

THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 2248
Author: Hoover (R)
Amended: 3/26/26 in Assembly
Vote: 21

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 6-0, 6/3/26
AYES: Pérez, Ochoa Bogh, Choi, Cortese, Gonzalez, Reyes
NO VOTE RECORDED: Cabaldon

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 68-0, 4/16/26 (Consent) - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Pupil services: educational counseling: California College Guidance Initiative

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill expands existing annual notice requirements to additionally require a local educational agency (LEA) to issue a notice to the parents or guardians of specified pupils that includes the benefits of the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) and encouragement to create parent accounts.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Requires the governing board of each school district to annually notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding various rights or responsibilities of the parent or guardian relevant to the school environment. (Education Code (EC) § 48980)
- 2) Requires, as part of the annual parent notification, that parents be informed of the following:

- a) A brief explanation of the college admission requirements;
 - b) A list of the current University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) websites that help students and their families learn about college admission requirements and that list high school courses that have been certified by the UC as satisfying the requirements for admission;
 - c) A brief description of what career technical education is, as defined by the department;
 - d) Information about how pupils may meet with school counselors to help them choose courses at their schools that will meet college admission requirements or enroll in career technical education courses, or both;
 - e) In a separate and distinct disclosure, that data may be shared with the CCGI to provide students and their families with direct access to online tools and resources for college and career planning; and
 - f) Direction to the CaliforniaColleges.edu platform in order to access resources that help pupils and their families learn about college admissions requirements. (EC § 51229)
- 3) Authorizes the CCGI to provide its services to all LEAs and requires LEAs to submit students' grade point average and transcript information to the CCGI. Requires LEAs to ensure that 11th graders complete financial aid lessons on CaliforniaColleges.edu platform. (EC § 60900.5, EC § 51225.8 (b) and EC § 60900 (f))
- 4) Requires LEAs to submit grades 9 to 12, inclusive, pupil transcript information to the CCGI, as specified, in the format approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). (EC § 60900)
- 5) Requires an LEA to annually notify the parents or guardians of pupils admitted to, or advancing to, grades 7 to 12, inclusive, of any dual enrollment or International Baccalaureate (IB) opportunities. (EC § 48980.6)

This bill:

- 1) Requires an LEA, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, to annually notify the parents or guardians of pupils admitted to, or advancing to, grades 7 to 12, inclusive, of the benefits of the CCGI and an encouragement to create parent accounts, alongside its existing annual notice requirements related to its dual enrollment and IB course offerings.

- 2) Defines “local educational agency” to mean a school district, county office of education (COE), or charter school.

Comments

- 1) *Need for the bill.* According to the author, “Every student deserves an equal opportunity to strive for academic achievement and prepare for college and career success. Too often, that opportunity is determined by a student’s access to information. By requiring Local Educational Agencies to notify parents of the California College Guidance Initiative, AB 2248 seeks to ensure no student is denied the opportunity to prepare for their future simply because they were never informed of the support available to them.”
- 2) *The California College Guidance Initiative.* CCGI is a public-nonprofit partnership focused on reducing obstacles to student success by creating clearer pathways between K-12 and higher education institutions. While CCGI’s work dates back to 1998, it was codified in 2021 as part of the California Cradle-to-Career Data System to streamline the college and financial aid application processes for students, while providing educators with the information necessary to inform data-driven counseling practices and real-time decision-making. CCGI does this work through its management of CaliforniaColleges.edu, California’s official college and career planning platform for students in grades 6 through 12. CaliforniaColleges.edu is free to use and serves as an infrastructure for post-secondary planning, data-driven student guidance, and standardized student record sharing between LEAs and California’s public higher education systems and CSAC.

Through the CCGI, all students in grades 6 through 12 can create a Basic Account, providing access to:

- Career assessments to help them discover their interests, personality, learning style, and more;
- College, major, and career search tools that help them explore their options;
- Curated college, career, and financial aid planning content that guides them through developing a post-secondary plan;
- A digital portfolio to track their academic, career, and financial aid plans to chronicle experiences and maintain related documents; and

- A function to launch their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

Students in grades 9 through 12 with transcript-informed Partner Accounts also have access to a dashboard that displays the courses which they are currently taking and the courses they have completed. This information comes directly from the LEA's transcript files submitted to CCGI. Through their transcript-informed Partner Accounts, students in grades 9 through 12 are also able to:

- View CSU and UC Eligibility Tools that allow them to see their progress towards meeting the minimum requirements for admission to CSU and UC;
- Verify that the A-G courses they are taking or have completed have been officially approved as A-G courses in the CMP administered by the UC Office of the President. A-G course alignment is critical for ensuring students meet UC/CSU eligibility requirements; and
- Launch applications for CCC, CSU, and UC, and import district-verified A-G courses and grades into Cal State Apply and UC Applications.

Once a student has registered for an account, parents or guardians can register for a Parent Account, allowing families to view and monitor their student's engagement with the CaliforniaColleges.edu platform, as well as their progress on college, career, and financial aid planning lessons.

Current law requires LEAs to provide annual notices to parents and guardians, informing them that student data may be shared with the CCGI to inform the CaliforniaColleges.edu platforms college and career planning tools.

This bill would require that a notice on the benefits of CCGI and encouragement for parents to create parent accounts be included alongside existing annual notices on dual enrollment and IB course availability.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: Yes

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/15/26)

Alameda County Office of Education
California Charter Schools Association
Delta Kappa Gamma International - Chi State

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/15/26)

None received

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 68-0, 4/16/26

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Boerner, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Elhawary, Ellis, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Arambula, Berman, Bonta, Dixon, Flora, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Papan, Celeste Rodriguez, Schiavo

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