

K-12 Education Bills Passed by the Legislature

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Bills That Challenge Pupils and Schools to Improve.

SB 1561 (Leslie) School Accountability

Establishes a short term voluntary accountability system including:

- a) A voluntary grant program for the 250 lowest performing schools;
- b) A requirement for the use of an independent, "external evaluator" to diagnose the lowest performing school's problems and to review and comment on school action plans;
- c) A requirement for collaborative and inclusive planning process to develop school action plans to address problems;
- d) The allocation of funds based on grant proposals for support activities, with a requirement for a one to one match;
- e) The requirement that identified schools set measurable goals;
- f) The focus on growth over time;
- g) The intent that the short term voluntary program be the first phase of a Long Term program;
- h) The appropriation of \$50,000,000 for support of the program in 1998-99; and
- i) A sunset after three years, but continuation if the Long-Term program is not enacted by the Legislature.

In addition, it establishes the initial features of the Long Term Program, but specifies that the Long Term Program shall only become effective if subsequent legislation is enacted to fully implement it. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1193 (Peace) Longer Instructional Year

Requires an 180 day school year by repealing statutes that allow schools to conduct staff development in lieu of instruction (i.e., called "pupil-free days") for up to eight days per year and, instead, provides school districts incentive funding to offer three staff development days for teachers and one staff development day for classroom instructional employees outside the 180 days of instruction. **Status:** Chapter 313.

SB 12 (O'Connell) Ninth Grade Class Size Reduction

Provides \$135 per unit of full time equivalent enrollment per school for up to two 9th grade classes in English, mathematics, science, and social studies (as specified) which are required for graduation. **Status:** Chapter 334.

AB 1626 (Wayne) Social Promotion

This bill requires all school districts to adopt promotion and retention policies that require students to demonstrate basic proficiency in certain subjects and certain grades before they progress to the next grade. This bill is designed to address "social promotion" problems, which entail policies that promote students to higher grades even when they have not demonstrated basic proficiency that would allow them to succeed in higher grades. The bill stipulates that pupils shall be retained unless retention is "not the appropriate intervention," as determined by the teacher. The bill requires parental notification and consultation with the teacher and principal before any final determination regarding retention can be made. **Status:** Chapter 742.

AB 2363 (Honda) International Baccalaureate

Requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to allocate start-up grants to schools to initiate International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD) programs. **Status:** Chapter 794.

AB 1292 (Migden) College Preparation

This bill is intended to increase college participation rates in schools that have participation rates below the state average. AB 1292 creates a grant program for these schools to do the following: a) improve pupils' scores on college admissions exams, b) increase the number and percentage of pupils who complete A-F course prerequisites for admission to CSU and UC with at least a "C" grade, c) increase the college participation rate, and d) increase the number and percentage of pupils who take college admission decisions and increase statewide test (STAR) results, or e) increase the number and percentage of students that enroll in and receive a score of "3" or above on advanced placement exams. **Status:** Chapter 803.

AB 1428 (Ortiz), AB 2284 (Torlakson), and SB 1756 (Lockyer) After School Programs

These bills create the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program for the purpose of establishing after school partnerships at elementary, middle and junior high schools. The purpose of the after school programs is to offer a safe environment where students will benefit from educational enrichment, tutoring, homework assistance, and recreational activities (over 60,000 students, kindergarten through ninth grade, could be served through this effort). **Status:** Chapters 319, 318, and 320.

AB 2536 (Poochigian) State Summer School for Mathematics and Science

This bill creates the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science (CSSSMS) for the purpose of providing a four to six week program for multidisciplinary mathematics and science training for gifted and talented pupils that have demonstrated excellence in these subjects. Provides that the CSSSMS shall be governed by a 15-member board of trustees. The bill specifies that pupils are eligible for admission to the program if they a) have graduated from eighth grade; b) are currently enrolled in any of grades 9-12; and c) have graduated from high school the year before the summer school session. The bill

further requires the trustees to charge a tuition fee of up to \$1,000, with a fee reduction or waiver for pupils unable to pay. Finally, it requires the trustees to establish a non-profit foundation to help raise private funds to support the CSSSMS. **Status:** Chapter 805.

AB 1418 (Ortiz) Before- And After-School Programs

This bill makes changes to a recently enacted law, Chapter 917, Statutes of 1997, AB 326 (Ortiz), which governs school-based before- and after-school programs with strong literacy components. It specifies that school sites would be eligible for funding of these programs where a minimum of 70% of the children are eligible for the USDA free or reduced-cost meal program, and it prohibits schools from assessing fees to parents or guardians for their children's attendance in these programs. **Status:** Chapter 64.

AB 1763 (Mazzoni) Testing

Requires that data from the statewide test be disaggregated to reflect a pupil's economic disadvantage, non-LEP status and gender, in order to provide information on the progress these groups of students. **Status:** Chapter 845.

AB 1815 (Migden) Testing

Allows school districts to exempt children not fluent in English from taking the statewide test, the STAR, which is in English. Requires districts that take advantage of this option to still assess children not fluent in English regarding their academic progress. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2755 (Alquist) School Site Councils

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop information on how to promote opportunity for parents on schoolsite councils and distribute the information to school districts. **Status:** Chapter 809.

SB 6 (Alpert) Bilingual Education Reform

This bill repeals existing law and inoperative provisions governing bilingual education, and replaces them with the Firestone-Alpert English Learners Education Reform Act of 1998. The Act gives school districts the flexibility to determine the type of instructional services that best accomplish the goals of English language development and academic achievement for English learners. The Act also requires school districts to annually submit data to the State Department of Education, to allow it to monitor and evaluate districts' programs and determine whether they are effective at accomplishing the dual goals of the program.

Status: Vetoed.

AB 2216 (Escutia) Aid for Advanced Placement Exam Fees

This bill establishes a 5-year school district pilot grant program to pay part of the advanced placement exam fees for economically disadvantaged pupils. Requires the State Department of Education to administer the pilot program, and appropriates \$2.5 million for purposes of the program. **Status:** Chapter 793.

SB 1697 (Hayden) College Admission Test Preparation Courses

This bill establishes a six-year pilot program, to be administered by the State Department of Education, to provide matching grants to public high schools to operate or contract for preparation courses for college admissions tests. The bill appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to support this pilot program. **Status:** Chapter 795.

AB 2274 (Leach) Data Collection From Alternative Schools

This bill requires the State Department of Education to annually collect data on specified outcome indicators, including student achievement and dropout rates, from alternative schools such as continuation schools and independent study programs. **Status:** Chapter 1022.

AB 2620 (Davis) Preschool Pilot Projects for English Learners

Establishes a new pilot project for preschool programs serving children not fluent in English. **Status:** Vetoed.

Bills That Provide Qualified Teachers.

AB 2442 (Mazzoni) Math Staff Development

This bill provides funding to school districts and county offices of education to pay for the costs of sending teachers to institutions of higher education to take math courses. **Status:** Chapter 316.

SB 2042 (Alpert - Mazzoni) Teacher Preparation

This bill makes a variety of changes to the laws governing the qualifications and processes for obtaining a California teaching credential. It enacts the recommendations of a commission on teacher credentialing to restructure the recruitment and training of teachers. **Status:** Chapter 548.

AB 1331 (Alquist) Math Staff Development

This bill creates the Teacher Mathematics Instruction Development Program for the purpose of funding school district in-service training programs, for certified teachers in grades 4 to 8, in mathematics instruction consistent with the district's mathematics curriculum. **Status:** Chapter 315.

AB 858 (Davis) National Board Certification

Establishes the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Incentive Program to award grants to school districts for the purpose of providing one-time \$10,000 merit awards to teachers that have attained certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. **Status:** Chapter 331.

AB 1339 (Knox) Education Technology Training

Establishes the Education Technology Staff Development Program to provide funds to school districts for in-service training in the use of educational technology for schoolsite administrators, instructional classified employees and teachers that provide instruction in grades 4 to 8. **Status:** Chapter 844.

AB 1734 (Mazzoni) Subject Matter Projects

This bill provides for revisions in this teacher training program in order to continue the program's funding and address an issue that was raised in the Governor's proposed budget and further delineated in the May Revise as it relates to the California Subject Matter Projects of the University of California. **Status:** Chapter 333.

AB 621 (Lempert) Paraprofessional and Career Ladder Program

This bill would have established the California Paraprofessional and Career Ladder Program to provide school districts with grants to increase the number of paraprofessional staff working in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 496 (Lempert) Teacher Supply

Provides student assistance grants under the APLE program for students intent on becoming math teachers. **Status:** Chapter 545.

AB 2730 (Mazzoni) Out-of-State Teachers

This bill establishes a three-year pilot project, to be administered by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), to "improve" the accreditation review of regionally accredited institutions of higher education located in California or in another state that deliver coursework at one or more locations in California that are distant from the institution's home campus. As part of this pilot project, the bill authorizes higher education institutions which are accredited by a regional organization other than the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) to offer teacher preparation programs in California. **Status:** Chapter 544.

AB 1620 (Scott) Out-of-State Teachers

This bill establishes new standards and procedures for out-of-state credentialed and experienced teachers to become credentialed in California. It allows for reciprocity agreements with states that have requirements which are at least "comparable and equivalent" to California's teacher preparation standards, to expedite the ability of out-of-state teachers to become credentialed in California. **Status:** Chapter 547.

AB 1852 (Pacheco) Out-of-State Credentialing Fees

Transfers the responsibility for setting fees for five-year preliminary credentials for out-of-state teachers from the Director of Finance to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). Authorizes the CTC to determine the fee, up to \$200, and requires the CTC to report to the Legislature on the level of revenues generated by the fee during the 1998-99 fiscal year. **Status:** Chapter 152.

AB 2233 (Honda) Credentialing Waivers

Gradually narrows the number and type of circumstances under which the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) may grant waivers to districts from teacher credentialing requirements. Also adds language to allow CTC to grant waivers to districts if they certify they are unable to meet staffing requirements with qualified personnel despite attempts to do so. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2637 (Mazzoni) School Readiness

Requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to review existing teacher training programs to ensure that they provide teachers with tools to teach to the broad range of skill levels found in the early grades (kindergarten through third). This bill is intended to help children who arrive at school "less ready" than their peers. **Status:** Chapter 807.

AB 2748 (Mazzoni) Special Education Teaching Credentials

Requires applicants for specialist teaching credentials in special education to demonstrate that they passed the reading instruction competence assessment. This bill addresses an unintended loophole in current law that exempts special education teachers from the existing reading instruction competency assessment. **Status:** Chapter 303.

AB 860 (Ducheny) Comprehensive Teacher Preparation and Education Program

Puts into law an existing program in which a school district may form a collaborative partnership with an institution of higher education for the preparation of teachers. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2741 (Miller) California High School Coaching Education and Training Program

This bill authorizes a training program for athletic coaches, supported by grants administered by the State Department of Education and a panel convened by the California Interscholastic Federation. **Status:** Chapter 744.

SB 710 (Dills) Driver Education and Training Credentials

Appropriates \$125,000 from the Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to fund model programs that help meet the requirements for the proper credential in driver education and training. **Status:** Vetoed.

Bills That Enhance A Safe And Secure Learning Environment.

SB 50 (Greene) School Facility Bonds

This bill authorizes a \$9.2 billion K-12 and higher education bond to be placed on the ballot in November 1998. In addition, it reforms the school construction program and school developer fees. **Status:** Chapter 407.

AB 1756 (Havice) Community Policing

This bill establishes a three-year grant program for school districts to implement community policing programs to address juvenile crime and safety issues on school campuses. Community policing programs involve cooperative relationships between the community, schools and local law enforcement. **Status:** Chapter 317.

AB 1992 (Strom-Martin) Telephone Wiring

This bill requires districts that apply for state funding for new school buildings or portables to include in their plans a hard-wired connection to a public switched network in each new or modernized classroom. Districts may meet this requirement with equivalent wireless technology. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1687 (Lempert) School Fire Alarm Systems

This bill would: 1) Authorize the State Allocation Board to fund school agency fire alarm systems; 2) Exempt such funding from the provisions of current law that place a state lien on the assets of districts that access state building program dollars; and, 3) Require fire alarm systems on construction and modernization projects approved by the Department of General Services six months after passage of the next statewide school bond. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1746 (Escutia) CSR Facilities

This bill formalizes the agreement of last summer, splitting into two pots the estimated \$90 million in statewide unexpended class size reduction (CSR) dollars from 1997-98. Half of the money is to go to the so-called "Escutia" districts with severely impacted sites. The other half goes to a subset of "Catch 22" districts that had insufficient unexpended CSR peritoneal dollars in 1997-98 to fund their facilities eligibility. This money will go only to the "Catch 22" districts that fully implemented CSR in three grades in 1996-97, and then expanded the program in 1997-98. **Status:** Chapter 1033.

AB 1845 (Honda) Community Day Schools

Increases the amount of funding that districts receive to operate community day schools, and authorizes county offices of education to operate them too. Under current law, community day schools are run by school districts and generally serve expelled students or students on probation. **Status:** Chapter 847.

AB 191 (Napolitano) School Facilities

Provides SAB eligibility for a project in the Norwalk-La Mirada USD. **Status:** Chapter 941

AB 2636 (Alquist) School Facilities

Requires the State Allocation Board (SAB) to establish a pilot project to demonstrate new approaches to cost containment in the construction of school facilities. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1381 (Thompson) Child Care

Expands the number of child care agencies that are eligible to lease state owned portables purchased with state general obligation bond funding, to all school districts and agencies that contract with school districts providing care to school-age children. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1942 (Sher) Pest Management Practices in Schools

Requires the State Department of Education to develop, publish and disseminate a handbook for use by school districts on pest management practices that minimize pesticide exposure to people and the environment. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1064 (Johnston) California School Age Families Education Program

Eliminates existing programs for pregnant and parenting teenage pupils and replaces them with a new more comprehensive, school-based program called Cal-SAFE, the California School Age Families Education Program (Cal-SAFE). **Status:** Chapter 1078.

SB 1646 (Ayala) High School Athletic Injuries

Provides for a study of pupil injuries from participation in high school athletic events. **Status:** Chapter 940.

AB 285 (Honda) Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Recognition and Prevention

Requires the School/Law Enforcement Partnership (comprised of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Attorney General) to provide information about domestic violence and sexual assault to school districts and county offices of education. Requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to develop standard for the preparation of future teachers to enable them to recognize and respond to victimized children. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2102 (Alby) Fingerprinting of New School Employees

This bill makes a number of technical and substantive revisions to the school employee fingerprint checking requirements and hiring restrictions, established last year by AB 1610 and AB 1612 (Alby and Ortiz). **Status:** Chapter 840.

SB 1751 (Calderon) School Security Equipment

Establishes the School Safety Act of 1998 and accordingly encourages the State Allocation Board (SAB) to develop criteria for the identification of schools in need of school security equipment. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 431 (Baldwin) Expulsion Policies for Young Children

Changes existing mandatory expulsion policies to give districts more discretion for children in grades K-6 and under the age of 14 who did not know of the wrongfulness of their action when they committed the expellable offense. The mandatory expulsion policies affected are those that require districts to immediately suspend and recommend expulsion for pupils that commit the following offenses: 1) possessing or furnishing a firearm; 2) brandishing a knife; 3) selling a controlled substance; or 4) committing or attempting to commit sexual assault. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1827 (Havice) Expulsion Hearings

Requires principals to allow school employees to provide information regarding an incident for a which a student may be suspended or expelled, before the student's expulsion hearing, if the employee so desires to offer information. Allows principals to require school employees to offer information regarding an incident for which a student may be suspended or expelled. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 17 (Cardoza) Counting Days of Suspension

Allows school districts to count the number of days that a student was suspended in another district toward the statutory limit on the number of days that the student may be suspended in a school year. **Status:** Chapter 527.

SB 1427 (Rainey) Expulsion Hearings During Summer Recess

Allows school district governing boards more time (up to four more weeks) to hold expulsion hearings during the summer recess, if it is impractical for the governing board to comply with the regular 30-day limit due to a summer recess for its members. **Status:** Chapter 489.

SB 1626 (Hughes) Security Officers

Requires a new school-security training course for officers that work more than 20 hours per week. **Status:** Chapter 745.

SB 1627 (Hughes) Security Officers

Requires school peace officers employed after July 1, 1999 to complete POST training prior to acting as peace officers. **Status:** Chapter 746.

AB 1995 (Leach) Joint Use Facility

Provides that a joint-use library facility at the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District can be on a site owned by the county, city or other appropriate entity. **Status:** Chapter 1034.

AB 2116 (Perata) School Violence

Adds two new selection criteria to the existing School Violence Reduction Program under which grants are awarded to schools and school districts through county offices of education for, among other activities, establishing conflict resolution programs. **Status:** Vetoed.

Bills That Provide Pupils With The Tools Of Learning.

AB 2041 (Bustamante) Instructional Materials

Creates and funds at \$1 billion over four years the Schiff/Bustamante Standards-Based Instructional Materials Program in order to ensure that pupils in all grades are provided with instructional materials in the core curriculum areas of language arts, mathematics, history/social science and science. The bill specifies that materials are to be aligned with state content standards as adopted by the State Board of Education. **Status:** Chapter 312.

SB 1412 (Schiff) Instructional Materials

Requires audits and creates penalties for school districts and county offices who are out of compliance with laws governing the expenditure of instructional materials funds. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1639 (Sweeney) SB 1370 (Polanco) Remediation

Requires school districts to offer supplemental instruction programs to pupils who have been retained and authorizes districts to offer supplemental instruction programs for certain pupils enrolled in grades two to nine. While the district shall require a pupil who has been retained to participate in the program, the district must provide a mechanism for parents or guardians to decline to enroll his or her child in the program.

The bill specifies that supplemental educational services shall be offered during the summer, after school or on Saturdays. SB 1370 funds the program. **Status:** Chapters 743, and Chapter 942.

AB 1761 (Sweeney) Education Technology

Requires the State Department of Education to establish the California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) to administer a regionalized network of technical assistance to schools and school districts on the implementation of education technology. Provides that CTAP shall be composed of regional consortia that will work collaboratively with school districts and county offices of education to meet locally defined technology-based needs. Provides for the State Board of Education to award grants, of up to three years, to school

districts and county offices of education in each region to act as the lead agency. **Status:** Chapter 801.

AB 1652 (Sweeney) Education Technology

This bill revises the responsibilities of the Education Council for Technology in Learning. The bill authorizes the council to make policy recommendations in areas which include statewide planning for education technology, including a statewide master plan for use of education technology in the elementary and secondary instructional program and school administration, dissemination of technology resources, and development of guidelines for ongoing comprehensive statewide evaluation of all technology, telecommunications, and distance learning programs that directly and indirectly affect California education. The bill increases the number of council members to 15 and changes the appointment process for future members of the council. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 862 (Ducheny) Library Resources

Creates the California Public School Library Act of 1998, which is to be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the purpose of providing funding to school districts to purchase library resources, including books, periodicals, microforms, computer software, CD ROM's and other resources. **Status:** Chapter 332.

AB 2519 (Poochigian) Approval Cycle for Instructional Materials

This bill temporarily shortens the normal 30-month waiting periods required by current law between the approval of textbook criteria and the adoption of textbooks based on those criteria. The purpose of this bill is to expedite the timely approval of textbooks that are aligned to the new state academic content standards. **Status:** Chapter 481.

SB 409 (Alpert) Library of California Act

Establishes the Library of California Act (LCA) to replace the existing public library network. Provides for the creation of regional library networks to include 8,000 public, academic (i.e., higher education), school (i.e., K-12), special (i.e., legal, medical) and private (i.e., corporate, foundation) libraries. This bill would substantially expand the existing network, which is comprised of 172 public libraries. **Status:** Chapter 948.

AB 2145 (Pacheco) Electronic Learning Resources

This bill requires the State Board of Education to consult with the State Department of Education and other interested parties and then report to the Legislature, by March 1, 1999, on how to improve the current instructional materials adoption process for electronic learning resources. **Status:** Chapter 616.

SB 1389 (Craven) Public School Library Protection Fund

This bill extends the operation of the existing Public School Library Protection Fund, an income tax check-off which provides funds for competitive grants to school districts to purchase library materials, if the check-off receives \$250,000 in annual contributions.

Status: Chapter 665.

Other

SB 1564 (Schiff) The 1998-99 Omnibus Education Trailer Bill

This bill provides significant funding and makes necessary statutory changes to implement the Budget Act of 1998 relative to elementary and secondary education, and community colleges. It provides over \$400 million in school support for such programs as \$30 million for staff development in mathematics; \$86 million for the Digital High School grant program; \$180 million for school site block grants; \$71.5 million for science laboratory materials; and \$5 million for a program which provides financial incentives for teachers to obtain National Board Certification. **Status.** Chapter 330.

AB 544 (Lempert) Charter Schools

Makes comprehensive changes to charter school law related to, among other things: a) the limit on the number of charter schools that may operate (specifically, the bill lifts the cap on the number of charters schools allowed to operate in the state from 100 to 250 in 1998-99 and allows for an additional 100 charters each year thereafter); b) the granting and revocation of charters; c) funding and facilities; and d) allowing charter schools to operate as nonprofit public benefit corporations. **Status:** Chapter 34.

AB 2417 (Mazzoni) Charter Schools

Makes technical and clarifying changes to AB 544 (Lempert), Chapter 34, Statutes of 1998. **Status:** Chapter 673.

AB 1327 (Wayne) Class Size Reduction

This bill allows unified school districts and county offices of education implementing class size reduction (CSR) the flexibility to calculate pupil-teacher ratios for grades 7-12 from grades K-6, to alleviate the impact of CSR on funding and staffing ratios for independent study programs. **Status:** Chapter 60.

AB 1721 (Cunneen) Average Daily Attendance

This bill provides a definition of the phrase “average daily attendance” to include average daily attendance for regular education, adult education and regional occupational programs, for the purpose of any general “per ADA” distribution of funds in satisfaction of the Proposition 98 guarantee. **Status:** Chapter 228.

AB 1757 (Bowler) Juvenile Court Schools and County Community Schools

This bill limits expenditures from the juvenile court and community school account maintained by a county superintendent of schools and further limits costs charged for probation officers to “not more than the number of full-time equivalent probation officers

paid for by the county office of education during the 1988-89 fiscal year.” **Status:** Chapter 125.

AB 2460 (Leach) Revenue Limit Equalization Study

This bill expresses legislative intent that the allocation of cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) to school districts be used as a method of revenue limit equalization. This bill requires the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) to examine the current methods of allocating COLAs to school districts and develop alternative sliding scale COLA options designed to aid revenue limit equalization. **Status:** Chapter 156.

SB 1110 (Leslie) Sex Education Notification

This bill requires school districts and governing boards to notify parents or guardians of K-12 students prior to providing sex education or instruction on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases in a school assembly or by an outside instructor or speaker. Under existing law, schools are not required to notify parents about who will be delivering the instruction or when the instruction will be taught. **Status:** Chapter 403.

SB 1174 (Vasconcellos) Voluntary Desegregation Programs

This bill makes technical corrections to existing law with regard to the voluntary desegregation programs at various schools and school districts. **Status:** Chapter 117.

SB 1640 (Brulte) Home-to-School Transportation Funding

This bill revises the criteria that a school district must meet in order to qualify for supplemental home-to-school transportation funding. **Status:** Chapter 202/98

AB 1665 (Torlakson) Parental Rights

Expands current law regarding the rights and responsibilities of parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in public school. **Status:** Chapter 864.

AB 1216 (Kaloogian) Parental Rights

Establishes the Education Empowerment Act of 1998 which provides for public access to instructional materials and programs and creates certain individual rights of teachers, parents and pupils. **Status:** Chapter 1031.

AB 2002 (Kuykendall) ROP/C Deferred Maintenance

Authorizes two regional occupational centers to become eligible for deferred maintenance funds. **Status:** Chapter 467.

AB 2224 (Strom-Martin) CSR

Provides class size reduction (CSR) program flexibility for very small school districts.

Status: Vetoed.

AB 1121 (Goldsmith) Alternative Delivery Systems for ROC/P's

Authorizes regional occupational centers and programs (ROC/P's) in the Counties of San Diego, Orange and Fresno to carry out demonstration programs in innovative and alternative instructional delivery methods, such as distance learning, without suffering a loss in funding. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1024 (Davis) Visual and Performing Arts

Adds "dance" to the list of subjects that qualify as "visual and performing arts," which is one of the areas of study that must be offered in grades 7 through 12. Requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to adopt regulations that allow teachers with single subject teacher credentials to acquire significant preparation in teaching dance or theatre. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1736 (Torlakson) Independent Study for Pregnant and Parenting Pupils

Specifies that pregnant and parenting teens attending continuation schools and on independent study shall not be counted toward the limit that only 10% of students in any continuation school may be on independent study. Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to evaluate the effects of this policy change on the population affected. **Status:** Chapter 461.

AB 1925 (Alquist) Alternative Attendance Accounting Methods

Establishes a pilot program to develop alternative attendance accounting methods for specified adult education programs and regional occupational centers and programs (ROC/P's). **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1941 (Honda) Sex Education Courses

Adds to existing criteria that must be met by all sex education courses, including the requirement that all course material and instruction be medically accurate and free of racial, ethnic, and gender bias. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2645 (Kuehl) Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program

Extends the life of the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program by one year and makes other technical changes. **Status:** Chapter 920.

SB 896 (Alpert) Physical Education Curriculum

This bill (1) states legislative intent to encourage school district governing boards to consider the physical education curriculum framework and other information in adopting and implementing district physical education programs and (2) requires the compilation of data on the results of district-administered pupil physical performance tests, to the extent that funding is available. **Status:** Chapter 1066.

SB 793 (Dills) Drivers Training Consultant

Appropriates \$62,500 from the Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund to pay the half-year cost of at least one driver training consultant position in the State Department of Education. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1468 (Rosenthal) SB 727 Clean-up

Makes numerous technical amendments to facilitate the implementation of a bill approved last year, SB 727 (Rosenthal), Chapter 855, Statutes of 1997, which changed the way districts count attendance for funding purposes, to exclude excused absences from the definition of "attendance." This bill adjusts all funding formulas for existing education categorical programs, to ensure that school districts do not suffer any unintended changes in funding levels from these programs as a result of the change in definition of attendance. **Status:** Chapter 846.

SB 1481 (Hughes) Employee Records

Establishes a process, similar to that for California State University (CSU) employees, whereby employees of school districts and community college districts may request correction or deletion of a record in their personnel files, if the employee has reason to believe that it is inaccurate, irrelevant, untimely or incomplete. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1686 (Solis) Conformity with Federal Special Education Legislation

This bill makes a number of technical and clarifying changes to existing law concerning Special Education in order to conform state law to the latest federal authorization of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act. **Status:** Chapter 691.

SB 1832 (Kelley) Home Economics Incentive Grant Program

Establishes an incentive grant program for schools to establish and expand instructional programs in home economics careers and technology vocational education. **Status:** Chapter 810.

AB 1915 (Honda) California Civil Liberties Public Education Act

This bill establishes the California Civil Liberties Public Education Act, for the purpose of sponsoring public educational activities and developing educational materials to ensure that events surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans and similar events will be remembered and the causes understood. Also creates a competitive grant program for the purpose of educating the public about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. **Status:** Chapter 571.

SB 2053 (Wright) Internment of Italian Americans during World War II

States the intent of the Legislature to provide accurate instructional materials to schools on the internment, relocation, and restriction in the United States of persons of Italian origin during World War II and its impact on the Italian American community. Makes legislative findings and declarations that there are few films or videotapes available for teachers to use on the subject. **Status:** Chapter 130.

AB 1967 (Keeley) Special Education Transportation

Revises a formula that provides supplemental home-to-school transportation funding to school districts. Also requires the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) to prepare a report on special education transportation services funding. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2328 (Machado) School District Reorganization

Makes several changes to the law relative to school district reorganization. **Status:** Chapter 906.

AB 2643 (Lempert) Deferred Maintenance

Directs specific funding sources to school deferred maintenance. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2696 (Cardoza) Portable Classrooms

Extends the eligibility period for the purchase of certain portable classrooms. **Status:** Chapter 848

AB 2712 (Cardenas) First Aid Kits

Provides that the State Department of Education (SDE) collect information about first aid equipment. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2751 (Cardenas) District Reorganization

Requires a specified number of public hearings in school district reorganizations. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1681 (Karnette) District Reorganization

Makes the area of Eastview in Los Angeles County an "optional attendance area," which, in effect, allows the parents/legal guardians residing in this area to make an election for each pupil to decide whether the pupil will attend school in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District (PVPUSD) or the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). **Status:** Chapter 868 .

SB 2082 (Johnston) Technical Correction

Provides that specified funds allocated in 1997 to the San Joaquin County Office of Education for the Professional Development Center may also be utilized for capital outlay and startup purposes. **Status:** Chapter 503.

SB 2132 (Monteith) District Reorganization

Adjusts the revenue limit of the newly organized Waterford Unified School District to receive comparable per pupil revenue limit funding as did other districts involved in the reorganization. **Status:** 905.

AB 1056 (Mazzoni) School Accountability

States the intent of the Legislature that California establish a comprehensive education accountability system for all schools in the state to monitor, measure, and systematically improve pupil achievement and school quality. **Status:** Held in conference committee.

SB 2159 (Greene) Joint Use

Makes various changes in the joint use program that is a part of the State School Building Lease Purchase Program. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1456 (Alpert) School Accountability

Establishes legislative intent to enact a short-term voluntary intervention program for school accountability. An earlier version of the bill required the Superintendent of Public Instruction to identify the 500 lowest-performing schools and establish a process for them to voluntarily apply for assistance and intervention to improve their performance. **Status:** Held in conference committee.

AB 2501 (Mazzoni) Pupil Interrogation

Requires school principals, in some cases, to take certain actions before pupils may be interrogated by peace officers on campus. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 1649 (Wayne) Classified Employees

This bill would have provided that classified employees of schools transferred to new districts through reorganization could remain employees of the initial district or become employees of the acquiring district as specified. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2409 (Shelley) Classified Employees

This bill would have required that part-time playground positions be part of the classified service if the employee holding such a position also is employed in another classified position in the school district. In addition, the bill would have protected any employee who is dual employed as of June 30, 1998 from any loss of hours as a result of this act. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 305 (Sher) Notification: School Nurses

This bill would have required a school to notify the parents or guardians of each pupil attending the school annually if a credentialed school nurse employed by the school district or county office of education is not generally in attendance at least two days of each week or when school nursing services are reduced to fewer than two days per week. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1490 (Greene) STAR Test Results

This bill would have prohibited the results of the STAR test or the results of any similar standardized or criterion referenced test from being used as the sole determining factor in a decision to retain a pupil in his or her grade level. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1613 (Solis) Classified Employees: Sick Leave

This bill would have required classified school employees of K-14 districts to make consecutive use of sick leave and long term “differential pay” leave when an employee is absent from work due to illness or accident. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 2178 (Watson) Classified Employees: Merit System Districts

This bill would have made changes to current law governing classified employment in merit system districts. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1829 (Costa) Voluntary Desegregation

Authorizes any group of school districts acting in collaboration to operate a voluntary desegregation program and receive state funding, contingent upon a Budget Act appropriation. Also specifically deems the North Kern/South Tulare County group of school districts as "acting in collaboration." **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 2138 (Vasconcellos) Parenting Education

This bill requires all students in grades 9-12 to receive parenting education. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 598 (Davis) Special Education

Makes technical changes to current program. **Status:** Chapter 89.

AB 2447 (Campbell) Fingerprints

Allows school districts and county offices of education to hire persons who will not have contact with pupils prior to the completion of a criminal background check. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2375 (Strom-Martin) Schoolbus Stops

Modifies current law regarding the transportation of children in school buses by specifying exemptions from the requirement that schoolbus drivers display flashing lights at every stop when children are boarding and disembarking from the bus. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 142 (Brown) School District Equalization.

Allows school districts that were considered as large school districts in 1996-97 to choose between 1996-97 attendance and actual attendance for determining the amount they are to receive under equalization efforts in the current year. Temporarily revises the December 1 deadline for submitting mapping information to the Board of Equalization, to January 31, 1998. This temporary change will allow the boundary changes related to Rincon Valley and Santa Rosa Elementary School Districts, and the proposed Eureka Unified School District, to become effective next year. **Status:** Chapter 1.

AB 322 (Baca) Growth Funding for Roc/P's

Changes the distribution formula for statewide growth funds for regional occupation centers and programs (ROC/P's), from one based on each ROC/P's percentage of total statewide average daily attendance (ADA) in ROC/P's, to a formula based on the ADA in grades 9-12 of all schools served by each ROC/P, as a percentage of total statewide ADA in grades 9-12. **Status:** Chapter 149.

AB 1885 (Papan) School District Reorganization.

Provides that, if in either the 1999-2000 or 2000-2001 fiscal years the Jefferson Union High School District or the Laguna Salada Elementary School District experience a reorganization causing enrollment decline, they may compute their fiscal year Average Daily Attendance (ADA) by applying the second principal apportionment regular ADA for either the prior or current fiscal year, whichever is greater. **Status:** Chapter 907.

AB 2199 (Washington) Conservation Education Service

Adds environmental hazards to the list of factors affecting environmental quality, for which the Conservation Education Service is charged with developing educational opportunities. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1855 (Thompson) Annual Reimbursement for State Mandate Claims

Provides for the payment of claims for reimbursements to local governments, including school districts, for state-mandated local programs approved for payment by the Commission on State Mandates and a claim approved by the State Board of Control. **Status:** Chapter 780.

AB 2215 (Escutia) Annual Technical Clean-Up Bill

Makes necessary technical revisions to various sections of the Education Code. **Status:** Vetoed.

AB 2647 (Pacheco) Employee Notice

Requires certificated employees in year-round schools to notify the school district by June 1 of their intent to remain or not to remain working in the district the following year, if the district requests by April 30 of that year that employees give such notice. **Status:** Chapter 533.

SB 10 (Johnston) Amador County Unified School District

Authorizes the State Allocation Board (SAB) to waive the repayment requirement for the Amador County Unified School District, which installed heating and air conditioning units with state bond funds in 1993-94 and 1994-95 under the modernization component of the State School Facilities Funding Program. **Status:** Chapter 3.

SB 86 (Monteith) Mariposa County Unified School District

Continues authorization for the Mariposa County Unified School District to receive a special transportation allowance of \$350,000 per year in addition to the district's "regular" home-to-school transportation funding. **Status:** Chapter 536.

SB 1019 (Alpert) Certificated Employees' Sick Leave

This bill specifies that certificated employees must use up their sick leave before tapping into the five-month period for differential pay. Specifies that employees who have exhausted all sick leave may be eligible for one five-month period of differential pay per illness or accident. **Status:** Chapter 30.

SB 1467 (Hughes) Voluntary Desegregation Programs

Authorizes the Alameda Unified School District and the Inglewood Unified School District to operate voluntary desegregation programs and to receive state funding if certain

requirements are met. Authorizes the Coachella Valley Unified School District to be funded for its voluntary desegregation program in its first year of operation, if the school district is operating under state supervision resulting from the receipt of an emergency loan from the state, and meets other specified conditions. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 1770 (McPherson) Supplemental Grant Funding

Allows school districts to revise the allocation of their supplemental grant funding in order to avoid loss of funds due to rules governing the home-to-school transportation program. **Status:** Chapter 1047.

SB 1866 (Hughes) Compton Unified School District

This bill allows the Compton Unified School District to expand the number of students who participate in its longer-school-year pilot project. **Status:** Chapter 943.

SB 1932 (Johnston) Center for Educational Excellence

Appropriates \$139,250 from the General Fund (GF) to the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) for the purpose of having its Center for Educational Excellence develop materials and compile information, as specified. **Status:** Vetoed.

SB 2023 (Alpert) Budget Reserves for School Districts

This bill allows school districts with an average daily attendance of between 125,000 and 400,001, upon approval of the governing board, to reduce from 2% to 1% the amount of its budget it is required to maintain as a general reserve. **Status:** Chapter 784.

SB 2045 (Greene) Priority for Facilities Bond Funds

Modifies the alternative method by which a district may obtain first priority status for receipt of state school facilities bond funds. **Status:** Chapter 957.

SB 268 (Knight) Necessary Small Schools

This bill would deem Rand Elementary School to be a necessary small school and make the Sierra Sands Unified School District eligible to receive apportionments for the school pursuant to its status as a necessary small school. This bill would provide that if the average daily attendance of the Rand Elementary School exceeds 100, then the school would no longer be eligible to receive apportionments as a necessary small school. **Status:** Chapter 24.

SB 345 (Polanco) Indian Education Centers

Reauthorizes and modifies the provisions of law regarding Indian Education Centers, which expired January 1, 1997. **Status:** Chapter 1040.

AB 89 (Pringle) School Facilities

Makes several changes in law related to the School Finance Authority and the Educational Facilities Authority. **Status:** Chapter 741.