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[AB 1331 \(Elhawary\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/28/2026

Title: Workplace Surveillance.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

As amended on August 21, 2026, prohibits employers from using a workplace surveillance tool to monitor or surveil employees in a workplace bathroom.

[AB 1572 \(Alanis\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/13/2026

Title: California Interscholastic Federation: Officials: Registration, Certification, and Eligibility Verification.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Support

Summary:

As amended, this bill would require 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 that mirrors the existing structure through July 1, 2028. Beginning July 1, 2028, this bill would require eligibility to include a record of a valid Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) instead of a background check. In order to support the collection and updating of the platform's data, the bill would require the CTC to regularly publish a list on its internet website of Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate holders who have their certificate suspended or revoked and would require the CIF to ensure that the platform selected by the CIF regularly reviews the published list.

[AB 1578 \(Jackson\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/26/2026

Title: State Agency Officials: Training on Responding to Hate: Local Agency Officials: Anti-Hate Speech Training.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

Adds anti-hate speech training to sexual harassment training that is required of all elected local officials.

[AB 1626](#) (Gabriel)

Amended Date: 08/21/2026

Title: Interscholastic Athletics: Youth Sports: Coaches: Behavioral and Mental Health Training.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

Assembly Bill (AB) 1626, working in tandem with AB 1665, would specify mental health training for high school coaches. The training, which could be free and/or online, would cover:

- Substantive awareness of behavioral and mental health challenges specific to pupil athletes
- Trauma-informed care and recognizing signs and symptoms of common behavioral and mental health conditions in adolescents
- Strategies for creating a positive team culture
- Appropriate communication techniques
- Procedures for referring pupil athletes to appropriate mental health resources
- Understanding of the coach's role and limitations in supporting pupil behavioral and mental health

Additionally, the bill would require the California Department of Education to identify existing training or develop a model youth athletics behavioral and mental health training for persons who serve as coaches in youth sports organizations.

[AB 1665](#) (Pacheco)

Amended Date: 08/21/2026

Title: School Athletics: Coaches: Youth Athletics Behavioral and Mental Health Training.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

As amended, this bill works in tandem with Assembly Bill (AB) 1626 to require all coaches to complete mental health training established by AB 1626.

[AB 1803](#) (Lowenthal)

Amended Date: 08/13/2026

Title: Employment: Sexual Harassment Training and Education: Anti-Hate Speech Training.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

Adds anti-hate speech training to sexual harassment training that employers are required to provide to their employees.

AB 1985 (Irwin)

Amended Date: 08/13/2026

Title: Student Health: Athletic Coaches and Trainers: Mental Health Training.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

By July 1, 2028, and every two years thereafter, requires coaches at higher education institutions to complete specified student mental health training.

SB 1083 (Pérez)

Amended Date: 08/20/2026

Title: Noncertificated Public School Employees: Private School Employees: Egregious Misconduct: Statewide Data System: Commission on Teacher Credentialing: Adverse Actions: Contracts and Background Checks for Educational Services.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Neutral

Summary:

As amended August 20, 2026, this bill modifies state law governing the investigation, reporting, and disclosure of egregious misconduct by noncertificated and private school employees.

1. A noncertificated employee or private school employee may be subject to dismissal if their current employer learns that the employee was the subject of any credible complaints of, investigations into, or discipline for, egregious misconduct that were reported to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) database and the employee failed to disclose the previous employer as required or the previous employer failed to disclose the egregious misconduct.
2. Refines the information included in the CTC database relating to investigations of egregious misconduct for noncertificated and private school employees.
3. Requires local educational agencies (LEAs) and private schools, upon receiving a credible complaint or other reason to believe egregious misconduct occurred, to conduct an investigation within specified timelines. The investigation shall be completed regardless of whether the employee ends the employment relationship with the LEA.
4. Requires contractors to provide evidence to the LEA that all of the entity's employees interacting with pupils or providing direct services to pupils undergo a fingerprint-based state and national criminal history background check, as required by law.
5. A contractor shall disclose to the LEA the names and pertinent identifying information of all employees who have previously been employed by an LEA or private school in California, and the LEA shall check the employees against the CTC database.
6. A contractor shall disclose to the LEA any credible complaint of, or discipline for, reportable conduct by the entity's employees, and the LEA shall notify law enforcement and file any other reporting as required by law.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 2392 \(Fong\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/21/2026

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Generative Artificial Intelligence Systems: Procurement Standards: Training.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

As amended June 30, 2026, requires the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California State University, and requests of the University of California, to: 1) convene a joint working group to develop standards for responsible GenAI training and procurement, as specified, and 2) provide the specified training to students, faculty, or staff, as applicable.

[SB 1187 \(Durazo\)](#)

Amended Date: 07/06/2026

Title: Open Meetings.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Neutral

Summary:

As amended June 22, 2026, Senate Bill (SB) 1187 removes Brown Act language access provisions that were enacted through last year's SB 707. SB 707 established a new statewide minimum standard for language access in public meetings. Language access advocates raised concerns about establishing a one-size-fits all minimum standard for translation and interpretation services because it may not reflect local community needs.

The prior version of the bill defined "majority" to mean the number of members equaling more than half of the total number of seats on the legislative body. If a seat is vacant, that seat is still to be counted as a seat on the legislative body. This is no longer included in SB 1187.

Instruction

[AB 1653 \(Lackey\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/23/2026

Title: Pupil Instruction: Health Framework: Heat Illness.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 70, Statutes of 2026

Position: Watch

Summary:

During the next revision of the "Health Framework for California Public Schools," requires the Instructional Quality Commission to consider including content related to recognizing and responding to the signs and symptoms of heat illness.

[AB 1792 \(Rodriguez, Michelle\)](#)

Title: Pupil Instruction: Health Framework: Sexual Health.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

During the next revision of the “Health Framework for California Public Schools,” would require the Instructional Quality Commission to consider including content to educate students about dating abuse and digital violence.

[SB 945 \(Weber Pierson\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/06/2026

Title: School Curriculum: Physical Education Framework: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation: Automated External Defibrillators.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

As amended on April 6, 2026, requires the Instructional Quality Commission, when the physical education framework is next revised, to consider including content on the importance, performance, and use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in that framework. The prior version of the bill required instruction in both compression-only CPR and AED use as part of a course required for graduation.

Miscellaneous

[AB 1908 \(McKinnor\)](#)

Amended Date: 06/03/2026

Title: Settlement Agreements: Victims’ Compensation Funding.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

As amended June 3, 2026, permits public entities to finance victims’ funds with obligation bonds by ensuring that such funds are considered enforceable obligations under the law, which will permit a public entity to finance a victims’ compensation fund without violating the Constitutional debt limit.

[AB 1943 \(Gipson\)](#)**Amended Date:** 08/20/2026**Title:** Pupil Safety: Notifications: Firearms.**Status:** To the Governor**Position:** Watch**Summary:**

Updates existing laws that require local educational agencies to inform parents and guardians of California's child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms. Under this bill, the notice would be titled "Secure Firearm Storage Notification" and also would include specified information about the importance of secure firearm storage in homes with guns.

[AB 2039 \(Zbur\)](#)**Amended Date:** 08/13/2026**Title:** Attorneys.**Status:** To the Governor**Position:** Watch**Summary:**

This bill strengthens enforcement against attorney misconduct in three areas: it regulates attorney-client loans and financial advances, enhances penalties for illegal client solicitation ("capping"), and establishes whistleblower protections for persons who report attorney misconduct.

[SB 577 \(Laird\)](#)**Amended Date:** 08/27/2026**Title:** Public Entities.**Status:** To the Governor**Position:** Oppose Unless Amended**Summary:**

As amended August 27, 2026, Senate Bill (SB) 577 does not include a cap on damages or any other tort reform that will address the fiscal challenges faced by public agencies as a result of childhood sexual abuse claims. As amended, SB 577 changes evidentiary requirements for older plaintiffs, imposes penalties on attorneys who bring bad faith claims, and requires public entities to adopt codes of conduct and sexual assault prevention plans.

- For cases brought against a public entity on or after January 1, 2026, in which the plaintiff is 40 years of age or older at the time of filing, the plaintiff would be required to prove both of the following by clear and convincing evidence:
 1. That the public entity knew of the misconduct that resulted in childhood sexual assault by an employee, volunteer, representative, or agent, and the public entity failed to take reasonable steps or to implement reasonable safeguards to avoid acts of childhood sexual assault.
 2. That the public entity negligently discharged a mandatory duty.

- Current law allows an action to be brought for recovery of damages suffered as the result of childhood sexual assault that occurred prior to January 1, 2024, until the plaintiff is 40 years old, or within five years of the date the plaintiff discovers or reasonably should have discovered psychological injury or illness caused by the sexual assault. SB 577 would narrow that window after discovery to three years.
- If a plaintiff is 40 years of age or older at the time of filing, a court would be required to consider certain factors when evaluating a motion by a defendant to lower a jury award, including the mission of the public entity to provide public services and how the damages may impact that entity's mission given its economic status, whether the amount awarded is compensatory for the plaintiff's harm and the egregiousness of the defendant's conduct.
- For any action filed on or after January 1, 2027, that alleges personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death against a public entity, each public entity defendant would only be liable for the amount of damages allocated to that public entity in direct proportion to that entity's percentage of fault. However, this would only apply if a public entity is found to be no more than 15% at fault.
- Removes the current law ability of a plaintiff, if they are able to prove their sexual assault was the result of a cover-up, to recover treble damages from a defendant, if the defendant is a public entity.
- Prohibits an action against an entity (1) who owed a duty of care to a plaintiff where a wrongful or negligent act by that entity caused the childhood sexual assault or (2) where an intentional act by that entity caused a childhood sexual assault, from being refiled if it was dismissed without prejudice and five years or more have passed since the original filing date of the action.
- SB 577 includes changes to the funding mechanisms available to LEAs in addressing their debts.
 - Establishes a new "intercept" mechanism intended to help school agencies finance debt by requesting part of their state and/or local apportionments be used to pay it down. However, county participation in this process is optional, so usefulness may vary county to county.
 - Extends the maximum length of lease financing for an emergency apportionment to a school district from 20 to 30 years. The length of the lease would now be determined by the Department of Finance, in consultation with the school district, county superintendent of schools, the State Superintendent of Schools, and FCMAT, and take into account a district's realistic ability to meet the annual repayment obligations and the district's educational program and service needs.
- By December 1, 2027, LEAs and local governmental bodies would be required to adopt codes of conduct and a sexual assault prevention plan that promote a safe environment for minors as well as written policies outlining how grooming and sexual abuse concerns and risks will be reported. LEAs would also be required to ensure that their comprehensive school safety plans are consistent with these policies. Compliance with these requirements would also be added to the K-12 Audit Guide beginning with the 2027-28 fiscal year. An audit finding of noncompliance would be required to be reported to the Attorney General, who would then have the authority to investigate the LEA for noncompliance.
- The bill would impose a \$25,000 civil penalty (per violation) on any attorney who is found by a judicial officer to have brought or maintained a civil claim alleging childhood sexual assault in bad faith.

School Safety and Student Discipline

[AB 1569](#) (Davies)

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: Pupil Safety: Electric Bicycle: Safety and Training Program.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 128, Statutes of 2026

Position: Support

Summary:

As completely rewritten, this bill no longer requires each school that allows pupils to park an electric bicycle on campus to require pupils to complete the electric bicycle safety and training program. The bill now would require, on or before March 1, 2028, the California Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, to develop a standardized electric bicycle safety and training program for pupils in grades 7 to 12. 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.

[AB 1586](#) (Ramos)

Amended Date: 08/13/2026

Title: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication: School Resource Officers.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill (1) requires school resource officers (SRO), commencing with the 2027-28 school year, and at least every two years thereafter, to complete opioid overdose recognition and response training that is approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) or the Board of State and Community Corrections; (2) clarifies existing authorizations and liability protections for SROs to administer emergency opioid antagonists to persons believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose; (3) requires SROs to annually report on opioid antagonist usage, as specified; and (4) requires California Department of Public Health to submit a report to the Legislature on the SRO reported information.

[AB 1721](#) (Muratsuchi)

Amended Date: 08/21/2026

Title: Pupil Safety: Comprehensive School Safety Plans.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill requires the Education Commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Education and specified stakeholders, to review existing comprehensive school safety plans and make recommendations on the development, approval, and statutorily required elements of the school safety plan.

[AB 1961 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/21/2026

Title: Civil Actions: Protective Orders: Workplace Violence.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would authorize an employer to seek a workplace violence restraining order on behalf of all employees at the employer's workplace if a credible threat of violence is generally directed at the workplace.

[AB 2212 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/21/2026

Title: Postsecondary Education: Sexual Harassment, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policies: Student Training.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

For purposes of the Higher Education Equity Act, this bill expands the definition of sexual harassment by adding that it includes technology-facilitated sexual harassment, stalking, and sextortion. This bill expands the definition of sexual exploitation by adding that it includes the creation, generation, or distribution of digitized sexually explicit materials without the written consent of the depicted individual or individuals of each such act.

[AB 2242 \(Davies\)](#)

Amended Date: 06/11/2026

Title: Pupil Safety: Sextortion Informational Poster.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Support

Summary:

Before the 2027-28 school year, requires public schools to display in at least one student men's restroom, one student women's restroom, and one student all-gender restroom a poster in English and other specified languages that contains specified information relating to sextortion.

[AB 2503 \(Wallis\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: California Interscholastic Federation: Pupil Health: Heat Illness: Guidelines.

Status: Signed by the Governor, Chapter 172, Statutes of 2026

Position: Watch

Summary:

As originally introduced, this bill would have required the CIF to revise its heat-illness guidelines for schools located in "extreme desert climates within Region Category 3" to permit outdoor practices and contests up

to a wet bulb globe thermometer reading of 93.5 degrees Fahrenheit if additional safety measures were implemented.

As amended, the bill now requires the CIF to, beginning July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, review and update as necessary the guidelines, procedures, and safety standards for the prevention and management of exertional heat illness, "with special consideration for regions of the state with higher average temperatures."

[SB 1140 \(Ashby\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/13/2026

Title: Pupil Safety: Limiting School Access to Unauthorized Individuals.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

Requires a local educational agency governing board or body to ensure that any construction contract or contracts taking place during school hours includes security provisions limiting access to the construction site and keeping unauthorized individuals off school property.

[SB 1276 \(Rubio\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/13/2026

Title: Crimes: Sexual Exploitation of a Child.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill expands the crime of sexual exploitation of a child to include downloading, streaming, or accessing through electronic or digital media specified depictions of a minor engaged in an act of sexual conduct.

[SB 1374 \(Niello\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/20/2026

Title: Restraining Orders: Educational Institutions.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Support

Summary:

Existing law permits the chief administrative officer of a postsecondary educational institution to seek a temporary restraining order and an injunction to protect students from threats or acts of violence on campus. This bill extends that authority to allow these officers to seek similar legal protections on behalf of the institution itself if it is targeted by unlawful violence or credible threats. Additionally, the bill expands the situations that justify a restraining order to include threatening phone calls or correspondence directed at the institution or its employees.

Student Health

[AB 1784 \(Pellerin\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/13/2026

Title: Postsecondary Education: Nondiscrimination: Pregnancy or Pregnancy-related Issues.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Summary:

As of September 1, 2027, expands existing law by providing parity between undergraduate and graduate students experiencing pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions by expanding academic protections related to leave of absence policies to undergraduate students and by requiring reasonable accommodations for all pregnant students and students experiencing pregnancy related conditions. By July 1, 2027, requires the Board of Governors of the California community colleges to adopt a systemwide policy that includes these requirements and best practices for implementation. By September 1, 2027, each community college district must adopt the systemwide requirements.

A prior version of the bill prohibited postsecondary institutions from discrimination against students based on current, potential, or past pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions. This language in the bill was deleted and replaced with actual or potential familial status or marital status of the student or applicant.

Student Services (ELO-P, etc.)

[SB 934 \(Wiener\)](#)

Amended Date: 08/13/2026

Title: Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts.

Status: To the Governor

Position: Neutral

Summary:

As amended on August 13, 2026, this bill defines “sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts” (SOGICE) within the Business and Professions Code and prohibits a mental health provider from engaging in SOGICE with a patient under 18 years of age under any circumstances. A prior version of the bill would have also explicitly revived claims that would have been barred under the current statute of limitations as of January 1, 2027, and permitted an injured party to bring an action within three years of January 1, 2027, or by the expiration of the newly extended statute of limitations, whichever is later. The revival period is no longer in Senate Bill 934.

Did Not Pass the Legislature

Employees

[AB 65](#) (Aguiar-Curry)

Title: School and Community College Employees: Paid Disability and Parental Leave.

Status: Senate Floor—Inactive File

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill requires a K-14 public school employer to provide up to 14 weeks of full pay to certificated and classified employees due to pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from those conditions.

[AB 340](#) (Ahrens)

Amended Date: 03/05/2025

Title: Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill prohibits an employer from questioning an employee or employee representative regarding communications between the employee and employee representative, among other provisions.

[AB 1048](#) (Chen)

Amended Date: 06/15/2026

Title: Workers' Compensation.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose

Summary:

As completely rewritten on September 5, 2025, Assembly Bill 1048 seeks to make changes in the process for disputes about the appropriate reimbursement amount for providers in the Workers' Compensation system.

[AB 1109](#) (Kalra)

Title: Evidentiary Privileges: Union Agent-Represented Worker Privilege.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would create a new evidentiary privilege for confidential communications between union agents and represented employees, similar to those traditionally granted to other relations that are characterized

by confidentiality, including those between spouses, attorney and client, doctor and patient, and a clergy and penitent.

[AB 1564 \(Ahrens\)](#)

Amended Date: 05/18/2026

Title: Employer-Employee Relations: Confidential Communications.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose

Summary:

Prohibits a public employer from questioning any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between a public employee and the representative in connection with representation relating to any matter within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation. The bill includes language that its provisions are intended to be consistent with William S. Hart Union High School District (2018), Public Employment Relations Board Decision No. 2595.

Note: SELF opposed a similar bill last year, Assembly Bill 340 (Ahrens), which was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

[AB 1576 \(Ortega\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/20/2026

Title: Workers' Compensation: Subsequent Injuries Payments.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose

Summary:

Specifies how permanent disability should be measured and introduces changes for injuries after January 1, 2027, including evidence requirements for pre-existing conditions and application deadlines for compensation claims. Additionally, the bill proposes a database of medical evaluators for claims and shifts responsibility for fund management and payment from the State Compensation Insurance Fund to the Director of Industrial Relations.

[AB 1750 \(Caloza\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/13/2026

Title: School Employees: Absences Due to Illness or Accident.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

Existing law provides that certificated and classified employees of local educational agencies and academic and classified employees of community college districts who exhaust all available sick leave and remain absent due to illness or injury for up to five additional school months receive either the difference between their regular salary and the amount paid to a substitute, or at least 50% of their regular salary.

This bill would instead require those employees who exhaust all available sick leave and continue to be absent due to illness or accident for an additional five-month period to receive their full regular salary during those five months. Recent amendments removed community colleges from the bill.

[AB 2064 \(Sharp-Collins\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/09/2026

Title: Discrimination: Criminal History.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose

Summary:

Adds “criminal history” to the list of protected characteristics in both the Unruh Civil Rights Act and Fair Employment and Housing Act.

[AB 2095 \(Lee\)](#)

Amended Date: 05/18/2026

Title: Employment Discrimination: Conviction History.

Status: Assembly Floor—Inactive File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Summary:

The Fair Chance Act, within the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to ask questions about an applicant’s conviction history before making a conditional offer of employment. This bill makes changes to exemptions that apply to public agencies that could limit the ability of a public agency to request a criminal background check of a prospective employee as required by current law. The bill creates a formal requirement that the applicant be notified via written notice that specific criminal convictions may disqualify the applicant from consideration of the position, potentially creating ambiguity in law and confusion as to how and whether a public agency may acquire consent to conduct a criminal background check for a prospective employee.

[AB 2098 \(Kalra\)](#)

Amended Date: 03/26/2026

Title: Workers’ Compensation: Medical Treatment.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Summary:

Provides job-protected leave for an injured worker to obtain medical treatment for an occupational injury during work hours, when necessary and in accordance with specified conditions.

[AB 2365 \(Sanchez\)](#)

Amended Date: 04/27/2026

Title: Education-related Positions: Egregious Misconduct: Previous Employment Disclosures.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Support

Summary:

As amended April 27, 2026, this bill would expand the definition of “egregious misconduct” to include additional offenses such as those relating to human trafficking, child abandonment and neglect, and

impermissible contact or communication with a minor. The bill also requires the state to add a section to its educator misconduct database showing whether any complaints have been filed against a teacher or credential applicant. The system would include identifying information (name, date of birth, and last four digits of their Social Security number) and list all schools or agencies that submitted reports. It also requires the state to give schools and local educational agencies (LEAs) access to this system within five business days of a request.

In addition, current law requires LEAs to inquire with all previous LEAs that employed a certificated applicant whether the applicant was the subject of any credible complaints, substantiated investigations, or discipline for egregious misconduct. This bill would instead require LEAs to first check the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) database and then inquire with previous LEA employers that filed complaints with the CTC. LEAs would still be allowed to inquire with all previous LEA employers for complaint history.

Previously, the bill also included language that prohibited a certificated person who is dismissed for egregious misconduct from being employed in any education-related position by any state agency, the California State University, the University of California, any local agency, or any LEA. This provision is no longer in the bill.

SB 536 (Archuleta)

Amended Date: 06/15/2026

Title: Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Reporting.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Support

Summary:

As amended June 15, 2026, requires the Employment Development Department to release detailed payroll information to insurers, including private insurers, under specified circumstances in order to identify and investigate fraud.

SB 555 (Caballero)

Amended Date: 06/01/2026

Title: Workers' Compensation: Average Annual Earnings.

Status: Assembly Insurance Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

As amended June 1, 2026, for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2027, raises the minimum and maximum average weekly earnings, used for the calculation of weekly payments for permanent partial disability benefits, from \$240 to \$363 and from \$435 to \$658, respectively.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 259](#) (Rubio, Blanca)

Amended Date: 04/21/2025

Title: Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences.

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

Until January 1, 2026, existing law allows alternative teleconferencing procedures that permit members to participate remotely under specified circumstances, provided that at least a quorum participates in person from a single public location within the agency's jurisdiction. As amended, this bill would extend the sunset date to January 1, 2030

School Safety and Student Discipline

[AB 90](#) (Jackson)

Amended Date: 07/08/2025

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Overnight Student Parking.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill would require the governing board of each community college district (CCD) to adopt a plan to offer an overnight parking program to eligible students and would require the plan to be developed in consultation with basic needs coordinators and campus security. The bill would require the plan to include a procedure for issuing an overnight parking permit and require each campus to determine the total number of parking spots designated within the parking lot for participating students. The bill would impose duties on basic needs coordinators related to the community college programs, including when acceptance of applications from eligible students would begin. By December 31, 2026, it requires the governing board of each CCD to determine if the community colleges within the district will establish an overnight parking program that aligns with the district plan. As amended on July 8, 2025, if the governing board does not establish an overnight parking program, it may revisit the feasibility of establishing a program. The previous version of the bill required the governing board to annually vote to establish the program until the program is established.

[AB 601](#) (Jackson)

Amended Date: 04/10/2025

Title: Child Abuse: Reporting.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to develop a standardized curriculum for mandated reporters and requires their employers to provide this training within the first three months of their employment. As amended on April 10, 2025, this training requirement does not apply to any mandated

reporter who is otherwise required by law to receive training in child abuse and neglect identification and training in child abuse and neglect reporting.

AB 1566 (Jackson)

Amended Date: 05/22/2026

Title: Crimes: Mandated Reporters: Severe Neglect.

Status: Assembly Floor—Inactive File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

Amends the definition of “severe neglect” for purposes of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act to include willfully causing or permitting serious illness, serious injury, or death of a child, or placing a child at imminent risk of serious illness, serious injury, or death.

AB 1730 (Fong)

Amended Date: 04/23/2026

Title: Community Colleges: External Resolution Services for Civil Rights Compliance: Managing Entity and Civil Rights Coordinator.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

This bill would require the Board of Governors, within one year of an appropriation, to enter into a contract with a managing entity to administer on behalf of the California Community Colleges external resolution services for civil rights compliance. The services provided by the managing entity shall include:

1. Developing and recommending a nondiscrimination policy
2. Providing a pool of well-trained individuals available to oversee and conduct, in coordination with the local civil rights coordinator, full-service grievance procedures for Title IX and sexual harassment complaints
3. Addressing grievances and complaints alleging discrimination
4. Providing access to trauma-informed investigators, advocates, advisers, process facilitators, and decision-makers for the grievance and complaint processes and procedures
5. Coordinating with the local civil rights coordinator to implement disciplinary sanctions
6. Offering referrals to support services
7. Assisting the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in developing an annual campus discrimination prevention training program for students and employees
8. Establishing a range of disciplinary sanctions
9. Maintaining a case management system of discrimination complaints
10. Providing a dashboard that allows campuses to have instant information about the status of complaints

11. Liaising with community college representative to ensure that local control is respected

The bill appropriates \$100 million to the community colleges to fund the first year of a three-year contract for external resolution services by a managing entity. In addition, the bill requires governing boards to adopt the nondiscrimination policy, and Title IX coordinators would be renamed as civil rights coordinators.

[AB 2649 \(Wicks\)](#)

Title: Youth Service Organizations: Parent Volunteers.

Status: Assembly Human Services Committee—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Watch

Summary:

Existing law requires an administrator, employee, or regular volunteer of a youth service organization to complete training in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting. This bill exempts a “parent volunteer” from this training requirement and defines a “parent volunteer” as an individual who is the parent or legal guardian of a child who is enrolled in the school in which the parent will volunteer.

[SB 334 \(Reyes\)](#)

Amended Date: 07/07/2025

Title: Pupil Instruction: Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, and Sexual Abuse Prevention: Safety.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill:

- Encourages school districts to provide, as part of sexual health education, instruction that includes information on procedures for complaints and investigations relative to sexual harassment and abuse
- Requires the Instructional Quality Commission to consider including in the next revision of the Health Education Framework information on procedures for complaints and investigations relative to sexual harassment and abuse
- Establishes the second full week in September as “Sexual Harassment Safety Week” that focuses on fostering a safe and secure environment for all members of the school community and places an emphasis on preventing sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual abuse

May 23, 2025, amendments remove all references to training developed by the Redlands Unified School District.

State Budget and Education Finance

[AB 477 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)

Amended Date: 06/23/2025

Title: Fair Pay for Educators Act: Local Control Funding Formula: Base Grants: Funding Targets.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Information Only

Summary:

This bill establishes new Local Control Funding Formula base grant targets for fiscal year 2036-37 and states the intent of the Legislature to spend those funds to increase school site staff salaries.

[AB 1204 \(Alvarez\)](#)

Amended Date: 05/05/2025

Title: Local Control Funding Formula: School Districts and Charter Schools: Pupils Experiencing Homelessness: Supplemental and Concentration Grants: Regional Adjustment Factors: Grade-Span Adequacy Adjustments.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File—Bill Did Not Meet Deadline

Position: Information Only

Summary:

This bill makes a number of changes to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), phasing the changes in beginning in 2025-26 and fully funding them by 2030-31 as follows:

- Provides a minimum 4% annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the LCFF, if the statutory COLA is lower
- Requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to establish regional COLAs in addition to the statewide COLA
- Adds students experiencing homelessness to the categories of students who generate supplemental and concentration grants
- Raises the supplemental grant add-on from 20% to 35% of a local educational agency's (LEA) base grant
- Lowers the threshold for LEAs to be eligible for concentration grants from those with 55% of unduplicated students to 45% of unduplicated students
- Requires the CDE to develop recommendations by January 1, 2028, on how grade span funding levels should be adjusted to account for their unique costs

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Public Statement on Senate Bill 577 (Laird) — Public Agency Liability Reform

August 31, 2026 — Today, a coalition representing public agencies including schools, cities, counties, and joint powers authorities offered their assessment of Senate Bill 577 (Laird), which was amended on August 27 and passed out of the Legislature in the closing days of the 2025–26 session. The coalition indicates where SB 577 falls short of protecting public agencies from the financial cliff that current state laws have created, including Assembly Bill 218 (Chapter 681, Statutes of 2019). Leaders from statewide organizations speak to what is required to provide justice and compensation to survivors of childhood sexual abuse while also protecting the educational opportunities and public services upon which current and future Californians depend.

What education and local government stakeholders are saying about SB 577 passing the Legislature:

Dr. Edgar Zazueta, Executive Director

Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)

“ACSA appreciates the leadership shown by the Legislature this year in taking on an exceptionally complex and difficult issue. However, additional action is needed to prevent a fiscal cliff that threatens the resources schools need to serve today’s students. Other states, including Oregon, Maryland and Colorado, have taken steps to establish defined benefits after seeing significant public resources diverted from classrooms and other essential services. We stand ready to continue working with lawmakers and stakeholders toward a sustainable solution that ensures survivors have a pathway to justice while also protecting every student’s right to a high-quality public education.”

Marinda Griese, President

California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA)

“The Legislature has acknowledged some of the consequences of AB 218, but that is not the same thing as fixing California’s public-entity liability system. Independent data shows costs are climbing at an unsustainable rate, and this bill does not bend that trajectory. SB 577 is the beginning of a much longer conversation about protecting the vulnerable, as well as the public services they rely on, and we won’t stop fighting for both.”

Tatia Davenport, CEO

California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO)

“For California’s school business leaders, the test is simple: does this legislation materially reduce the liability threatening school district solvency? SB 577 does not. Today’s students continue to bear the cost of claims from decades ago, the financial exposure remains, and liability coverage is under pressure. While we appreciate the work of the legislature, calling this issue resolved would be a serious fiscal mistake. The Legislature should return to this issue next session with greater urgency and make the hard fiscal choices necessary to protect resources intended for today’s students.”

Dr. Debra Schade, President

California School Boards Association (CSBA)

“CSBA is not asking California to choose between survivors and students. We are asking lawmakers to preserve survivors’ rights and meaningful compensation while creating settlement caps that protect schools and other public agencies from financial collapse,” said California School Boards Association (CSBA) President Dr. Debra Schade. “Current law presents an existential threat to the future of school districts and county offices of education, and its unintended financial consequences are already threatening educational programs, staffing levels, school district solvency and the stability of California’s school insurance market. While SB 577 is a noble effort at compromise, there is only one solution that balances both the needs of victims and those of current and future students — comprehensive tort reform. In 2027, we urge the Legislature to advance a comprehensive tort reform package for civil actions against public entities.”

Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director and CEO

League of California Cities (Cal Cities)

“Cal Cities appreciates the Legislature’s efforts to address an exceptionally complex and difficult issue,” said Carolyn Coleman, executive Director and CEO of the League of California Cities. “Public-entity liability costs have tripled over the last seven years, putting a huge pressure on cities which are already struggling to deliver essential services to residents. SB 577 falls short of the meaningful reforms needed to address the growing liability pressures facing California’s cities. More work remains to create a fair and sustainable framework that protects survivors and preserves essential local services.”

Miles Menetrey, Chair and Mariposa County Supervisor

Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)

“The passage of SB 577 does not resolve the fiscal crisis facing California’s public agencies,” said RCRC Chair and Mariposa County Supervisor Miles Menetrey. “While the bill includes worthwhile prevention and accountability measures, the underlying liability exposure remains and public-agency risk pools continue to face significant pressure. We appreciate the legislators who acknowledged that more work remains. The passage of SB 577 cannot be the end of this effort. We look forward to working with the Legislature next session on durable reforms that protect survivors while ensuring public agencies can continue providing the essential services Californians depend on.”

David George, CEO

Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF)

“A compromise that does not address the growing and unsustainable liabilities facing schools and other public entities is not a meaningful solution. Without real fiscal relief, public agencies remain exposed to mounting costs that threaten essential services and the communities we serve. While we appreciate the Legislature’s recent efforts, we must continue working toward real, sustainable solutions that both provide meaningful compensation to survivors and protect the essential public services our communities depend on.”

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