

SB 316 - High School Voter Registration Act: Voter Registration

California Bill SB316 aims to increase youth voter registration by requiring California High Schools to provide all 11th grade students with information and resources regarding how to preregister to vote. The bill was created to alleviate the low prevoter registration rate among 16 and 17 year olds as an effort to increase voter turnout and increase civic engagement amongst youth.

YCIC should support this bill because of its effort to support civic engagement. California Bill SB316 aligns with YCIC's mission to increase student civic engagement through making the materials for students to understand how to preregister to vote more accessible, as well as receive paper voter registration cards upon request. By requiring students to be educated on the topic, students would be more inclined to pre-register, making them automatically registered when the students turn 18, making it easier for the next generation of voters to participate in future elections.

This Bill is authored by Eloise Gomez Reyes (D) and co-authored by Gail Pellerin (D) and Jose Solache (D). The Bill has reached the Senate and is currently awaiting action in the Assembly.

Reference Link: https://calmatters.digitaldemocracy.org/bills/ca_202520260sb316