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**2021 Bill Watch for Student Services and Student Support Programs**

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| **Bill** | **Description** | **Position** | **Notes/Status** |
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| HB 1009 | Expands certain mandated health plan coverage to higher education student health plans | Neutral | Passed House, in Senate Health & Long Term Care |
| HB 1016 | Establishes June 19th (Juneteenth) as a state holiday | Support | Passed House, in Senate State Government & Elections |
| HB 1166 | Expands pilot program for Supports for Students Experiencing Homelessness (SSEH) | Support | Passed House, in Senate Higher Education |
| HB 1213 | Expands access to affordable childcare and early childhood education programs | Support | Passed House, headed to Senate |
| HB 1302 | Expands College in the High School to include 9th graders | Neutral | Passed House, in Senate Early Learning & K12 |
| HB 1368 | Appropriates funds for state COVID-19 relief supported by federal funding, including undocumented student relief grants | Support | Signed into law by Governor; funds must be spent by June 30, 2021 |
| HB 1425 | Expands Opportunity Scholarship Program opportunities for community and technical college students | Support | Passed House, in Senate Higher Education |
| SB 5194 | Substitute bill incorporates elements of HB 1355 Counselor Taskforce report, and creates mandates in full-time faculty hiring, guided pathways, and student success programs; Section 6 creates pilot program to implement counseling best practices | Support/  Concerns | Passed Senate, headed to House |
| SB 5214 | Expands eligibility for exemption to the 60- month lifetime limit for temporary assistance to needy families (TANF). Includes non-compliance-based termination within exemption. Allows family to keep income while receiving assistance. Enables TANF orientation via phone. | Support | Passed Senate, in House Housing, Human Services, & Veterans |
| SB 5227 | Requires colleges to establish DEI/anti-racism training for all faculty, staff, and students | Support | Passed Senate, in House College & Workforce Development |
| SB 5237 | Companion to HB 1213 | Support | Passed Senate, in House Children, Youth, & Families |
| SB 5241 | Creates grant program for local communities to promote equity, economic inclusion, and a stable financial foundation for people experiencing poverty, with a focus on people of color and people in rural counties; grants of $200,000 each | Neutral | Passed Senate, headed to House |
| SB 5288 | Closely resembles HB 1425 | Support | Passed Senate |
| SB 5321 | Makes auto sign-up for the College Bound program permanent for 7th – 9th graders | Support | Passed Senate, in House College & Workforce Development |