

Date of Hearing: August 21, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 62 (Berman) – As Introduced August 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Student Parent Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of September as Student Parent Month; and, encourages policymakers, institutions of higher education, higher education leaders, and communities to honor and support student parents in creating brighter futures for themselves and their families. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California is home to approximately 300,000 undergraduate student parents — comprising over 12 percent of undergraduate students in the state — along with more than 100,000 graduate student parents.
- 2) These student parents are raising over half a million children — making up 6 percent of all children in California and exceeding the total number of children in over 15 states.
- 3) Student parents represent diverse socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds, and are present across urban, suburban, rural, coastal, and inland areas.
- 4) Student parents often report feeling disconnected, invisible, and unwelcome when their campuses do not meet their unique needs, such as child care, family housing, and flexible scheduling and attendance policies.
- 5) Increasing the educational attainment level of the state’s 400,000 student parents will have a multiplier effect on their more than 530,000 children, since parental education level has been linked to the academic and economic success of their children.
- 6) California has demonstrated leadership in advancing policies to better serve student parents, including the passage of Assembly Bill 2881 in 2022, the first law in the nation that requires public colleges and universities to provide priority registration for student parents, aiming to remove barriers by alleviating scheduling conflicts.
- 7) California continues to strengthen these supports, including through the passage in 2024 of Assembly Bill 2458, the GAINS for Student Parents Act, which helps student parents afford, enroll in, and complete their higher education journeys by requiring updated cost of attendance policies that account for dependent care expenses and requiring institutional student parent data collection and reporting.
- 8) States, institutions, community organizations, and students throughout the country commemorate National Student Parent Month. Designating September as Student Parent Month in California will be a step towards ensuring this student population receives the visibility, recognition, resources, and support it deserves.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Alliance for Student Parent Success

Opposition

None on file

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