
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 1985 (Irwin) - Student health: athletic coaches and trainers: mental health training

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: ED. 7 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires a coach of an athletic program at the California State University (CSU), the California Community Colleges (CCCs), and each private postsecondary educational institution and independent institution of higher education that receives state financial assistance, and requests of the University of California (UC), to complete a training on student mental health as a condition of the coach's employment or volunteer service.

***** **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 minor, ongoing Proposition 98 General Funds costs for community colleges to identify and provide the required training, with the understanding they would opt to offer an existing or free training that is available, or an existing training that may already be offered to mental health employees that satisfies the requirement. However, to the extent a community college decides to develop its own training, the Proposition 98 General Fund costs could range from the tens of thousands to the hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- The bill's costs for CSU and UC are expected to be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

Author Amendments: Add Assembly Member Flora as a coauthor.

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