would authorize a pupil concurrently enrolled in specified community college courses to participate in work-based learning activities, as provided. (Based on 06/23/2026 text)

SB 1059 – Archuleta (D)

Employment Training Panel

Status: 07/01/2026 - July 1 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.

Summary: Existing law establishes the Employment Training Panel within the Employment Development Department and sets forth its powers and duties with respect to certain employment training programs. Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature that the purpose of provisions relating to the panel is to establish an employment training program to promote a healthy labor market in a growing, competitive economy and to fund only projects that meet specified criteria, including, among other things, fostering retention of high-wage, high-skilled jobs in manufacturing, and other industries, as provided. Existing law also establishes the Employment Training Fund in the State Treasury, and requires that moneys in the fund be expended only for the purposes of the Employment Training Panel, except as provided. Existing law authorizes the panel to allocate moneys in the fund for reimbursement of reasonable training costs, administrative costs incurred by contractors, costs of program administration, and related services. This bill would require the panel to modernize project administration, application review, monitoring, and compliance processes by authorizing and encouraging the use of electronic systems for applicant tracking, reporting, and recordkeeping. The bill would authorize contractors and subcontractors under an agreement with the panel to satisfy recordkeeping and documentation requirements through electronic records, provided that those records are complete, accurate, and meet other specified criteria. (Based on 04/16/2026 text)

SB 1227 – Durazo (D)

Department of Industrial Relations: apprenticeship pilot program

Status: 06/25/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 08/05/26 A-APPROPRIATIONS 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 WICKS, BUFFY, Chair

Summary: Existing law provides for the establishment of apprenticeship programs in various trades, to be approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations in any trade in the state or in a city or trade area whenever the apprentice training needs justify the establishment. This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2028, the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and the Department of Human Resources to partner with the bargaining units representing employees of DIR to design and develop an apprenticeship pilot program that addresses DIR's staffing challenges. The bill would require the design, development, and administration of the program to meet specified requirements, including being consistent with the constitutional merit principle applicable to civil service employment. (Based on 06/11/2026 text)

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AB – 1904 Gipson (D)

Teachers: credentialed educator apprenticeship programs

Status: 06/24/2026 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (June 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 08/03/26 S-APPROPRIATIONS 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200 CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

Summary: Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, among other duties, establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials. Existing law requires, as a minimum requirement for a preliminary multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential, the satisfactory completion of a program of professional preparation, as specified. This bill would require the commission and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to partner in the dissemination, approval, and monitoring of credentialed educator apprenticeship programs in California, and to communicate apprenticeship requirements to professional preparation programs, local educational agencies, and other potential sponsors of credentialed educator apprenticeship programs. The bill, notwithstanding any other law, would authorize the commission to issue apprenticeship certificates or permits to educator candidates without a credential who are employed by local educational agencies and participating in commission-approved credentialed educator apprenticeship programs, as specified, and would authorize the commission to adopt regulations for that purpose. (Based on 03/09/2026 text)

AB – 2206 Fong (D)

Teacher credentialing: community college baccalaureate degrees: designated subjects career technical education teaching credential

Status: 06/29/2026 - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file

Summary: Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits. Existing law prescribes specific minimum requirements a candidate must satisfy to be issued a teaching credential, certificate, or permit, including, among other requirements, possession of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, except as provided. Existing law authorizes the commission to approve a regionally accredited institution of higher education to recommend to the commission the

issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed a teacher education program of the institution if the program meets the standards approved by the commission. Existing law defines a regionally accredited institution of higher education for these purposes to include, among other institutions, a community or junior college that confers baccalaureate degrees and is regionally accredited by specified accrediting entities, as provided. This bill would delete a community or junior college that confers baccalaureate degrees and is regionally accredited by specified accrediting entities from the definition of "regionally accredited." The bill would instead require a baccalaureate degree from an accredited community or junior college to include specific coursework in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills in the English language, as provided, in order for that baccalaureate degree to satisfy the baccalaureate degree requirement for a teaching credential, certificate, or permit. This bill would establish the California Community College designated subjects career technical education credential pilot program. (Based on 06/08/2026 text)