

2020-21 Legislative Year Summary:

From *Cal Matters* (<https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2021/10/new-california-laws/>):

Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed 770 new California laws and vetoed 66. Here's a look at what's coming in the Golden State.

Signed into law:

Making ethnic studies a high school graduation requirement, as CalMatters' Joe Hong reports. Under a bill Newsom signed last year, California State University students must also take an ethnic studies course to graduate.

Mandating mental health instruction in middle and high schools that have an existing health education course.

Requiring public colleges, universities and secondary schools to provide free menstrual products on campus.

Vetoed:

Massively expanding Cal Grant, the state's chief financial aid program. Ironically, the move came a few days after Newsom approved a stack of bills he said would increase college affordability and accessibility.

From the *Faculty Association of California Community Colleges* (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publish.aspx?session=21&id=c46c38e2-40d8-49bb-a9aa-7d7ea2c467ea>):

Signed into law:

AB 245: Educational Equity: Student Records: Name and Gender Changes

AB 306: School Districts and Community College Districts: Employee Housing

AB 337: Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

AB 396: CalFresh: Educational Programs

AB 417: Rising Scholars Network: Justice-Involved Students

AB 927: Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program

AB 928: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee

AB 1002: Postsecondary Education: Course Credit for Prior Military Education, Training, and Service

AB 1111: Postsecondary Education: Common Course Numbering System

AB 1326: Public Social Services: County Liaison for Higher Education

SB 26: Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation and Representation

SB 255: Healthcare Coverage: Employer Associations

SB 416: Corrections: Educational Programs

Vetoed:

AB 375: Community Colleges: Part-Time Employees

AB 1456: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act