
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

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Bill No:	AB 167	Hearing Date:	August 31, 2026
Author:	Committee on Budget		
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Urgency:	No	Fiscal:	Yes
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Subject: Higher education budget trailer bill

Summary: This bill makes necessary changes to implement higher education provisions adopted as part of the Budget Act of 2026.

Proposed Law: This bill makes various statutory changes to implement the higher education provisions of the Budget Act of 2026. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Corrects the academic years for which CalGrant eligibly expands to cover individuals up to age 30 from 2027-2032.
- 2) Clarifies that loan repayment can also be made to the participant of the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment program, and other conforming changes.
- 3) Makes technical changes to budget trailer bill language that clarify how enrollment growth is calculated for community college funding.
- 4) Clarifies the date for which the California State University must annually report enrollment targets and related data to the Legislature and the Department of Finance to be March 15 of every year.
- 5) Makes a technical correction to delete an appropriation to the Public School System Stabilization Account in the 2025-26 fiscal year to conform to actions in the 2026-27 budget.
- 6) Authorizes an additional round of student housing projects for the California Community Colleges, and other conforming changes.
- 7) Extends the Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program at the University of California to January 1, 2032.
- 8) Includes an additional \$325,000 to the Student Support Block Grant at the California Community Colleges and makes technical, clarifying changes to allowable uses.
- 9) Other technical and conforming changes.

Fiscal Effect: This bill is a budget trailer bill within the overall 2026-27 Budget Act to implement actions related to higher education and makes various appropriations.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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