



2026 Lobby Days

Talking Points for Assembly Bill 1845

Student Safety and Anti-Exploitation Act

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- AAUW California a cosponsor of AB 1845 by Assemblymember Maggy Krell..
- Human trafficking and exploitation is not usually associated with college campuses. However, a [study](#) conducted among college students on 12 Southern California campuses found that nearly 1 in 5 experienced force/coercion into selling sex as a college student and 34% had considered selling sex to support loved ones and/or pay for school.
- College students can be particularly vulnerable to risk factors such as housing instability, lack of social or familial support, or first-time encounters with exploitative situations. This is compounded by increased risks of targeting based on histories of trauma or marginalization, based on factors like gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, immigration status or socioeconomic class.
- In 1972, Title IX was federally enacted to prohibit sex-based discrimination, like sexual harassment or sexual violence, in any education program receiving federal funds. While human trafficking and sexual exploitation through online platforms, social networks, recruitment or coercive relationships constitute severe forms of gender-based violations under Title IX, existing law does not **specifically** require the inclusion of human trafficking in campus training and protocols.
- AB 1845 requires post-secondary institutions to:
 - Update their sexual harassment training for employees to include human trafficking and require employees to receive training annually.
 - Ensure campus officials include human trafficking related crimes when compiling records of crimes on campus.
 - Construct written agreements with law enforcement clarifying human trafficking investigation responsibilities.
 - Adopt a policy concerning incidents of human trafficking, a statement that trafficking is a state and federal crime and physical signs that may indicate trafficking is occurring.

We respectfully ask for your “Yes” vote on AB 1845