
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1784 (Pellerin) - Postsecondary education: nondiscrimination: pregnancy or pregnancy-related issues

Version: July 2, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: ED. 7 - 0, JUD. 13 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill, commencing on September 1, 2027, expands academic protections related to leave of absence policies to undergraduate students experiencing pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions and by requiring reasonable accommodations.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026**

Fiscal Impact:

- The Chancellor's office estimates that this bill could result in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund costs of between \$1.1 million and \$2.1 million for the California Community Colleges (CCC) to develop and update written policies on pregnancy discrimination and related protections, provide notices of student rights and coordinator contact information, conduct website updates, and provide student communications. The Chancellor's Office estimates additional one-time costs of between \$500,000 and \$1.6 million to designate and train a coordinator to oversee compliance, depending on whether these duties are absorbed by existing Title IX staff or require partial reassignment. Further, there could be ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund costs in the low millions of dollars each year for community colleges to provide reasonable accommodations. The exact costs will depend on several factors, including the number of students requesting accommodations, the scope of the accommodations, and faculty workload or compensation impacts where course adjustments are necessary.
- The Chancellor's Office estimates one-time General Fund costs of \$25,000 to \$65,000 to update regulations regarding pregnancy discrimination policies.
- The costs to the University of California and California State University are expected to be minor and absorbable.

Author Amendments: Provide that the bill does not waive competency, clinical, laboratory, or licensure requirements established by a postsecondary educational institution, accrediting agency, or governmental licensing authority, and does not supersede federal student aid regulations.

Committee Amendments: Add Senator Cervantes as a coauthor.

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