



Legislative Policy Committee

Postions Taken at March 9, 2012 Meeting

[AB 1166](#) [Solorio D](#) **Pupils: privacy of pupil records: standardized test scores and grades.**

Text Version: Amended: Position: Approve
1/23/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Backup, Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/16/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law establishes the public school system in this state, pursuant to which school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools provide educational services to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, at elementary and secondary schools throughout the state. Existing law generally requires school districts, as defined to also include county offices of education and charter schools, to establish, maintain, and destroy pupil records according to regulations adopted by the State Board of Education. This bill would prohibit school districts from including, or causing to be included, on a pupil's school identification card or any other object that a pupil is required by school officials to carry on his or her person while present at school, any information about that pupil's scores on standardized tests or the course grades that the pupil has received. The bill would define "information" for these purposes to include the pupil's actual test scores or grades, the percentile or range into which those test scores or grades fall, or any symbol, color, logo, or other device or emblem used to represent or convey any information about those test scores or grades. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature that it not be construed to prohibit schools from honoring or recognizing pupil achievement.

[AB 1172](#) [Mendoza D](#) **Charter schools: petition for establishment: decision to grant or deny.**

Text Version: Amended: Position: Approve
1/26/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/16/2012 - Referred to Coms. on ED. and APPR.

Existing law requires the governing board of a school district, within 60 days of the receipt of a petition for the establishment of a charter school, to either grant or deny the charter, as specified. Existing law prohibits the governing board of a school district from denying a petition unless the governing board makes written factual findings in support of one or more specified findings. This bill would include the finding that the charter school would have a negative fiscal impact on the school district, as specified, among those findings upon which a school district may base denial of a petition for the establishment of a charter school.

[AB](#) [Brownley D](#) **Instructional materials.**

[1246](#)

Text Version: Amended: Position: Support if amended

1/23/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 2/16/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt basic instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, for governing boards, as defined, subject to specified provisions. Existing law authorizes instructional materials to be submitted for adoption in certain subject areas according to 6- and 8-year submission cycles. This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and authorize school districts, to submit instructional materials for review to the state board, which would be required to adopt procedures for the review of those submitted instructional materials. The bill would add additional requirements for the review and adoption of instructional materials, including, but not limited to, changing the submission cycles to 8 years for all subject areas and requiring the State Department of Education to assess a reasonable fee on a publisher or manufacturer if it submits instructional materials for review after the applicable timeframe. The bill also would authorize the Superintendent and school districts to recommend to the state board instructional materials for its adoption, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB
1301](#)**Hill D Retail tobacco sales: STAKE Act.**

Text Version: Amended: Position: Approve

1/18/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/2/2012 - Re-referred to Coms. on HEALTH and RLS.

Existing law, the California Cigarette and Tobacco Licensing Act of 2003, requires a retailer to obtain a license from the State Board of Equalization to engage in the sale of cigarette and tobacco products in California. Existing law, the Stop Tobacco Access to Kids Enforcement Act, or STAKE Act, establishes various requirements for retailers relating to tobacco sales to minors. Existing law also makes it a misdemeanor for a retailer to knowingly or under circumstances in which it has knowledge, or should otherwise have grounds for knowledge, sell, give, or in any way furnish a minor with tobacco products or paraphernalia. This bill would remove the schedule for board action in response to the occurrence of a violation, as defined, of the STAKE Act or the misdemeanor provision. The bill would declare that these changes would not result in the limitation or termination of ongoing board actions. The bill would require the board to suspend or revoke a retailer's license, as specified, for the 3rd, 4th, or 5th violation. The bill would require the assessment of an additional civil penalty, as specified, to be deposited in the existing Cigarette and Tobacco Products Compliance Fund, which would be made available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to fund these suspension and revocation activities. This bill contains other existing laws.

[AB
1337](#)**Alejo D Parent and child relationship.**

Text Version: Amended: Position: Watch

1/11/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 2/2/2012 - Referred to Com. on JUD.

Existing law authorizes any interested party to bring an action at any time for the purpose of determining the existence

AB Hayashi D **School districts: athletics: concussions and head injuries.**
1449

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Approve
 1/5/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
 Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead
 Status: 1/19/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law requires a school district that elects to offer an athletic program to receive, on a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet that is signed by the athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian before the athlete's initiating practice or competition. This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop and make available on the State Department of Education's Internet Web site a concussion and head injury information sheet that a school district may use to fulfill this requirement.

AB Hayashi D **High school athletics: coaching education program.**
1451

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support if amended
 1/5/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
 Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead
 Status: 1/19/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law requires each high school sports coach to complete a coaching education program developed by his or her school district or the California Interscholastic Federation that meets specified guidelines, including certification in first aid. This bill, commencing January 1, 2013, would require each high school sports coach taking or renewing his or her first aid certification to take additional 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, second impact syndrome, asthma attacks, heat stroke, and cardiac arrest. By requiring high school sports coaches to complete this additional training, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB Brownley D **Standardized Testing and Reporting Program: academic achievement: assessment instrument.**
1521

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Oppose UA
 1/18/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
 Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead
 Status: 1/26/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.
 Calendar: 3/21/2012 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, BROWNLEY,
 Chair

The Leroy Greene California Assessment of Academic Achievement Act requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to design and implement a statewide pupil assessment program, known as the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with approval of the State Board of Education, to provide for the development of an assessment instrument that measures the degree to which pupils are achieving the academically rigorous content standards and performance standards, to the extent standards have been adopted by the State Board of Education. Existing law requires these standards-based achievement tests to include certain subject areas, as specified, and requires, at a minimum, a direct writing assessment once in elementary

register as a sex offender, as specified, to volunteer to supervise pupils during the school lunch period or any breakfast period or nutrition period, or to serve as a nonteaching volunteer aide under the immediate supervision and direction of the certificated personnel of the district, as specified. Existing law prohibits a school district from abolishing any of its classified positions and utilizing those volunteers for those services in place of classified employees laid off as a result of the abolition of a position. This bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to permit a person, except a person required to register as a sex offender, as specified, to serve as an unpaid volunteer for a capital maintenance project in the school district. The bill would provide that, to the extent these provisions conflict with any provision of a collective bargaining agreement entered into before January 1, 2013, by a public school employer and an exclusive bargaining representative, the provisions shall not apply to the school district until the expiration of that collective bargaining agreement.

AB Lara D **Child abuse reporting: mandated reporters: tax-exempt organizations.**
1564

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support if amended
1/30/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 3/6/2012 - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Existing law, the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, requires a mandated reporter, as defined, to report whenever he or she, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observed a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. Failure to report an incident is a crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of 6 months, a fine of up to \$1,000, or by both that imprisonment and fine. Existing law excludes volunteers of public or private organizations whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children from the list of mandated reporters. Existing law also strongly encourages employers to provide training in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting to their employees who are mandated reporters, and encourages public and private organizations to provide their volunteers whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children with training in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting. This bill would include volunteers of public or private organizations, including nonprofit organizations, whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children in the list of individuals who are mandated reporters. The bill would also require employers to provide training in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting to their employees and volunteers who are mandated reporters. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB Hernández, **Charter schools: preferences for admission.**
1568 Roger D

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support
1/31/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/9/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law requires, if the number of pupils who wish to attend a charter school exceeds its capacity, preference to be extended to pupils currently attending the charter school and pupils who reside in the school district. Existing law also authorizes other preferences to be extended, on an individual school basis, if consistent with the law. This bill would prohibit preferences based on the contribution of time or money.

AB Brownley D **School attendance: residency requirements: foster children.**

[1573](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support
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 Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Backup, Adonai Mack: Lead
 Status: 2/9/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.
 Calendar: 3/21/2012 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, BROWNLEY,
 Chair

Existing law requires persons between the ages of 6 and 18 to attend a public school within the school district in which the pupil's parent or legal guardian resides, unless otherwise exempted. This bill would deem a pupil who is a foster child who remains in his or her school of origin to have met the residency requirements for school attendance in that school district. To the extent that this bill would impose additional duties on a school district of origin, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB](#) [Lara D](#) **Pupil fees.**
[1575](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Oppose UA
 2/1/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
 Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead
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 Chair

Existing law requires the Legislature to provide for a system of common schools by which a free school is required to be kept up and supported in each district. Existing law prohibits a pupil enrolled in school from being required to pay a fee, deposit, or other charge not specifically authorized by law. This bill would prohibit a pupil enrolled in a public school from being required to pay a pupil fee, as defined, for participation in an educational activity, as defined, as specified. The bill would provide that this prohibition is not to be interpreted to prohibit solicitation of voluntary donations, voluntary participation in fundraising activities, or school districts, schools, and other entities from providing pupils prizes or other recognition for voluntarily participating in fundraising activities. The bill would specify that these provisions apply to all public schools, including, but not limited to, charter schools and alternative schools, are declarative of existing law, and should not be interpreted to prohibit the imposition of a fee, deposit, or other charge otherwise allowed by law. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB](#) [Huber D](#) **Charter schools: loans.**
[1576](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Approve
 2/2/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
 Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead
 Status: 2/17/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.
 Calendar: 3/21/2012 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, BROWNLEY,
 Chair

Existing law authorizes a county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the county board of education, to temporarily transfer moneys to a school district under specified circumstances. This bill would authorize a county board of education to loan moneys to a charter school for which the county board of education or the county superintendent

Status: 2/23/2012 - Referred to Com. on P.E., R. & S.S.

Existing state and local public retirement systems provide defined benefits based on age at retirement, service credit, and final compensation. Existing law defines final compensation for various employment classifications in connection with the benefits provided by these systems. This bill would prohibit the retirement benefit paid to a member of any public retirement system whose service is not included in the federal social security system from exceeding \$100,000. The bill would prohibit the retirement benefit paid to a member of any public retirement system whose service is included in the federal social security system from exceeding \$80,000. Those amounts would be adjusted annually by each public retirement system using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB **Brownley** **D** **Education finance: block grant funding.**
1638

Text Version: Introduced: 2/9/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#) Position: Watch
Assigned: Adonai Mack: Lead
Status: 2/23/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law establishes the pupil retention block grant, school safety consolidated competitive grant, teacher credentialing block grant, professional development block grant, targeted instructional improvement block grant, and school and library improvement block grant. Existing law authorizes a school district or county office of education to expend in a fiscal year up to 15% of the amount apportioned for the school safety consolidated competitive grant, professional development block grant, targeted instructional improvement block grant, or school and library improvement block grant for any other programs for which the school district or county office of education is eligible for funding, not to exceed 120% of the amount of state funding allocated in a fiscal year to the school district or county office of education for purposes of the program to which funds are transferred. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would simplify school finance by consolidating funding for categorical programs into targeted block grants to promote greater equity, increase local control, and improve instruction. The bill would also make the above-described provision relating to the expenditure of block grant funds inoperative on July 1, 2014.

AB **Dickinson** **D** **Public employees: rights.**
1655

Text Version: Introduced: 2/13/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#) Position: Watch
Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead
Status: 2/23/2012 - Referred to Com. on P.E., R. & S.S.

The existing Bill of Rights for State Excluded Employees prescribes various rights and terms and conditions of employment for excluded employees, defined as certain supervisory, managerial, and confidential state employees. This bill would enact the Public Employees' Bill of Rights Act that would apply to state employees other than excluded employees. The stated purpose of this act would be to inform public employees of their rights and terms of employment in order to promote harmonious personnel relations between public employees and their employers. This bill would, among other things, provide that state employees shall be entitled to priority over excluded employees or contractors in filling permanent, overtime, and on-call positions. This bill would also authorize the formation of peer review committees for professional staff to provide input regarding workplace operations. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB](#) [Fong D](#) **County boards of education: members.**
[1662](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Oppose UA
 2/14/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/23/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Calendar: 3/21/2012 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, BROWNLEY,
 Chair

Under existing law, any registered voter is eligible to be a member of the county board of education except the county superintendent of schools, any member of his staff, or any employee of a school district. This bill would make an employee of a school district eligible to be a member of a county educational agencies.

[AB](#) [Monning D](#) **Mobile food facilities: school campus location.**
[1678](#)

Text Version: Amended: Position: Neutral
 3/8/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Adonai Mack: Lead

Status: 3/8/2012 - From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on
 HEALTH. Read second time and amended.

The California Retail Food Code provides for the regulation of health and sanitation standards for retail food facilities, including mobile food facilities, as defined, by the State Department of Public Health. Under existing law, local health agencies are primarily responsible for enforcing this code. A violation of these provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor. This bill would prohibit a mobile food facility from selling or otherwise providing food or beverages within 500 feet of the property line of a public elementary or secondary school campus, except as specified. It would also require the enforcing agency to notify each individual or entity that seeks approval of a mobile food facility of this requirement. By imposing additional duties upon local officials and creating a new crime, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB](#) [Carter D](#) **Pupil instruction: foreign language.**
[1688](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Watch
 2/14/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 2/15/2012 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

Existing law sets forth the intent and purpose of the Legislature to encourage the establishment of programs of instruction in foreign language, with instruction beginning as early as feasible for each school district. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.

[AB](#) [Silva R](#) **Pupil assessment: high school exit examination: eligible pupils with disabilities.**
[1705](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support
2/15/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Adonai Mack: Backup, Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 2/23/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Calendar: 3/21/2012 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, BROWNLEY,
Chair

Existing law requires each pupil completing grade 12 to successfully pass the high school exit examination as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation or a condition of graduation from high school. Existing law requires by October 1, 2010, that the State Board of Education, taking into consideration specified findings and recommendations, adopt regulations for alternative means by which eligible pupils with disabilities, as defined, may demonstrate that they have achieved the same level of academic achievement in the content standards required for passage of the high school exit examination. This bill would instead define an eligible pupil with a disability as a pupil who has, among other things, an anticipated graduation date and is scheduled to receive a high school diploma on or after July 1, 2015, and the school district or state special school certifies that the pupil has satisfied or will satisfy all other state and local requirements for the receipt of a high school diploma on or after July 1, 2015. The bill would instead authorize an eligible pupil with a disability, commencing July 1, 2015, to participate in the alternative means of demonstrating the level of academic achievement in the content standards required for passage of the high school exit examination in the manner prescribed by the regulations adopted by the state board. The bill would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB **Dickinson** **D** **Certificated school district employees.**
1717

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support
2/16/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 3/1/2012 - Referred to Coms. on HUM. S. and ED.

Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to notify the local director of social services and the probation officer of the county in which a community care facility is located whenever the license, registration, or special permit issued to the community care facility is suspended, revoked, temporarily suspended, forfeited, canceled, or expired. This bill would require the State Department of Social Services to notify the Department of Justice whenever an accusation or complaint is made against a holder of a license, registration, or special permit for a community care facility alleging grounds for suspension, revocation, or temporary suspension of the license, registration, or special permit. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB **Fuentes** **D** **Supplemental instructional materials: English language development.**
1719

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Co-Sponsor
2/16/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sal Villasenor: Backup, Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 3/1/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Calendar: 3/21/2012 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY EDUCATION, BROWNLEY,
Chair

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt basic instructional materials for use in kindergarten and

Existing law establishes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, among other things, establish professional standards, assessments, and examinations for entry and advancement in the education profession. This bill would require the commission to convene an advisory panel to explore the recognition of leadership roles within the teaching career pathway. The commission would be required to consider the findings of the advisory panel and report to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2014, on recommendations for the recognition of teacher leaders.

AB **Norby R** **Pupils: English learners: reclassification.**
1767

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support if amended
2/17/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sal Villasenor: Backup, Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 3/1/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law requires each school district that has one or more pupils who are English learners, and to the extent required by federal law, a county office of education and a charter school, to assess the English language development of each of those pupils in order to determine their level of proficiency. Existing law requires annual assessments to continue until a pupil is redesignated as English proficient and requires the assessment to utilize primarily the English language development test identified or developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to specified provisions. This bill would require that a pupil be redesignated as English proficient if the pupil attains the proficient level of performance on the English language arts STAR test. The bill would also correct some cross-references. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB **Brownley D** **School meals: free or reduced-priced meals.**
1781

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Disapprove
2/21/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Adonai Mack: Lead

Status: 3/1/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law requires each school district and county superintendent of schools maintaining kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to provide for each needy pupil one nutritionally adequate, free or reduced-price meal during each schoolday. Existing law requires the governing board of each school district and county superintendent to formulate a plan that, among other things, will ensure that children eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals and milk shall not be treated differently than other children. This bill would require the governing board of each school district and county superintendent of schools to include, as part of that plan, a provision to ensure that during meal times, children shall be able to receive a free or reduced-price meal at any serving line that the school food services program operates, manages, or from which the school food services program receives revenue. By imposing this additional duty on school districts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB **Bradford D** **Pupil records: pupil transfers.**
1799

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support
2/21/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Adonai Mack: Lead

Status: 3/1/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law requires a pupil's former school district, as defined, or private school to transfer the pupil's permanent record, or a copy thereof, upon a request from the school district, as defined, or private school where the pupil intends to enroll. This bill would instead require the former public school or private school to perform the transfer of the pupil's permanent record or copy of it no later than 10 schooldays, as defined, following the date of the request. The bill would state legislative findings and declarations regarding the importance of the academic record of a transferring pupil and the accuracy of those records. By imposing a new requirement on public schools to transfer records within 10 schooldays, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB
1831** **Dickinson D Local government: hiring practices.**

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Watch
2/22/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 3/8/2012 - Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/11/2012 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL
GOVERNMENT, SMYTH, Chair

Existing law requires the hiring practices and promotional practices of a local agency, as defined, to conform to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and prohibits any local agency from, as a part of its hiring practices or promotional practices, employing any educational prerequisites or testing or evaluation methods which are not job-related unless there is no adverse effect. This bill would prohibit a local agency from inquiring into or considering the criminal history of an applicant or including any inquiry about criminal history on any initial employment application. The bill would authorize a local agency to consider an applicant's criminal history after the applicant's qualifications have been screened and the agency has determined the applicant meets the minimum employment requirements, as stated in any notice issued for the position. The bill would not apply to a position for which a local agency is otherwise required by law to conduct a criminal history background check. This bill contains other related provisions.

**AB
1856** **Ammiano D Foster care services: cultural competency.**

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Approve
2/22/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 3/8/2012 - Referred to Com. on HUM. S.

Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, requires the State Department of Social Services to license and regulate community care facilities, including foster family agencies and other facilities that provide foster care services for children. A violation of community care facility provisions is a misdemeanor. Existing law requires the department to develop, and an administrator of a group home facility to complete, a certification program that includes training in various areas, including the rights of foster children. Existing law requires a foster family agency to provide, and a licensed foster parent to complete, preplacement training and additional annual training in various areas, including the rights of foster children. Existing law also requires a community college district with a foster care education program to make orientation and training available to a relative or nonrelative extended family member caregiver, as specified. The bill would require the training for an administrator of a group home facility, licensed foster parent, and relative or nonrelative extended family member caregiver, to also include instruction on cultural competency and

[2093](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support
 2/23/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 2/24/2012 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.

Existing law establishes the segments of the public postsecondary education system in the state, including the University of California administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law establishes the Higher Education Outreach and Assistance Act for Emancipated Foster Youth, which requires the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to perform specified services to assist emancipated foster youth. This bill would enact the Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2012, which would additionally require the California State University, and request the California Community Colleges and the University of California, to establish foster youth campus support programs, which are separate from the Higher Education Outreach and Assistance Act for Emancipated Foster Youth, to provide comprehensive support and outreach to current and former foster youth in an effort to retain foster youth in higher education. The bill would request campuses of the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California to designate a foster youth campus support program coordinator using new or existing resources. The bill would require the State Department of Social Services to annually notify foster youth 13 years of age or older, and those foster youths' caregivers, of the postsecondary educational support provided to them pursuant to this bill.

[AB](#) **Valadao R Public works: prevailing wages: school districts.**

[2107](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Approve
 2/23/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/24/2012 - From printer. May be heard in committee March 25.

Existing law defines the term "public works" for purposes of requirements regarding the payment of prevailing wages, the regulation of working hours, and the securing of workers' compensation for public works projects. Existing law further requires that, except as specified, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages be paid to workers employed on public works projects, and imposes misdemeanor penalties for a violation of this requirement. Existing law exempts certain projects from the prevailing wage requirements. This bill would exempt from the prevailing wage requirements the governing board of a school district with regard to the construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of school facilities for which the state or any political subdivision pays less than 50% of the total payment under the contract directly to or on behalf of the contractor, subcontractor, or developer executing the contract, as provided.

[AB](#) **Lara D Academic content standards: implementation: study.**

[2116](#)

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support
 2/23/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 3/8/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law, until July 1, 2014, establishes the Academic Content Standards Commission and requires the commission

exceptions. This bill would instead provide that a person from 5 to 18 years of age, inclusive, who is not exempt by law is subject to compulsory education, and would exclude children under 5 years of age from the public schools, except as specified. By increasing the duration of compulsory education provided by public schools, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB **Smyth R** **Public employees' retirement.**
2224

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Watch
2/24/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
Assigned: Sal Villasenor: Lead
Status: 2/27/2012 - Read first time.

Existing law establishes the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) for the purpose of providing pension benefits to their employees. Existing law also establishes the Judges' Retirement System II which provides pension benefits to elected judges and the Legislators' Retirement System which provides pension benefits to elective officers of the state other than judges and to legislative statutory officers. The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 authorizes counties to establish retirement systems pursuant to its provisions in order to provide pension benefits to county, city, and district employees. The Regents of the University of California have established the University of California Retirement System as a trust for this purpose. This bill, on and after January 1, 2013, would prohibit a public retirement system from allowing the purchase of additional retirement service credit, as described above. The bill would except from this prohibition an official application to purchase this type of service credit received by the retirement system prior to January 1, 2013. The bill would prohibit any member who does not have at least 5 years of service credit before the operative date of this bill, or any person hired on or after that date, from purchasing additional retirement service credit. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB **Swanson D** **Pupil instruction: Labor History Month.**
2269

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Neutral
2/24/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead
Status: 2/27/2012 - Read first time.

Existing law deems the first week of April to be Labor History Week and encourages school districts to commemorate that week with appropriate educational exercises that make pupils aware of the role that the labor movement has played in shaping California and the United States. This bill would instead deem the month of April to be Labor History Month and encourage school districts to commemorate that month with appropriate educational exercises, as specified.

AB **Achadjian R** **State teachers' retirement.**
2275

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2/24/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
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[ACA](#) [Smyth R](#) **Public employees' retirement.**
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Text Version: Introduced: Position: Watch
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 Assigned: Sal Villasenor: Lead
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Existing law establishes various public agency retirement systems, including the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS), the Judges' Retirement System II, and various county retirement systems pursuant to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, among others, and these systems provide defined pension benefits to public employees based on age, service credit, and amount of final compensation. The California Constitution permits a city or county to adopt a charter for purposes of its governance that supersedes general laws of the state in regard to specified subjects, including compensation of city or county employees. The California Constitution also establishes the University of California as a public trust with full powers of organization and government, subject only to specified limitations. Charter cities and the University of California may establish pension plans under their respective independent constitutional authority. These pension systems are funded by employee and employer contributions and investment returns. Existing law provides that public employee pension benefits are a form of deferred compensation, the right to which vests in the employee on contractual principles and is protected from impairment by the California Constitution and the United States Constitution. This measure would require each public retirement system, as defined in statute, to provide one or more hybrid pension plans meeting the requirements of this measure to each public employer that provides its employees a defined benefit pension plan administered by the public retirement system. The measure would require that a hybrid pension plan consist of a defined benefit component and a defined contribution or alternative plan design component, as specified. The measure would require, among other things, that a hybrid pension plan be designed with a goal of providing annually during retirement, based on a full career in public service, as defined, replacement income of 75% of a public employee's final compensation. The measure would require the Director of Finance, on or before January 1, 2013, to establish initial criteria and requirements for one or more hybrid pension plans, as specified. The measure would require, on and after July 1, 2013, each public retirement system to administer, and make available to each public employer that provides a defined benefit pension plan, one or more hybrid pension plans, except as specified, for public employees hired in each member classification in the public retirement system. This bill contains other existing laws.

[ACR](#) [Mendoza D](#) **Read Across America Day.**
[30](#)

Text Version: Amended: Position: Support
 3/1/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
 Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead
 Status: 3/5/2012 - In Senate. To Com. on RLS.

This measure would recognize March 2, 2012, as Read Across America Day.

[SB 52](#) [Steinberg D](#) **Environmental quality: jobs and economic improvement.**

Text Version: Amended: Position: Watch
 1/31/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)
 Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead
 Status: 2/1/2012 - In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Status: 2/23/2012 - Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

The English Learner and Immigrant Pupil Federal Conformity Act requires a local educational agency to provide instructional services to limited-English-proficient pupils and immigrant pupils in conformity with specified provisions of federal law. Existing law defines the term "English learner" for purposes of these provisions. This bill would additionally define the terms "long-term English learner" and "reclassified English proficient" and would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the State Department of Education to provide information regarding long-term English learners and reclassified-English-proficient pupils.

SB 958 Rubio D Charter schools.

Text Version: Amended: Position: Support
2/27/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/27/2012 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law requires a petition to establish a charter school to contain a reasonably comprehensive description of admissions requirements, if applicable, and the means by which the school will achieve a racial and ethnic balance among its pupils that is reflective of the general population residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the school district to which the charter petition is submitted. Existing law requires a charter school to admit all pupils who wish to attend the school. Existing law authorizes a charter school with a schoolsite physically located in the attendance area of a public elementary school in which 50% or more of the pupil enrollment is eligible for free or reduced price meals to give a preference in admissions to pupils who are currently enrolled in that public elementary school and to pupils who reside in the elementary school attendance area where the charter schoolsite is located. This bill would require that all special education and related services for an individual with exceptional needs who is enrolled in a charter school that offers classroom-based instruction, as defined, be provided by the charter school, as specified, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 967 Yee D Public postsecondary education: executive officer compensation.

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Watch
1/13/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/2/2012 - Referred to Com. on ED.

Existing law establishes the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law authorizes the regents, the trustees, and the board to employ officers and other employees. This bill would prohibit the trustees from, and request the regents to refrain from, increasing the monetary compensation, as defined, of, or approving a monetary bonus for, any executive officer, as defined, of the university within 2 years of a fiscal year in which the mandatory systemwide fees of the university are increased from the immediately preceding fiscal year, or in which the General Fund appropriation to the university in the annual Budget Act is less than, or equal to, the General Fund appropriation to the university in the annual Budget Act for the immediately preceding fiscal year. The bill would prohibit the trustees from, and request the regents to refrain from, providing monetary compensation to an incoming executive officer that exceeds 105% of the monetary compensation of the immediately preceding executive officer of the same classification that the incoming executive officer is replacing.

SB 993 De León D School curriculum: social sciences: Bracero program.

Text Version: Amended: Position: Disapprove
3/8/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 3/8/2012 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include instruction in social sciences, and authorizes that instruction to include instruction on World War II and the roles of Americans and Filipinos in that war. This bill would authorize instruction in social sciences for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include instruction on the Bracero program, and would authorize that instruction to include a component drawn from personal testimony, as provided. The bill would specify that this instruction shall be carried out in a manner that does not result in new duties or programs being imposed on school districts.

SB 994 Vargas D Pupil instruction: California Latino history.

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Neutral
2/2/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Sherry Griffith: Lead

Status: 3/1/2012 - Referred to Com. on RLS.

Existing law requires instruction in social sciences to include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups, to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would expand pupil instruction in California Latino history.

SB 1002 Yee D Public records: electronic format.

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Oppose
2/6/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead

Status: 2/16/2012 - Referred to Com. on JUD.

The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection and, upon request of any person, to provide a copy of any public record unless the record is exempt from disclosure. The act requires any agency that has information that constitutes an identifiable public record not otherwise exempt from disclosure that is in an electronic format to make that information available in an electronic format when requested by any person. The act requires the agency to make the information available in any electronic format in which it holds the information. This bill would authorize an agency, when requested by a person, to provide an electronic record in a format in which the text in the electronic record is searchable by commonly used software. The bill would require the requester to bear the cost of converting the electronic record into a searchable format. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SCA 18 Huff R Public employees' retirement.

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Watch
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 Assigned: Sal Villasenor: Lead
 Status: 3/1/2012 - Referred to Coms. on P.E. & R. and E. & C.A.

Existing law establishes various public agency retirement systems, including the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS), the Judges' Retirement System II, and various county retirement systems pursuant to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, among others, and these systems provide defined pension benefits to public employees based on age, service credit, and amount of final compensation. The California Constitution permits a city or county to adopt a charter for purposes of its governance that supersedes general laws of the state in regard to specified subjects, including compensation of city or county employees. The California Constitution also establishes the University of California as a public trust with full powers of organization and government, subject only to specified limitations. Charter cities and the University of California may establish pension plans under their respective independent constitutional authority. These pension systems are funded by employee and employer contributions and investment returns. Existing law provides that public employee pension benefits are a form of deferred compensation, the right to which vests in the employee on contractual principles and is protected from impairment by the California Constitution and the United States Constitution. This measure would require each public retirement system, as defined in statute, to provide one or more hybrid pension plans meeting the requirements of this measure to each public employer that provides its employees a defined benefit pension plan administered by the public retirement system. The measure would require that a hybrid pension plan consist of a defined benefit component and a defined contribution or alternative plan design component, as specified. The measure would require, among other things, that a hybrid pension plan be designed with a goal of providing annually during retirement, based on a full career in public service, as defined, replacement income of 75% of a public employee's final compensation. The measure would require the Director of Finance, on or before January 1, 2013, to establish initial criteria and requirements for one or more hybrid pension plans, as specified. The measure would require, on and after July 1, 2013, each public retirement system to administer, and make available to each public employer that provides a defined benefit pension plan, one or more hybrid pension plans, except as specified, for public employees hired in each member classification in the public retirement system. This bill contains other existing laws.

SCR 60 DeSaulnier D California Teen Safe Driving Week.

Text Version: Introduced: Position: Support
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 Assigned: Laura Preston: Lead
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This measure would declare the first week of April 2012 and that week every year thereafter as "California Teen Safe Driving Week" to correspond with the National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The state would observe the week with appropriate activities that promote the practice of safe driving among teenage drivers.

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