

Date of Hearing: August 17, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 195 (Reyes) – As Amended August 10, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: Student Financial Aid Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the month of October each year as Student Financial Aid Awareness Month 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. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Higher education remains one of the most powerful pathways to opportunity, economic mobility, civic engagement, and individual achievement. 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-generation students, low-income students, foster youth, student parents, veterans, adult learners, and students from historically underserved communities.
- 3) Completing the California Dream Act application or Free Application for Federal Student Aid provides access to grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and other forms of financial assistance, and allows students to enroll in college, remain enrolled, complete their educational goals, and enter the workforce better prepared to contribute to the state’s prosperity.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Recognizing Student Financial Aid Awareness Month provides an opportunity to encourage students to learn about available financial aid, complete required applications, meet important deadlines, and seek assistance when needed.
- 6) The observance of Student Financial Aid Awareness Month affirms California’s commitment to education access, equity, affordability, and student success.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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