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AB 2150: Student Resource Networks

Summary

Students should be supported by social services tailored to their unique needs. AB 2150 establishes a statewide knowledge sharing network of basic needs coordinators and county liaisons of higher education.

Background

In 2023, the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) documented increased levels of food and housing insecurity among California's college students, with disproportionate impacts on low-income students, students of color, and adult learners.¹ Compounding these challenges is that students have unique conditions like financial aid or new addresses that make navigating the complex eligibility requirements of public assistance programs incredibly challenging.

In response, the state now requires every county to appoint at least one employee to serve as a county liaison of higher education. This person is responsible for connecting on-campus basic needs coordinators with resources to better assist students with accessing county-administered services such as CalFresh and CalWORKs.

Unfortunately, glaring inconsistency across counties in how support is delivered to students still exists. Some students in desperate need of food or financial assistance continue struggling while in a neighboring county a similar student is getting support that might make the difference between staying in school and dropping out. While the Department of Social Services recently released an All County Information Notice on student eligibility in an attempt to help to standardize student support across the state, it isn't sufficient to address the ongoing systemic challenges facing students.²

¹ [CSAC Food and Housing Insecurity](#)

Related Legislation

AB 1326 (Arambula, 2021) requires every county to appoint at least one employee to serve as a county liaison of higher education. However, there is strong demand for regular meetings and coordination between all stakeholders to ensure that all students receive support.

This Bill

Requires the California Department of Social Services to:

- 1) Develop training for basic needs directors, basic needs center staff, eligibility workers, and other designated professional staff.
- 2) Convene quarterly meetings of counties, at least four campus basic needs directors, and at least one staff member from each higher education segment to identify best practices.
- 3) Make technical assistance publically available to all basic needs professional staff, county liaisons, and eligibility workers.
- 4) Submit a report to the legislature on or before May 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter.

Support

California Association of Food Banks
California Competes: Higher Education for a Strong Economy
California State University, Office of the Chancellor
California Student Aid Commission
Center for Healthy Communities at California State University, Chico
Central California Food Bank
Community Action Partnership of Orange County
Faculty Association of California Community Colleges
Feeding San Diego

² [ACIN I-85-22](#)



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Food for People, the Food Bank for Humboldt County
Food In Need Of Distribution Food Bank
Food Share
Genup (Generation Up)
Glide
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
San Diego Food Bank
San Diego Hunger Coalition
San Jose-Evergreen Community College District
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
University Of California
Western Center on Law & Poverty
Westside Food Bank

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