

Legislation Action Committee Report

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Measure	Subject area	Topic	Brief Summary (as of date of LAC meeting)	Position	Advocate	Position Date (LAC)
ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval. (Res. Ch. 173, 2023) (PDF)	Ballot Measures	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval	ACA 1 will lower the constitutional vote threshold to 55 percent for both GO bonds and special taxes, when proposed specifically for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or supportive housing. It also specifies requirements for voter protection, public notice, and financial accountability. This proposed amendment to the California Constitution, as passed by the Legislature, must now go to the ballot for voter approval during the next statewide election.	Support; requires BOM approval	Denise Morgan	May 2024; requires BOM approval
AB 1925 (Rendon)	Family Engagement	Childcare and development programs: eligibility	Extends eligibility for subsidized childcare and development programs to families whose child is eligible for, and whose child is identified as needing, childcare services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).	Support	Kari Gray	May 2024
AB 2206 (Addis)	Family Engagement	Child daycare facilities: fire clearance requirements.	<p>AB 2206 removes regulatory barriers that prohibit childcare centers from serving children with disabilities while still ensuring fire safety. The bill would allow childcare providers to immediately enroll and serve a non-ambulatory child for up to 6 months if the provider meets one of the specified conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The childcare program meets applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or • The childcare program has been submitted (and had approved) a relevant fire safety clearance application in the past 10 years, or • The child with exceptional needs is deemed able to respond to instructions to evacuate a building. <p>The bill would also require the Department of Social Services to clarify the commonly misunderstood requirements for obtaining a</p>	Support	Kari Gray	May 2024

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			fire clearance authorizing a provider to serve non-ambulatory children.			
AB 817 (Pacheco)	Family Engagement	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body	Allowing non-decision-making legislative bodies that do not take final action on any legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or other entitlements to continue to participate virtually	Support	Kari Gray	May 2024
AB 2583 (Berman)	Community Concerns	School zones and walk zones	The Planning and Zoning Law requires the legislative body of a city or county to adopt a comprehensive general plan that includes various elements, including a circulation element to plan for transportation routes. This bill would require, upon any substantive revision of the circulation element on or after January 1, 2025, the legislative body of a city or county, to identify and establish school walk zones for all schools located within the scope of the general plan.	Support	Linda Tsang	May 2024
AB 1863 (Ramos)	Community Concerns	California Emergency Services Act: notification systems: Feather Alert.	The California Emergency Services Act permits the use of the Emergency Alert System for communicating emergencies on local, state, and national levels. Current law permits law enforcement to activate a "Feather Alert" through the Department of the California Highway Patrol for endangered indigenous individuals reported missing under suspicious conditions, provided specific criteria are met. The department is then expected to distribute appropriate alert messages within a designated geographical range. A proposed bill demands that the department collaborate with certain groups, including tribal nations, to create procedures on how emergency warnings and law enforcement should react when a missing person report is filed, given certain conditions are satisfied. This policy should detail how information about the missing individual and the circumstances of their disappearance should be transferred. The new bill would require the department to reply to Feather Alert activation requests within 48 hours, and conduct validity checks to ensure the alerts aren't being abused to locate indigenous people	Support	Linda Tsang	May 2024

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			purposely avoiding abuse. If an alert is not activated, written notice must be provided to the requesting party.			
SB 939 (Umberg)	Community Concerns	Educational equity: school site and community resources: neurodivergent pupils.	The Safe Place to Learn Act requires the State Department of Education, as part of its regular monitoring and review of a local educational agency, to assess whether the local educational agency has, among other things, adopted a policy that prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, as specified, and has publicized that policy to pupils, parents, employees, agents of the governing board, and the general public. Current law also requires the department to assess whether the local educational agency has provided to certificated school site employees who serve pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, information on existing school site and community resources related to the support of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning pupils or pupils who may face bias or bullying on the basis of religious affiliation or perceived religious affiliation, as specified. This bill would require the department to additionally assess whether the local educational agency has provided information on existing school site and community resources related to the support of neurodivergent pupils.	Support	Linda Tsang	May 2024
AB 2137 (Quirk-Silva)	Community Concerns	Homeless and foster youth.	The Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program authorizes a county office of education, or a consortium of county offices of education, to apply to the Superintendent for grant funding to operate an education-based foster youth services coordinating program. If sufficient funds are available, current law requires each foster youth services coordinating program to identify at least one person as the foster youth educational services coordinator, who is responsible for facilitating educational support, as specified, to any pupil in foster care residing or attending school in the county or consortium of counties. As a condition of receiving funds, existing law requires a foster youth services coordinating program to	Support	Linda Tsang	May 2024

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			develop and implement a foster youth services plan that includes, among other things, authorization of a school district, when specified conditions apply, to enter into a temporary agreement with the foster youth services coordinating program to provide tutoring, mentoring, and counseling services to pupils, as provided. This bill instead would authorize a foster youth services coordinating program to provide tutoring, mentoring, and counseling services to a foster youth pupil, if a foster youth educational services coordinator determines, as specified, that the foster youth services coordinator is unable to secure those services provided by the foster youth pupil's school district and if those services are established as needed and identified by the foster youth educational services coordinator.			
AB 2316 (Gabriel)	Health	Pupil nutrition: substances: prohibition.	Current law requires the State Department of Education to develop and maintain nutrition guidelines for school lunches and breakfasts, and for all food and beverages sold on public school campuses. Current law requires those nutrition guidelines to be consistent with the requirements for a nutritionally adequate breakfast and a nutritionally adequate lunch. This bill, notwithstanding any other law, commencing July 1, 2025, would prohibit a public school, defined as a school operated by a school district or county office of education, a charter school, and the state special schools, from offering, selling, or otherwise providing any food, except for food items sold as part of a school fundraising event, as specified, containing specified substances, including, among others, red 40 and titanium dioxide, as provided. To the extent this bill would impose additional requirements on public schools, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	Support	Bill Ross	May 2024
AB 2711 (Ramos)	Health	Suspensions and expulsions: tobacco:	Would, commencing July 1, 2026, require specified conditions to be met before suspending a pupil, regardless of their grade of enrollment, from school on the basis of (1) unlawfully possessing,	Support	Bill Ross	May 2024

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		alcohol: drug paraphernalia.	using, or being under the influence of a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind or (2) having possessed or used tobacco products, as defined, and would remove unlawfully possessing drug paraphernalia from the list of acts for which a pupil may be suspended. The bill would, commencing July 1, 2026, require specified conditions to be met before suspending a charter school pupil in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, solely on the basis of (1) unlawfully possessing, using, or being under the influence of a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, or (2) having possessed or used tobacco products.			
AB 2237 (Aguiar-Curry)	Health	Children and youth: transfer of specialty mental health services.	Existing law creates a program called Medi-Cal that is managed by the State Department of Health Care Services. This program provides health care services to individuals who are low-income and meet certain qualifications. The federal government also helps fund this program through the Medicaid program. One aspect of this program includes mental health services for children and youth under the age of 21, which are also provided through the federal Early and Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) services. This new bill would require that when a child or youth under 21 years old who is receiving mental health services moves to a different county, the new county must continue to provide those services if there is no established process for transferring care from one county to another. The State Department of Health Care Services will also collect data on children and youth who move to a different county and receive mental health services, and this data will be included in the department's performance dashboard. The department will issue guidance to define the requirements for a receiving county to continue providing mental health services and make it easier for children and youth to transfer their care.	Support	Bill Ross	May 2024

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SB 1410 (Ochoa Bogh)	Education	Pupil instruction: curriculum frameworks: mathematics: algebra	Would require the Instructional Quality Commission, when the mathematics curriculum framework is next revised after January 1, 2025, to consider including that pupils in grade 8 be offered the opportunity to take an Algebra I or Mathematics I course that is aligned to the content standards adopted by the State Board of Education.	Support	Candi Kern	May 2024
SB 1341 (Allen)	Education	Pupil instruction: course of study: visual and performing arts: media arts	Current law requires the adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include certain areas of study, including, among others, English, mathematics, social sciences, science, and visual and performing arts, including dance, music, theater, and visual arts. This bill, with respect to both of the above-referenced adopted courses of study, would expand visual and performing arts to also include media arts.	Support	Candi Kern	May 2024
AB 1984 (Weber)	Education	Transfer reporting for alternative schools, county community schools, and continuation schools	This bill would require, commencing with the 2025–26 school year, the State Department of Education to collect and publish on its DataQuest internet website, and school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide to the department, data on pupil transfers, disaggregated by those initiated by the pupil or their parent or guardian and those initiated by the local educational agency, including involuntary transfers, to alternative schools, continuation schools or classes, or county community schools.	Support	Candi Kern	May 2024
AB 1825 (Muratsuchi)	Education	California Freedom to Read Act	This bill would require the governing board or body of each public library, including any library, operated on a contractual basis for a public entity, to establish a written policy for the selection of library materials and the use of library materials and facilities, as specified. The bill would require the policy to, among other things, establish that library materials shall not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to the creation of the materials, or because of the topic addressed by the materials or the views or opinions expressed in the materials. The	Support	Candi Kern	May 2024

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			bill would prohibit the governing board or body of a public library from proscribing the circulation or procurement of books or other resources in a public library because of the topic addressed by the materials or because of the views, ideas, or opinions contained in those materials. The bill would also prohibit a public library from exercising the discretion to determine the content of library materials in a manner that discriminates against or excludes materials based on specified protected characteristics, on the basis that the materials contain inclusive and diverse perspectives, or on the basis that the materials may include sexual content, as provided.			
SB 691 (Portantino)	Education	State Board of Education: student members: truancy notifications	<p>Truancy Notifications: This bill would change the notice requirements for truancy by deleting language about prosecuting the parent and student and adding language that is welcoming and supportive. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parents or guardians who fail to meet this obligation may be guilty of an infraction and subject to prosecution >> mental health and supportive services may be available to the pupil and the family - the pupil may be subject to prosecution >> school personnel look forward to meeting with the pupil and family to develop strategies to support and welcome the pupil at school - parent or guardian accompany the pupil to school and attend classes with the pupil for one day >> research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days, negatively affects a pupil's academic performance, that poor attendance can influence whether pupils read proficiently by the end of third grade or will be held back, and that by sixth grade chronic absenteeism becomes a leading indicator that a pupil will drop out of high school. <p>Student Board Members: Under current law, the Governor appoints the 10 members of the State Board of Education, plus one student member with full voting rights, with the advice and consent</p>	Support & Cosponsor (support position taken; cosponsor effective upon approval of BOD)	Carol Kocivar	May 2024; co-sponsor requires BOD approval.

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			of 2/3 of the Senate. This bill would require the Governor to appoint 2 additional student members to the state board who would have preferential voting rights only, meaning a formal expression of opinion during open session that is recorded in the minutes and cast before the official vote of the state board but not serving to determine the final numerical outcome of a vote, to be selected from among the final candidates presented for consideration by the state board and the California Association of Student Councils.			
SB 1115 (Limon)	Education	Professional learning: mathematics and literacy	SB 1115 requires the California Department of Education (CDE), on or before January 2026, to identify professional learning programs in literacy and mathematics for credentialed and classified staff.	Support	Beth Meyerhoff	May 2024
AB 2999 (Schiavo)	Education	Pupil instruction: homework policy	Would require each school district, county office of education, and charter school, on or before January 1, 2026, to develop and adopt, across at least 2 public meetings, a homework policy to create guidelines for clearer practices on assigning homework in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, as specified. The bill would, among other things, require the adopted homework policy to be annually distributed at the beginning of the school year to all certificated staff and administrators, to all pupils and parents or legal guardians, as specified, and by publication on the local educational agency's internet website and on the internet websites of the individual schools operated by the local educational agency. The bill would require the adopted policy to be updated at least once every 5 years. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill also would encourage private schools to adopt homework policies with guidelines consistent with these provisions.	Support	Beth Meyerhoff	May 2024

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SB 1091 (Menjivar)	Education	School facilities: school ground greening projects	The California Building Standards Code requires that specified buildings, structures, and facilities be accessible to, and useable by, persons with disabilities, including that when alterations or additions are made to existing buildings or facilities, an accessible path of travel to the specific area of alteration or addition is provided. Current law limits the cost of complying with the requirement to provide an accessible path of travel to a free-standing, open-sided shade structure project that meets specified requirements and that is on a school district, county office of education, charter school, or community college campus to 20% of the adjusted construction cost, as defined, of the shade structure project. This bill would additionally limit the cost of complying with the requirement to provide an accessible path of travel to a school ground greening project, as defined, that is on a school district, county office of education, charter school, or community college campus to 20% of the adjusted construction cost, as defined, of the school ground greening project.	Watch	Beth Meyerhoff	May 2024
SB 1374 (Becker)	Education	Net energy metering	This bill would require, no later than July 1, 2025, the commission to ensure that any contract or tariff established by the commission pursuant to the above described provisions for renewable electrical generation facilities configured to serve either multiple customers with meters on a single property, or multiple meters of a single customer on a property or a set of contiguous properties owned, leased, or rented by the customer, meets certain requirements, including that the eligible customer-generators may be authorized to elect to aggregate the electrical load, as specified.	Support	Beth Meyerhoff	May 2024
SB 1277 (Stern)	Education	Pupil instruction: genocide education: the Holocaust	Would establish the California Teachers Collaborative for Holocaust and Genocide Education, to be responsible for establishing a statewide teacher professional development program on genocide, including the Holocaust, for school district,	Support	Beth Meyerhoff	May 2024

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			county office of education, and charter school teachers. The bill would require the collaborative, under the State Department of Education's direction, to consist of leading genocide and Holocaust education organizations and institutions, genocide survivors, and community leaders. The bill would provide that the collaborative's mission is to ensure that genocide, including Holocaust, education is taught consistent with, among other things, the content standards, curriculum frameworks, and instructional materials adopted by the State Board of Education, in ways that are interdisciplinary and age-appropriate to pupils of different grade levels. The bill would prescribe the duties of the collaborative, including, among others, providing, as determined by the department, annual verbal or written reports to the department and the Legislature on the collaborative's achievement of its mission.			
AB 1851 (Holden, Chris)	Community Concerns	Drinking water: school sites: lead testing pilot program.	Mandates testing school water outlets for lead. - If lead levels are high, affected outlets close, alternative water sources provided. - Special group reports results to schools and state, offers recommendations. - Schools receive funding for water safety measures.	Changed from seek amend to Support	Linda Tsang	May 2024
SB 976 (Skinner)	Community Concerns	Social Media Youth Addiction Law	The Social Media Youth Addiction Law, under consideration, would restrict addictive feeds to minors without parental consent and limit notifications during certain hours. - The California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act, effective July 1, 2024, mandates online services used by children to meet specific requirements, including data protection assessments. - Prohibits businesses from using children's personal information in ways that could harm their well-being. - Other existing laws protect children's online privacy.	Rescinded Watch due to amendments. No current position.	Linda Tsang	May 2024

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