



# CASCWA

California Association of Supervisors  
of Child Welfare and Attendance

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE October 2018

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Listed below is a brief synopsis of current legislation that has been introduced and with minor or no opposition. Please note that each bill listed has received legislative approval out of both the state Senate and Assembly by the legislative deadline and has the governor's signature. For a full description of each bill, you may access this information at: [www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov) or [www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov). Note that each approved legislation listed below becomes law effective January 1, 2019.

### ASSEMBLY BILLS

**AB 406 (McCarty)**-declares that all charter schools in California must be operational as a non-profit upon initial application or renewal.

**AB 1248 (Gloria)** -declares that a pupil has the right to wear religious, ceremonial or cultural adornments as defined at school graduation ceremonies.

**AB 1747 (Rodriguez)**-declares the intent of legislature that all public schools including charter schools develop a school safety plan including consultation with the fire department.

**AB 1871 (Bonta)**- requires charter schools except virtual charter schools to offer free and reduced lunch.

**AB 1974 (Fletcher)**-declares that a pupil can never owe or be billed for a debt owed to a public school with exceptions for loaned materials, books and vandalism committed.

**AB 2015 (Reyes)**- requires each public and charter school to ensure that each pupil receives information on how to properly complete and submit a Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**AB 2022 (Chu)**- requires a school district or county office of education and charter schools to notify parents or guardians of a pupil no less than twice a year on how to initiate access to available mental health services on campus or in the community or both.

**AB 2121 (Caballero)**-extends the same provisions to a migratory student as defined in the same manner as homeless students, foster students and military dependents.

**AB 2289** (Weber)-allows a leave of absence for pregnant and parenting pupil from 6- 8 weeks.

**AB 2291** (Chu)- requires school districts, county offices of education and charter schools to annually make available the online training module for bullying and bullying prevention.

**AB 2826** (Friedman) Adds additional requirements to the interdistrict transfer process.

**AB 2949** (Gloria)-Allows a child of a military family to continue attending his/her school origin regardless of any change of residency.

**AB 3022** (Fletcher)-Authorizes the retroactive grant of a high school diploma to a person who departed against his or her will and at the time of the departure was enrolled in grade 12 in a public or charter school and was in good academic standing.

## **SENATE BILLS**

**SB 918** (Wiener)- Establishes an office of Homeless Youth which will among other items, administer grants to school districts for services to Homeless Youth.

**SB 972**(Portantino)-requires schools that issue ID cards to include on the back of the ID card information related to mental health referrals and suicide prevention.

**SB 1036**(Wilk)-Prohibits the release of directory information as defined and personal information of a parent/guardian or pupil in the minutes of a meeting of the governing board.