



# ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOAQUIN ARAMBULA, M.D. 31<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

## AB 2150: Student Resource Networks

### Summary

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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

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [CSAC Food and Housing Insecurity](#)

### Related Legislation

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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

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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 June 30, 2026, and every three years thereafter.

### Support

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California Association of Food Banks (Sponsor)  
Center for Healthy Communities  
Center for Economic Justice & Action  
GRACE/ End Child Poverty California  
Student Senate for California Community Colleges  
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### For More Information

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<sup>2</sup> [ACIN I-85-22](#)