

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 167 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

As Amended August 28, 2026

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately

SUMMARY

This bill contains statutory provisions related to higher education necessary to implement the August 2026 budget package.

Major Provisions

- 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 a 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.

COMMENTS

This bill makes technical and conforming changes related to higher education as part of the August 2026 budget package.

According to the Author

This bill makes statutory changes necessary to implement the August 2026 budget package.

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill appropriates \$325,000 one-time Proposition 98 funding that was reflected in the scoring of the June 2026 budget package.

VOTES**SENATE FLOOR: 28-10-2**

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Cortese, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Smallwood-Cuevas, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

NO: Alvarado-Gil, Choi, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Seyarto, Strickland, Valladares

ABS, ABST OR NV: Reyes, Stern

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