



Bills Impacting Families & Education in the California Legislature

AB 5 (Zbur, 2023) Implements a “Safe and Supportive Schools Program” legislative intent language that would eventually require specified training and resources for teachers and other certificated employees of traditional and charter schools and county offices of education regarding LGBTQ+ pupils.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

AB 19 (Joe Patterson, 2023) Requires each individual public school operated by a school district, county office of education, or charter school that has elected to make a school nurse or trained personnel available at the school to maintain at least two units of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist for purposes of those authorizations.

STALLED IN SENATE APPROPRIATIONS – SUPPORT

AB 95 (Hoover, 2023) Allows a student to purchase another entrée after being provided a federally reimbursable meal from the same service.

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR – SUPPORT

AB 223 (Ward, 2023) Requires any petition for a change of gender and sex identifier or a petition for change of gender, sex identifier, and name filed by a person under 18 years of age, and any papers associated with the proceeding to be kept confidential except for certain specified reasons.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

AB 230 (Reyes) Requires taxpayer-funded menstrual products to be put in public school restrooms for boys as young as 3rd grade though it is possible that kindergartners would have access to these products, as well.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSE

AB 237 (Wallis, 2023) Provides for the interdistrict and intradistrict transfer of low-performing pupils at low-performing schools.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS – SUPPORT

AB 598 (Wicks, 2023) Requires school districts to participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey, an anonymous, confidential survey of school climate and safety, student wellness, and

youth resiliency, and include a module on sexual and reproductive health care as a core survey module.

STALLED IN SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE – OPPOSED

AB 659 (Aguiar-Curry, 2023) Makes it the policy goal of the state that the human papillomavirus or HPV immunization be added to the list of 10 vaccines that students should have before attending public or private schools in California.

APPROVED WITHOUT SIGNATURE BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

AB 665 (Wendy Carrillo, 2023) Allows minors 12 and older to consent to mental health services without being in danger of serious physical or mental harm to themselves or to others, or be the alleged victim of incest or child abuse.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

AB 801 (Joe Patterson, 2023) Requires an operator to delete a preschool, prekindergarten, or K–12 student’s covered information if the student, or the student’s parent or legal guardian, requests an operator to delete the covered information under the operator’s control if the student is no longer attending the school or district.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – SUPPORT

AB 802 (Joe Patterson, 2023) Requires each school district, county office of education, and charter school to provide written notice to a pupil’s parent or guardian of their right to examine the curriculum materials of the class or classes in which their child is enrolled, to post information on that right to their internet website.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS – SUPPORT

AB 938 (Muratsuchi, 2023) Would require the State Department of Education to update a salary and benefit schedule form with salary data collection for classified school staff in an effort to force schools to pay higher salaries.

STALLED ON SENATE FLOOR – OPPOSED

AB 957 (Wilson, 2023) Requires a parent’s affirmation of the child’s gender identity as defined for the health, safety, and welfare of the child in a custody dispute.

VETOED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

AB 1078 (Jackson, 2023) Persists in micromanaging local school boards’ unique stewardship over district curriculum. This bill is aimed at districts trying to root out critical race theory and other objectionable curricula.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

AB 1120 (Gabriel, 2023) Requires a school district, county office of education, or charter school to provide for the mental health screening of pupils in an unspecified grade.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – MONITORING

AB 1314 (Essayli, 2023) Requires teachers and school administrators to provide parental notification for any child socially transitioning gender at school.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – SUPPORT

AB 1326 (Megan Dahle) Requires a school district governing board to post the notice of appointing a new board member on the school district’s internet website.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – SUPPORT

AB 1352 (Bonta, 2023) This bill would provide the option for the governing board of a school district to censure or remove a duly elected member from office by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote if the member prevents the board from “conducting its business” or contradicts “inclusive policies, practices, and curriculums.” The bill is clearly targeted at removing school board trustees who oppose politicization and indoctrination in their schools.

STALLED IN SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE – OPPOSED

AB 1450 (Jackson, 2023) Require schools to employ or contract with at least one mental health clinician and one case manager to conduct universal screenings for adverse childhood experiences and dyslexia, and require mental health clinician to develop, and provide to the pupil and their parent or guardian, an action plan based upon findings from the screening and would require case managers to help implement approved action plans.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – OPPOSED

AB 1501 (Hoover, 2023) Requires a commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes sexually explicit material on the internet from a sexually explicit website to use an age verification method that prevents minors from accessing sexually explicit material and creates legal liabilities for companies that violate the law.

STALLED IN PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE – SUPPORT

AB 1503 (Lee, 2023) Marginal increase to time for religious retreats excuses.

APPROVED WITH SIGNATURE BY GOVERNOR – NEUTRAL

AB 1604 (Bonta, 2023) Increases regulations around charter school sales and leases.

VETOED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

AB 1652 (Sanchez, 2023) Requires each school district, county office of education, and charter school to post the process for examining curriculum materials on their internet website.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – SUPPORT

ACA 9 (McCarty, 2023) Would eliminate the Superintendent of Public Instruction as an independent, nonpartisan elected constitutional officer and provide the governor with an appointment power to fill that position.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

SB 59 (Skinner, 2023) Requires menstrual products in men’s restrooms in a building owned by the state, local government or in the portion of a building where the state rents or leases office space and be available and accessible to employees and the public, free of cost, at all times.

STALLED IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE – OPPOSED

SB 274 (Skinner, 2023) Removes disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties from the list of acts for which a pupil, regardless of their grade of enrollment, may be suspended or recommended for expulsion. Extends the prohibition against the suspension of charter school pupils for those acts to all grades, indefinitely. Prohibits a suspension or expulsion from being imposed against a pupil based solely on the fact that they are otherwise absent from school activities.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

SB 292 (Grove, 2023) Creates an education savings account for any child who opts out of the traditional public school system and allows Proposition 98 funds to follow the student.

STALLED IN SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE – SPONSOR/SUPPORT

SB 293 (Grove, 2023) Requires the State Department of Education to make statewide summative California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results publicly available by October 1 each year.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – SPONSOR/SUPPORT

SB 407 (Wiener, 2023) Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to ensure that LGBTQ foster youth in California are placed in homes that are affirming of LGBTQ identities.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

SB 445 (Portantino, 2023) Would revise the definition of “parent” to specify that it also includes the educational rights holder and the conservator of a child for translation services of education content.

STALLED ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR – MONITORING

SB 494 (Newman, 2023) This bill would prohibit the governing board of a school district from taking action to terminate a superintendent or assistant superintendent of the school district, or both, without cause, at a special or emergency meeting of the governing board or within 30 school days after the first convening of the governing board after a general election.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

SB 541 (Menjivar, 2023) Requires each public school, including schools operated by a school district or county office of education and charter schools, to make condoms available to all pupils for free.

VETOED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

SB 596 (Portantino, 2023) Any person who subjects a school employee to threats or harassment, as defined, while the employee is away from a school site or after school hours for reasons related to the employee's course of duties is guilty of a misdemeanor. This bill, backed by teachers' unions, is designed to intimidate and silence parents with the threat of criminal charges. The bill's proponents argue that the bill is necessary under an overbroad definition of "harassment" that includes "verbal abuse" and comments on social media.

VETOED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

SB 760 (Newman, 2023) Requires each school district, county office of education, and charter school to provide at least one all-gender restroom.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR – OPPOSED

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