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

Status: 9/27/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 544, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law establishes the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, under the direction of the Labor Commissioner, within the Department of Industrial Relations, for the purpose of enforcing labor laws. Existing law requires the division to maintain minimum standards for the competency and training of electricians through a system of testing and certification. Existing 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 authorize an individual who fails the certification examination to immediately submit an application to retake the examination, as specified. The bill would transfer authority over the certification of electricians from the division to the Contractors State License Board, contingent upon an appropriation for these purposes by the Legislature and pursuant to certain timelines and procedures. (Based on 08/06/2026 text)

AB 1980 – Caloza (D)
Labor: apprenticeship: Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeships Grant Program

Status: 9/27/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 566, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires the Department of Industrial Relations, 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, and would state the goals of the program, including, among other things, providing women, nonbinary individuals, and underrepresented populations with opportunities to train for a construction career with greater access to preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs that are registered with the division. (Based on 09/27/2026 text)

SB 909 – Smallwood-Cuevas (D)
Public works

Status: 9/27/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 660, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: 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 09/27/2026 text)

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

Status: 9/20/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 419, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Would require specified fire departments to provide a paid leave of absence of up to 26 weeks to an active firefighting member who requests leave because the firefighter is disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, as provided. The bill would apply to an active firefighting member who has at least 1,250 hours of service with the fire department in the 12-month period before the date on which the paid leave begins and would require the leave to be with full pay, except as specified, at the firefighter's regular rate of pay set forth in a collective bargaining agreement and in accordance with their normal pay schedule. The bill would require all benefits to continue to accrue during the paid leave, as specified, and would require a firefighter returning from the paid leave to be restored to their prior position, as provided. The bill would request a fire department of the University of California to comply with these provisions. (Based on 09/20/2026 text)

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

Status: 9/27/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 692, Statutes of 2026.

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 Sprinkler Fitter Certification 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. The bill would establish training and other application requirements for a fire sprinkler fitter trainee, a fire sprinkler fitter apprentice, and a certified fire sprinkler fitter. The bill would impose specified supervision requirements and would require a licensed fire protection contractor or public entity, as applicable, to ensure the people it assigns to work on a fire suppression system are appropriately certified or registered. (Based on 09/27/2026 text)

SB – 845 Perez (D)
Pupil instruction: career technical education, career education, and apprenticeships

Status: 9/27/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 653, Statutes of 2026.

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 09/27/2026 text)

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SB 1227 – Durazo (D)
Department of Industrial Relations: apprenticeship pilot program

Status: 9/18/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 326, Statutes of 2026.

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, 2029, 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 09/18/2026 text)

AB – 1904 Gipson (D)
Teachers: credentialed educator apprenticeship programs

Status: 9/30/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 906, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Under existing law, it is the public policy of this state to encourage the utilization of apprenticeship as a form of on-the-job training, when such training is cost effective in developing skills needed to perform public services. Existing law requires state and local public agencies to make a diligent effort to establish apprenticeship programs for apprenticeable occupations in their respective workforces. 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. (Based on 09/30/2026 text)

AB – 2206 Fong (D)
Teacher credentialing: community college baccalaureate degrees.

Status: 9/20/2026 Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 387, Statutes of 2026.

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. (Based on 09/20/2026 text)

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SB 1059 – Archuleta (D)
Employment Training Panel

Status: 9/18/2026 Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

Summary: Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature that the purpose of provisions relating to the Employment Training Panel within the Employment Development Department 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 authorize and encourage the use of electronic systems for 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. The bill would require the panel to adopt recordkeeping and training administration standards, as specified, and to update regulations, guidance, and program materials to implement the bill’s provisions. (Based on 08/25/2026 text)

AB 2550 – Caloza (D)
Women in the construction industry: report

Status: 8/14/2026 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/3/2026)

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)

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AB 135 – Committee on Budget
Higher education budget trailer bill

Status: 8/31/2026 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 8/6/2026)

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 06/26/2026 text)

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

Status: 8/14/2026 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 6/29/2026)

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: 8/14/2026 Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(14). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 6/29/2026)

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)

NO CHANGE

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)

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)