

Small School Districts' Association

Legislation of Interest as of June 1, 2010

AB 220 (Brownley (D))

Amends existing law regarding ongoing eligibility of a school district for new construction funding using specified calculations. Revises the calculation. Requires a district to certify it has entered into a binding contract for professional services or for construction, or both, in order to complete an approved project as a qualifying factor for a district to receive funding for a new construction school facilities project. Provides that a district board may extend the time period to meet the criteria.

Status: 02/11/2010 - To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

Position: Support

AB 314 (Brownley (D))

Requires manufacturers of instructional materials to provide certain associated equipment for free and materials in an electronic format at a price that is less than the price for the printed version. Requires a public meeting before the meeting for adopting instructional materials for certain grades. Requires the list of materials to be made available to school districts and to be posted on the internet. Requires the list to also include the final assessments of expert reviewers and evaluators.

Status: 07/15/2009 - In SENATE. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

Position: Support

AB 317 (Solorio (D))

Provides that pupil absences related to the H1N1 (2009) influenza virus in an public elementary or secondary school be deemed to be an epidemic for the purposes of provisions of existing law regarding the average daily attendance of any school district, county office of education, or regional occupational center.

Status: 05/05/2010 - From SENATE Committee on EDUCATION: Do pass to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

Position: Support

AB 391 (Torlakson (D))

Amends the Leroy Greene California Assessment of Academic Achievement Act that provides for the development of a statewide pupil assessment program and defines various terms for that purpose. Defines additional terms for that purpose. Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract for an independent evaluation of the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program. Requires the Superintendent to report on the evaluation to specified entities.

Status: 02/11/2010 - To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

Position: Support

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AB 868 (Perez V (D))

Extends authorization requirements for a four day school week, including that participating schools achieve their API growth targets in order to maintain the authorization, to the Palo Verde Unified School District beginning in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Status: 06/11/2009 - To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

Position: Support

AB 1646 (Hayashi (D))

Requires all high school coaches taking or renewing first aid certification to take training that includes a basic understanding of the signs, symptoms, and appropriate emergency action steps regarding potentially catastrophic injuries, including, but not limited to head and neck injuries, concussions, 2nd impact syndrome, asthma attacks, heatstroke, and cardiac arrest.

Status: 05/28/2010 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Position changed from Oppose Unless Amended to Watch after amendments removed concerns.

AB 1665 (Swanson (D))

Requires public school employers to give reasonable written notice to the exclusive representative of classified personnel of a public school employer's intent to make any change to matters within the scope of representation, including, but not necessarily limited to, start time. Requires public school employers to provide a recognized employee organization with the opportunity to meet and negotiate with the public school employer.

Status: 05/28/2010 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass as amended.;05/28/2010 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. To second reading.

Position: Oppose

AB 1724 (Chesbro (D))

Deems Gasquet Mountain Elementary School and Margaret Keating Elementary School to be necessary small schools and makes the Del Norte County Unified School District eligible to receive apportionments for each school pursuant to its status as a necessary small school.

Status: 05/27/2010 - To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

Position: Support

AB 1802 (Hall (D))

Authorizes a parent or guardian of a pupil with diabetes to designate one or more school employees as parent-designated school employees for the purpose of administering insulin to the pupil as necessary during a regular school day under certain conditions. Authorizes an employee to administer insulin. Requires a parent or guardian to submit a written statement in order to designate any employee for these purposes. Provides the maximum period of validity for such statement.

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Status: 04/20/2010 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION: Failed passage.

Position: Support

AB 2082 (Education Cmt)

Requires that the Legislative Analyst review and report on each reimbursable state mandate relating to local education agencies that meets prescribed criteria to the Chairs of specified Legislative committees. Authorizes a local education agency to file an incorrect reduction claim as an appeal with the Educational Audit Appeals Panel and provides appeal procedures for the panel. Prohibits the Commission on State Mandates from ordering a reconsideration of all or part of any claim.

Status: 05/28/2010 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass as amended.;05/28/2010 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. To second reading.

Position: Support

AB 2083 (Education Cmt)

Amends an existing law that requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education to establish a list of low-achieving schools and persistently lowest-achieving schools and to identify schools according to specified criteria, including, but not limited to, a criterion relating to a school's graduation rate calculated for each of the previous three years, using existing data.

Status: 05/27/2010 - To SENATE Committee on EDUCATION.

Position: Support with Amendment

AB 2446 (Furutani (D))

Adds for specified school years, completion of a course in career technical education as an alternative to the requirement that a pupil complete a course in visual or performing arts or foreign language in order to receive a diploma of graduation from high school.

Status: 05/28/2010 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass as amended.;05/28/2010 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. To second reading.

Position: Support

AB 2454 (Torlakson (D))

Requires the governing board of a school district to employ at least one school nurse, registered nurse, or licensed vocational nurse for every 750 pupils. Provides that districts with more pupils would be required to employ more nurses. Requires registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses to provide health care services to pupils under the supervision of a school nurse. Provides the number of pupils enrolled at a school with a school health center shall not be included in a nurse-to-pupil ratio.

Status: 05/28/2010 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

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Position: Oppose Unless Amended

ACA 3 (Blakeslee (R))

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to require an initiative measure that would authorize the issuance of state general bonds in a total amount exceeding a specified amount to either provide additional tax or fee revenues, the elimination of existing programs, or both, as necessary to fully fund the bonds, as determined by the Legislative Analyst, in order to be submitted to the voters or have any effect.

Status: 08/31/2009 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time. To third reading.

Position: Support

ACA 10 (Torlakson (D))

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a school district upon the approval of a majority of the voters of the district voting on that tax. Makes conforming changes to related provisions.

Status: 04/05/2010 - In ASSEMBLY. Read third time and amended. To third reading.

Position: Support

ACA 33 (Silva (R))

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to require that a ballot measure for the issuance of state general obligation bonds be approved by two thirds of the voters who vote on the measure, whether placed on the ballot by the initiative process or the Legislature.

Status: 02/19/2010 - INTRODUCED.

Position: Oppose

AJR 31 (Buchanan (D))

Memorializes Congress and the President to enact one of the bills pending before Congress that would fully fund the federal individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Status: 04/08/2010 - To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Position: Support

SB 205 (Hancock (D))

Relates to federal law that authorizes the Internal Revenue Service to publish the maximum face value amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be allocated by the United States Department of the Treasury to each state. Assigns specified amounts of the state's 2009 federal tax credit bond volume cap to the State Department of Education and the State School Finance Authority, to be assigned and distributed to school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools.

Status: 03/25/2010 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 11

Position: Support

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SB 363 (Hancock (D))

Requires the Controller to establish the Solar School Subaccount in the State Energy Conservation Assistance Account. Provides that the subaccount would be available for the deposit of funds, including specified federal funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. Requires that the moneys in the subaccount, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be used for the purposes of providing loans to schools for energy efficiency and for the installation of solar energy systems.

Status: 08/27/2009 - In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Heard, remains in Committee.

Position: Support

SB 694 (Correa (D))

Extends the time to request a review, and the time the State Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission has to review a public agency project that is to be performed after the rejection of all bids, and for a commission review of work for which evidence was provided that the work has exceeded the force account limits or has been improperly classified as maintenance.

Status: 05/18/2010 - From ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT with author's amendments.;05/18/2010 - In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Position: Position changed from Oppose to Watch after amendments removed concerns.

SB 898 (Ashburn (R))

Relates to the After School Education and Safety Program to serve pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 9 at participating public elementary, middle, junior high and charter schools. Establishes a minimum total direct grant amount for small schools.

Status: 05/27/2010 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Sponsor

SB 1051 (Huff (R))

Authorizes a school district to provide school employees with voluntary emergency medical training to provide, in the absence of a credentialed school nurse or other licensed nurse onsite at the school, emergency medical assistance to pupils with epilepsy suffering from seizures. Allows a parent or guardian of a pupil with epilepsy who has been prescribed diastat by the pupil's health care provider to request the pupil's school to have one or more of its employees receive voluntary training.

Status: 05/27/2010 - In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Held in committee.

Position: Support

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SB 1136 (Cox (R))

Prohibits a school district's apportionment deferral from exceeding the district's required reserve for economic uncertainties if the district meets specified criteria.

Status: 05/27/2010 - From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass as amended.

Position: Sponsor

SB 1193 (Lowenthal A (D))

Increases the amount of a modernization grant per schoolsite if a school district incorporates the use of high performance design and materials, and if the project is able to achieve specified objectives. Provides this increase would be provided from the funds set aside for this purpose in a specified bond act of 2006. Requires the State Allocation Board to adopt, and the Office of Administrative law to process, emergency regulations to implement the increases.

Status: 05/27/2010 - From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass as amended.

Position: Support with Amendments

SB 1278 (Wyland (R))

Requires the State Board of Education to adopt a revised curriculum framework and evaluation criteria for instructional materials in history-social science in 2011 and to adopt instructional materials in that subject 30 months after the board adopts the framework.

Status: 05/27/2010 - From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Do pass as amended.

Position: Position changed from Oppose Unless Amended to Watch after amendments removed concerns.

SB 1298 (Hancock (D))

Restricts, for the 2011-12 fiscal year, the authority of a school district to withdraw from a regional occupational center or program if the State Board of Education determines that doing so would negatively impact the career technical education services received by high school pupils of other school districts or charter schools in the region. Requires the recipient of such funds to expend the funds in accordance with the regional plan for occupational course sequences, in order to meet the regional demand.

Status: 05/27/2010 - In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

Position: Support

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SB 1380 (Hancock (D))

Requires school facilities constructed or modernized using specified bond funds set aside for career technical education to be used for a minimum number of years. Requires a school district to provide certification regarding that use. Requires districts applying for a career technical education grant to include teachers and members of the local career technical education advisory committee in the design and planning process. Relates to the use of funds for equipment. Requires a review of bond fund use.

Status: 05/26/2010 - In SENATE. To Special Consent Calendar.

Position: Sponsor

SB 1444 (Hancock (D))

Defines science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education as courses or a sequence of courses that prepare pupils for occupations and careers that require technically sophisticated skills, including the application of mathematical and scientific skills and concepts.

Status: 05/20/2010 - To ASSEMBLY Committee on EDUCATION.

Position: Support

SCA 5 (Hancock (D))

Exempts General Fund appropriations in the Budget Bill from the 2/3 vote requirement.

Status: 09/01/2009 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.

Position: Support

SCA 6 (Simitian (D))

Proposes an amendment to the Constitutional that conditions the imposition, extension, or increase of a parcel tax by a school district, community college district, or county office of education upon the approval of 55% of its voters upon the proposition. Makes conforming changes to related provisions.

Status: 06/15/2009 - In SENATE. Read second time. To third reading.

Position: Support