

## ASSEMBLY BILLS

**California Assembly Bill 713** (2025-2026), titled the "[Opportunity for All Act](#)" and authored by Assemblymember Luz Rivas, seeks to prohibit the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), and California Community Colleges from denying on-campus student employment based on a lack of federal work authorization. The bill aims to allow undocumented students to work in campus jobs.

### Key Aspects of AB 713:

- **Purpose:** The bill ensures that public colleges and universities in California do not disqualify students from, or deny them, employment opportunities simply because they cannot provide federal proof of work authorization.
- **Target Institutions:** The legislation applies to the University of California, California State University, and California Community College systems.
- **Status:** As of early 2026, the bill has passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and is moving forward in the legislative process.
- **Background:** This is a continuation of efforts to allow undocumented student employment, which was previously vetoed in a similar form. The bill argues that federal prohibition on hiring undocumented workers does not apply to state government entities.

In the 2025–2026 California Legislative Session, **Assembly Bill 1996 (AB 1996)** proposes the establishment of the **California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council**. Introduced by Assemblymember Mia Bonta on February 17, 2026, the bill aims to create a dedicated structure to reduce child poverty in the state by 50% within 10 years.

### Key Provisions of AB 1996 (2025–2026)

- **Structure and Leadership:** The bill proposes housing a 18-member council within the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS), co-chaired by the CalHHS Secretary and the Director of Social Services, incorporating members with lived experience of poverty.

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- **Duties and Reporting:** The council would evaluate policies for their impact on children, provide budget analyses on child well-being, and submit reports, with the first report due by July 1, 2027.

## SENATE BILL

In the 2025–2026 legislative session, **Senate Bill 1422 (SB 1422)** is known as the **Medi-Cal Access Restoration Act**. Introduced by State Senator Maria Elena Durazo and Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula on February 20, 2026, the bill aims to reverse recent cuts to healthcare for undocumented residents.

### Key Provisions

- **Restoring Enrollment:** It would end the current freeze on Medi-Cal enrollment for undocumented Californians aged 19 and older, allowing all income-qualifying residents to enroll regardless of immigration status.
- **Full-Scope Coverage:** The bill seeks to restore full-scope Medi-Cal coverage beginning **January 1, 2027**.
- **Remaining Limitations:** While it expands enrollment, it currently does **not** propose reversing limits on dental benefits or eliminating the \$30 monthly premium for certain populations scheduled to start in July 2027.