

Urgent Action Alert: Contact Governor Newsom Now to Voice Support for AB 789

[AB 789](#) (Berman and Cervantes), which would decrease financial aid disqualification and reduce student homelessness currently experienced by 400,000 college students annually in California by requiring public post-secondary institutions to adopt the federal standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress, has passed the Legislature and is on the Governor's desk. AB 789 is a cost-effective approach to reducing student homelessness and increasing educational equity in California.

Please take three minutes to express your support for AB 789 TODAY!

Option 1) [Submit a message](#) on the Contact page of the Governor's Office website:

1. Go to the page linked above and select "An Active Bill" for the topic of your message.
2. Select "AB 789" from the dropdown menu of bills.
3. Choose "Leave a Comment" for the purpose of the message and click "Next".
4. Choose "Pro" for your stance on the topic and change the subject line of the message to read: "AB 789 - IN SUPPORT".
5. Enter the sample message provided below or create your own message.

Option 2) Email a message to leg.unit@gov.ca.gov to show your support. Use the sample below or create your own message. Please be sure to include "AB 789 – IN SUPPORT" in the subject line.

Sample Message

Dear Governor Newsom,

My name is **[Insert Name Here]** and I work at **[Insert Org Here]** -or- I am a student at **[Insert School Here]**. I am writing in support of AB 789: Satisfactory Academic Progress.

AB 789 would decrease financial aid disqualification and reduce student homelessness, currently experienced by 400,000 college students annually in California, by requiring a public post-secondary institution to adopt the federal standard for Satisfactory Academic Progress. The approach in AB 789 has been in California and found to decrease financial aid disqualification by 30% and increase degree attainment by 83%.

AB 789 would allow more students to maintain their financial aid, remain enrolled, and stay safely housed. These steps are necessary to narrow graduation gaps among low-income students and students of color as well as support California's goal of combatting student homelessness and increasing enrollment numbers across postsecondary institutions.

I hope that you see the potential impact this bill could create in paving more equitable pathways for students to complete their degrees and ask for your support. Thank you.

We appreciate your help as we make our final push to adopt this critical bill!