CASCWA California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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Listed below is a brief synopsis of current legislation that has been introduced in the state Assembly or Senate this past session. Please note that each bill listed received legislative approval from both the state Senate and state Assembly and full approval from the governor. For a full description of each bill, you may access this information at: www.senate.ca.gov or www.assembly.ca.gov.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 96 (Jackson)- Eliminates the minimum educational standard (possession of a high school diploma or equivalent degree) for a person applying for certification as a Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist (PSS).

AB 1569-(Davies)- The bill would encourage local educational agencies and parent organizations to offer training demonstrations to pupils and parents on electric bicycle operations in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies or local governments, as specified.

AB 1572-(Alanis)- Requires the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) to verify the eligibility of its officials to officiate CIF contests by requiring those officials to annually register through a platform.

AB 1581-(Ramos)- Requires the California Department of Education (CDE), beginning with the 2027–28 school year, to require, as part of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), a record of the tribal affiliation of each student new to a local educational agency (LEA) or charter school who identifies as American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN), and requires LEAs and charter schools to collect and report this information in CALPADS.

AB 1586-(Ramos)- Clarifies that an SRO may voluntarily administer opioid antagonists to a person who appears to be experiencing an overdose under the existing volunteer program, and that the trainings provided by POST or DHCS satisfy the training requirement for the volunteer program.

AB 1659-(Ransom)-. Requires school districts designate at least one district staff member as a point person to help facilitate the transition of the pupil between public school and juvenile court schools (JCS). Additionally, it requires all transcripts for foster, homeless, military dependents, previously incarcerated students and migrant ed students to receive an updated transcript including partial credits within two business days upon transfer to a new school site.

AB 1665-(Pacheco)- Requires a California interscholastic athletic coach every two years before the start of the season for the sport they coach, a completion of a mental health coaching education and training beginning in the 27-28 school year.

AB 1763-(Lee)- Include observance of a holiday or ceremony of the pupil's religion as a type of required excused absence without the requirement that the absence be requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative.

AB 2242-Davies-Requires local education agencies (LEAs) that serve students in grades 7 to 12 to display a poster that contains age-appropriate information and resources related to the practice of sextortion beginning in the 27-28 school year.

AB 2467 (Education Committee)- Expands the addresses an active-duty military parent may use for purposes of establishing residency in a school district to advance-enroll their child, to include an off-base hotel, on base military housing, and other temporary housing.

SENATE BILLS

SB 959-(Grayson) An urgency measure, authorizes a local fire agency to determine the imminence of a major safety hazard for purposes of holding a local educational agency's (LEA's) average daily attendance (ADA) harmless for state funding purposes.

SB 1017 (Reyes)- Expands the existing list of individuals to whom a school district, if requested, must provide student record access to include a pupil aged 14 or older who is a foster youth, as specified.

SB 1140-(**Ashby) -**Adds to the required components of a Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) by requiring school districts, county offices of education (COE), and charter schools to include plans to exclude unauthorized individuals from school property during construction, facilities maintenance, and repair projects.

SB 1082-(Niello)- Requires a school district of proposed enrollment to begin review of an interdistrict transfer request upon receipt, if a parent or guardian of a student submits an interdistrict transfer request concurrently to a school district of proposed enrollment and a school district of residence; (2) requires that either school district determines that a request for an interdistrict transfer is incomplete, the school district shall notify the parent within 30 days of receipt of the application and identify missing information or documentation to process the request.