

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE October 2022

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Listed below is a brief synopsis of current legislation that has been introduced and with minor or no opposition and has been approved by the state Assembly, Senate and approved by the governor related to child welfare and attendance issues at a school site during this legislative session. For a full description of each bill, you may access this information :www.senate.ca.gov or www.assemby.ca.gov. The legislation unless noted becomes law effective January 1,2023.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 58(Salas) - Would require a local educational agency, on or before June 1, 2024, to review and update its policy on pupil suicide prevention, and revise its training materials, to incorporate best practices identified by the department in the department's model policy.

AB 408(Quirk Silva)-Would require a LEA homeless liaison to provide an annual training to classified and certificated staff who work with or are associated with homeless students.

AB 452(Friedman)- Would require a school district, county office of education and charter school to inform parents at the beginning of each semester or quarter of the regular school term of California's child access prevention laws and laws related to the safe storage of firearms.

AB 740 (McCarty)-Would give a foster child's attorney and county social worker the same rights as a parent or guardian has of a child to receive a suspension notice, expulsion notice, manifestation determination notice, involuntary transfer notice and other documents and related information. Additionally, gives the right of the attorney and social worker to initiate a hearing adjudicated by a neutral hearing officer before a foster child may be involuntarily removed from a charter school.

AB 748 (Carrillo)-Would require before the start of the 2023-2024 school year, each school site in a school district, county office of education or charter school serving any of grade 6 to 12 inclusive to create a poster that identifies approaches and shares resources regarding pupil mental health. The poster must be prominently and conspicuously displayed at each school site.

AB 1797(Weber)- Would require health care providers and other agencies, including schools to disclose specified immunization information and would add the patient or client's race or ethnicity that shall or may be disclosed.

AB 1810(Levine)-Would authorize the LEA upon receipt of a pupil's parent or guardian request to designate one or more volunteers at the pupil's school to receive training regarding the emergency usage and administration of anti-seizure medication.

AB 2274 (Rubio)-Would allow a case involving the failure to report an incident known or suspected by the mandated reporter to be child abuse or severe neglect as defined to be filed within one year of the discovery of the offense but in no case later than four years after the commission of the offense.

AB 2337 (Dahle)-Education Code would define "frontier school district to mean a school district that meets certain attendance or population criteria. (ADA of 600 or less)

AB 2355 (Salas)- Would require a school district, county office of education or charter school to report any cyberattack, as defined, impacting five hundred pupils or personnel to the newly established California Cybersecurity Integration Center.

AB 2598 (Weber)- Requires the California Department of Education to develop evidenced based best practices for restorative justice practice implementation on a school campus and to make these practices available on the CDE website on or before June 1,2024.

SENATE BILLS

SB 532 (Caballero)-Will require a LEA to inform a pupil who is homeless, in foster care, a former juvenile court school pupil a pupil who is a child of a military family or a pupil who is a migratory child or their option to remain in school for a 5th year to complete the statewide course requirements in order to graduate from high school.

SB 955(Leyva)-Would include as an excused absence from school for any middle school or high school student participating in a civic or political event for one day per year.

SB 906 (Portantino)- Would require any employee of the school district to report to law enforcement any threat or perceived threat that a pupil is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to school or school activity.

SB 1057(Education Committee)-Deletes the requirement of suspension or delay in the issuance of a driving privilege in the mandatory truancy notice.