
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 195
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Amended: 8/10/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Student Financial Aid Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes the month of October each year as Student Financial Aid Awareness Month, and declares that it is important to increase student participation in financial aid programs to ensure that students receive clear, timely, and accessible information about application requirements, deadlines, and available resources.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California's future depends upon the ability of students from every region, background, income level, and community to pursue higher education and training beyond high school.
- 2) The Student Aid Commission is responsible for promoting education equity by making postsecondary education financially accessible and affordable for all Californians, which includes removing communication and awareness barriers for students and families, particularly first-generations students, low-income students, foster youth, student parents, veterans, adult learners, and students from historically underserved communities.
- 3) Many students who are eligible for financial aid do not receive all available assistance because they are unaware of the programs that exist, are uncertain about how to apply, or need additional guidance in completing financial aid applications and related requirements.
- 4) High schools, colleges, universities, financial aid professionals, counselors, administrators, faculty, community organizations, student leaders, and families

all play an important role in increasing awareness of financial aid opportunities and supporting students through the application process.

- 5) California has demonstrated a strong and continued commitment to student financial aid through programs and policies designed to expand access to higher education and reduce unmet financial need.
- 6) The observance of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month affirms California's commitment to education access, equity, affordability, and student success.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/10/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/10/26)

None received

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