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Statement on California Assembly For-Profit College Bill Package

“By rolling back federal rules designed to protect students and taxpayers from abuse at the hands of predatory colleges, the Trump Administration is putting students across the country at risk. We commend the California Assembly members seeking to instill state backstops to ensure that Californians, and the integrity of the state’s financial aid programs, remain protected regardless of what happens in Washington. More than half of student loan defaulters in California hail from for-profit colleges, and more than 30,000 Californians have filed for loan discharges based on mistreatment by their college. Hundreds of thousands of students would benefit from the protections provided in these bills.”

Introduced bills include:

- [AB 1340](#) (Asm. Chiu) to ensure career education programs deliver value to students;
- [AB 1341](#) (Asm. Berman) to create protections against illegitimate nonprofit conversions and covert for-profit institutions;
- [AB 1342](#) (Asm. Low) to prevent unjust enrichment of corporations during nonprofit conversions;
- [AB 1343](#) (Asm. Eggman) to prevent schools from being funded solely by taxpayer-funded programs;
- [AB 1344](#) (Asm. Bauer-Kahan) to protect Californians enrolling online in schools based in other states;
- [AB 1345](#) (Asm. McCarty) to prevent institutions from offering incentives or setting quotas for enrollment counselors; and
- [AB 1346](#) (Asm. Medina) to expand financial relief available to harmed students under the Student Tuition Recovery Fund.

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