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Adult Education Students Pursuing High School Diploma Or Equivalency Certificate Allowed To Enroll As Special Part Time Students At Community Colleges

Senate Bill (SB) 554 was signed into law on by Governor Newsom on October 4, 2019. The law authorizes the governing board of a school district overseeing an adult education program, or the governing board of a community college district overseeing a noncredit program, to authorize an adult student pursuing a high school diploma or equivalency certificate to enroll as a special part-time student at a community college. Through the bill, the community college would be credited or reimbursed through the apportionment process for the student's attendance at the college.

Existing law authorized school districts to allow pupils whom they determined would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work to attend community college as special part-time or full-time students, subject to parental permission. SB 554 extends special part-time student status to adult school students.

Takeaways

Community colleges must recognize the ability of adult school students to enroll as special part-time students, and must keep record of these students to ensure reimbursement.

If you have any questions about SB 554 or special part-enrollment at community college, please contact the authors of this Client News Brief or an attorney at one of our [eight offices](#) located statewide. You can also subscribe to our [podcast](#), follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) or download our [mobile app](#).

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