

The Honorable Sasha Renee Perez
Chair, Senate Education Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6720
Sacramento, CA 95814

April 6, 2026

RE: SB 1262 (Archuleta)

Position: Sponsor

Dear Chair Perez:

The CFT — A Union of Educators & Classified Professionals, AFT, AFL-CIO, is proud to sponsor SB 1262 (Archuleta), which would require a community college district to keep their reserves under 50% of their annual operating budget unless the district participates in the part time healthcare program, pays part time faculty for office hours, and provides that 75% of its teaching hours are taught by full time faculty.

The CFT represents over 120,000 certificated and classified employees from early childhood educational settings, TK-12 schools, community colleges, the University of California, and various private-sector education institutions. Our members provide critical services for students of all ages. In all segments of education, the CFT is committed to promoting high-quality education and to securing the conditions necessary to provide the best services to California's students.

Currently, community college districts have budgets with unrestricted operating reserves of up to 70% of their annual budget while students fail to receive classes they seek, receive assistance at office hours, and faculty is left without health insurance to ensure the safety of themselves and their students. Despite hundreds of millions in investments the state has provided to ensure students have access to faculty office hours and faculty has access to health insurance, many districts are not seeking to access these state reimbursements.

This legislation provides that districts who have more than 50% of their annual operating budget must participate in the state reimbursement programs for faculty office hours and health insurance, and meet the current law that 75% of teaching hours are conducted by full-time faculty or face a penalty. The penalty would be having districts provide the funding they have in their unrestricted reserve be distributed to non-supervisory staff which would in many cases help individual instructors access health insurance or provide class off hours. Without this legislation, faculty will be less healthy, students will receive less access to office hours, and districts will be sitting on unrestricted funding while students fail to reach their learning potential or goals.

For these reasons, we urge your 'AYE' vote when this bill comes before you. Should you have any questions, please contact CFT Legislative Representative Tiffany Mok at tmok@cft.org.

Sincerely,



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