

EDGE Policy Update

July 2024

On July 4th, the Legislature kicked off a month-long summer recess and is scheduled to reconvene on August 5th. Prior to the recess, Governor Newsom signed the final [2024-2025 State Budget](#) which includes total expenditures of \$297.9 billion. The budget agreement between the Governor and Legislature addresses a \$46.8 billion deficit for the budget year through a mix of broad-based solutions, including cuts, delays, and reapportionments. View our full budget summary [here](#).

Beyond approving the state budget, the Legislature conducted numerous hearings and voted on hundreds of bills to meet the policy committee deadline by July 3rd. When they reconvene on August 5th, all bills with a fiscal impact on the state must be passed by August 15th. Following that, the Legislature has until August 30th to pass all remaining measures from their respective houses and forward them to the Governor. Governor Newsom has until September 30th to sign or veto the legislation passed by the Legislature. EDGE remains actively involved in legislation concerning education and workforce development, many of which are awaiting decisions in their respective fiscal committees. Stay tuned for advocacy opportunities as the Legislature approaches the Appropriations Committee Suspense File in August.

Below is a list of bills EDGE is closely tracking. An official position is noted if it has been approved by our coalition. This is a dynamic list that will be updated as we continue to analyze legislation and as bills move forward, or not, this session. For more information about our positions on specific legislation, please contact Anna Alvarado, Policy Director, at aalvarado@caedge.org.

EDGE Bill Positions

[AB 359 \(Holden\) College & Career Access Pathways Partnerships \(Dual enrollment\)](#). This bill seeks to modify existing College and Career Pathways (CCAP) law to address barriers hindering Local Education Agencies and Community Colleges from establishing CCAP partnerships. The bill enables multiple partnerships, simplifies student application processes, and ensures prioritization of course pathways to facilitate students in earning high school and college credits, including those in adult education.

Position: Support

Status: Pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File.

[AB 2458 \(Berman\) Public postsecondary education: student parents](#). This bill aims to help student parents by requiring colleges to provide detailed information about support services and resources on their websites. It also mandates colleges to develop policies for estimating and adjusting costs for student parents, identify student parents in their data systems, and update cost calculators to give more accurate estimates for student parents.

Position: Support

Status: Pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee – Suspense File.

[AB 2723 \(Irwin\) The Cradle to Career Data System Act](#). This bill ensures public interaction with data while maintaining security by directing Public Information Practices Act (IPA) requests to data providers, who

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can verify identities and amend records. It also corrects an error in classifying all system data as Personally Identifiable Information (PII), allowing C2C to provide de-identified public data dashboards while protecting personal information according to state law.

Position: Support

Status: Pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2769 (Ortega) Apprenticeships: income tax returns. The intent of this bill is to promote California's apprenticeship programs by integrating an option on state income tax returns. This option would allow filers to express interest in receiving more information about the state's apprenticeship opportunities, thus increasing awareness and participation in these programs.

Position: Support

Status: Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, May 2024.

AB 2873 (E. Garcia) Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative. The Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative established a grant program to aid specific workforce training programs. Funding for this initiative is contingent upon legislative appropriation. This bill would remove several provisions about the initiative's purpose and aims to secure ongoing funding to sustain its efforts in combating racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in the job market.

Position: Support

Status: Pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 3240 (Calderon) California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021: Cal Grants. The California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021 prevents colleges from reducing institutional aid for students who receive private scholarships, as long as their total aid doesn't exceed their cost of attendance. It also stops colleges from factoring in private scholarships when determining eligibility for institutional aid. This bill would, starting July 1, 2025, increase these protections to apply to students eligible for Cal Grant awards.

Position: Support

Status: Pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 227 (Durazo) Unemployment: Excluded Workers Program. The bill would create the Excluded Workers Program managed by the Employment Development Department (EDD). It would offer unemployment insurance benefits of \$300 per week to undocumented workers who are unemployed and ineligible to receive state or federal benefits. EDD must make specific findings for eligibility and establish regulations, including an application process, to administer the program.

Position: Support

Status: Pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – Suspense File.