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GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS REPORT

Action for Chapter Presidents: For discussion at chapter meetings and RPMs.

A. SUBJECT MATTER

Attached is the October 2017 Governmental Relations Report for the Regular Session. For current status on a particular measure of interest to your chapter, please contact the Governmental Relations Office.

Guide for RRs, PACs and CPACs on how to use this report can be found on page 1.

B. REQUIRED ACTION

For Chapter Presidents, Regional Representatives, All Political Action Coordinators, and Chapter Political Action Chairs: For discussion at chapter meetings and RPMs. Discuss and distribute the Governmental Relations Report to chapter members.

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Enclosure

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PREVIOUS BULLETIN INFORMATION:

Legislative Bulletin 7-17 (Corrected), dated October 6, 2017 and titled "Governmental Relations Report" was given general distribution.

SUPPORT:

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>PARTY</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
AB 73	Chiu	Democrat	Housing Sustainability Districts
AB 74	Chiu	Democrat	Housing for a Healthy California Program
AB 1488	Thurmond	Democrat	County Juvenile Transition Centers
AB 1505	Bloom	Democrat	Affordable Renting Units
AB 1701	Thurmond	Democrat	Joint Liability in Construction
SB 3	Beall	Democrat	Housing Bond for Affordable Housing
SB 35	Wiener	Democrat	Housing Projects and Prevailing Wage
SB 540	Roth	Democrat	Expedited Housing Permits
SB 568	Lara	Democrat	Primary Elections
SB 772	Leyva	Democrat	Worker Health and Safety

DELETIONS:

The following bill was deleted from the Governmental Relations Report due to amendments which removed the measure's impact on classified employees.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>PARTY</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
AB 14	Gomez	Democrat	Political Reform Act (PRA)
SB 502	Portantino	Democrat	California Voluntary Tattoo Removal Program
SB 571	Hill	Democrat	Repeal School Reserve Balances

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The following report summarizes the bills the CSEA Board of Directors have taken a Sponsor, Support and Oppose position on which affect classified employees, public schools and community colleges during the 2017/2018 Legislative Session.

The brief summaries of bills in this report are not intended to substitute for the legal text of the legislation. For further information regarding a particular bill, including bill text and analyses, please visit the Official California Legislative Information webpage at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

The California State Legislature is comprised of two houses, the Assembly and the Senate. The Assembly, known as the lower house, has a total of 80 members and the Senate has 40 members. Approximately 5,000 bills are introduced during a two-year legislative session.

The legislative process requires most bills to pass through a policy and fiscal committee in each house. In addition, a bill must achieve passage off the Assembly and Senate floors prior to going to the Governor for final action.

A bill can take up to two years to move through the Legislature and reach the Governor's desk. Once before the Governor, a measure must be enacted into law or vetoed within 15 days.

State Legend:

AB	Assembly Bill
SB	Senate Bill
ACR	Assembly Concurrent Resolution
SCR	Senate Concurrent Resolution
AJR	Assembly Joint Resolution
SJR	Senate Joint Resolution
ACA	Assembly Constitutional Amendment
SCA	Senate Constitutional Amendment
HR	House Resolution
SR	Senate Resolution
(D)	Democrat
(R)	Republican
(I)	Independent
X1	Denotes bills introduced in a special session

Federal Legend

H.R.	House of Representatives Bill
HRes.	House Resolution
S.	United States Senate Bill
(D)	Democrat
(R)	Republican
(I)	Independent

Bill Status Report Legend:

Active	Bill is actively moving through the legislative process.
Vetoed	Bill successfully passed out of the Assembly and Senate but was vetoed by the Governor.
Chaptered	Bill has been signed into law by the Governor.
Failed Passage	Bill has died due to lack of votes for passage.
Inactive	Bill may be placed on an Inactive file pending additional decisions.
**	Bill deleted from the Governmental Relations Report due to amendments which removed the measure's impact on classified employees.

The **Author** of a bill is the legislator who introduced the bill.

The **Sponsor** of a bill is the special interest group who asked the Legislature to author a particular measure. Sponsored bills in this report are sponsored by CSEA and are the result of actions on resolutions at the CSEA Annual Conference or actions by the CSEA Board of Directors.

A **Bill** can also be referred to as a measure or as a piece of legislation.

Resolutions are measures to provide the intent of the Legislature on an issue. They do not have the force of law.

Constitutional Amendments are proposed legislation that will change the state constitution.

SPONSOR

- [AB 52](#) ([Cooper](#) (D)) Employee Orientation
Purpose: To require public employers to provide an orientation of the rights and benefits to new and current employees. The bill would also require employers to permit the exclusive representative an opportunity to participate.
Status: *The contents of this bill was moved into AB 119 (Budget Trailer Bill) and signed into law.
***Chapter 21, Statutes of 2017**
- [AB 670](#) ([Thurmond](#) (D)) Part Time Playground Positions
Purpose: To include part-time playground positions in the classified service.
Status: **Chapter 582, Statutes of 2017**
- [AB 1360](#) ([Bonta](#) (D)) Student Admissions, Suspensions and Expulsions
Purpose: To require charter schools to have non-discriminatory admission policies as well as suspension and expulsion policies that guarantee students due process.
Status: **Chapter 760, Statutes of 2017**
- [AB 1478](#) ([Jones-Sawyer](#) (D)) Charter School Transparency and Accountability
Purpose: To ensure that charter schools and charter management organizations, like traditional schools, comply with the Brown Act, The Public Records Act, The Political Reform Act and Government Code 1090. These laws are needed to ensure that charter schools and management organizations conduct their business in publicly noticed meetings open to the public and that charter school officials do not use their position to enrich themselves.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [SB 550](#) ([Pan](#) (D)) Worker Protection for Education Code Violation
Purpose: To provide the same ability to school employees as other workers to enforce their statutory rights to pay and benefits by allowing for recovery of reasonable attorney's fees by the exclusive representative when it has shown an education employer to be guilty of wage-and-hour violations.
Status: **Chapter 812, Statutes of 2017**

OPPOSE

- [AB 950](#) ([Rubio](#) (D)) Removing Local Control
Purpose: To allow charter school petitioners to: 1) bypass the local district that denied their petition and go directly to the state board on renewal; 2) bypass the county board who denies or revokes their petition and file directly with the state board; 3) allow the state board to approve statewide benefit charters even if they operate in one county or school district.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 989](#) ([Cooper](#) (D)) Health Savings Accounts (HSA) Tax Exemptions
Purpose: To make contributions to Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) tax deductible. HSAs must accompany high deductible health plans, which overwhelmingly benefit high wage earners who can pay these deductibles and use the HSAs to shield their money from taxes. These plans also attract young and healthier people, leaving older and sicker people in traditional health plans, causing their premiums to rise significantly.
Status: Assembly Appropriations

OPPOSE

- [AB 1174](#) ([Harper](#) (R)) Right to Work
Purpose: To prohibit any requirement for an employee to financially support a labor union as a condition of employment.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 1217](#) ([Bocanegra](#) (D)) State STEM Charter School in Los Angeles
Purpose: To create a state Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) school authorized directly by the Legislature. AB 1217 essentially bypasses the current charter authorizing process and eliminates any oversight or input by the local school districts. The state school would be governed by a seven member board and run by a non-profit benefit corporation. The majority of the governing board would be selected by the non-profit benefit corporation. The Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) will oversee the charter school and its finances but only in an advisory role, with no enforcement authority. The state STEM school is deemed a public school for purpose of receiving Prop 98 education funding, but not for the purposes of their employees.
Status: Senate Inactive File
- [AB 1220](#) ([Weber](#) (D)) Certificated School Employees: Permanent Status
Purpose: To extend probationary periods for teachers from two years to three years. While the bill extends the probationary period, it does not provide for due process or appeal should the employee be terminated.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 1224](#) ([Weber](#) (D)) Charter Schools Chartering Authority Pilot Program
Purpose: To create a charter program allowing the State Board of Education to select 5 county boards of educations that can authorize and oversee up to 10 charter schools each. It also allows the charter schools in this program to include all of its existing and future charter schools under a single charter authority regardless of the geographic boundaries.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 1310](#) ([Allen, Travis](#) (R)) Public Retirement Systems: Unfunded Liability Disclosure
Purpose: To require the board of a public retirement system to disclose the unfunded liability and healthcare debt of the system on each statement provided to their members.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 1311](#) ([Allen, Travis](#) (R)) CalPERS Board
Purpose: To revise the composition of the CalPERS Board to add two (2) more appointees by the Governor. The bill also limits travel reimbursements for CalPERS Board Members to \$10,000 per year, and limits reimbursements to the employing agency of a CalPERS Board Member to 35% of their salary.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 1429](#) ([Fong](#) (R)) Private Attorneys General Act of 2004
Purpose: To reduce and limit the violations for which an aggrieved employee is authorized to bring a civil action under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 1434](#) ([Allen, Travis](#) (R)) Union Membership - Legislation
Purpose: To prohibit any California Legislator from simultaneously serving as an officer of a labor union.
Status: 2 Year Bill

OPPOSE

- [AB 1454](#) (Bloom (D)) Public-Private Transportation Agreements
Purpose: To extend the ability of the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with private entities for transportation projects that allow for tolls and other fees for use indefinitely. This would result in fewer state engineers being able to make construction inspections to ensure safety and state standards.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 1528](#) (Acosta (R)) Virtual and Online Charter Schools
Purpose: To extend the sunset date to 2021 allowing virtual and online charter schools to claim independent study student daily attendance for pupils who move outside the boundaries of the school. It also requires the Department of Education to report on the assessment of the need for virtual charter schools to claim this funding.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [ACA 15](#) (Brough (R)) Public Employee Retirement Benefits
Purpose: To prohibit public employers from increasing retirement benefits for their employees, or enroll a new employee, or pay more than half of the retirement costs, unless approved by the electorate.
Status: Assembly Print
- [SB 32](#) (Moorlach (R)) Pension Reform
Purpose: To enact the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2017 to do the following: a) create a new Citizen Pension Oversight Committee, b) require a new 'hybrid' pension program for new employees, c) limit special compensation categories that can be counted for final compensation, and d) get both pension systems to 100% funded status.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [SB 422](#) (Wilk (R)) Public-Private Transportation Agreements
Purpose: To extend the ability of the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with private entities for transportation projects that allow for tolls and other fees for use indefinitely. This would result in fewer state engineers being able to make construction inspections to ensure safety and state standards.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [SB 454](#) (Moorlach (R)) PERS Retiree Health Care
Purpose: To require the State to immediately fund 100% of the retiree health care costs for state employees. This bill's stated goal of pre-funding retiree health care in one year is unrealistic, incredibly expensive and is just another attack on retiree health care.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [SB 590](#) (Moorlach (R)) School District Reserves
Purpose: To repeal limits on school reserve balances, in the event that a transfer is made to the Proposition 98 reserve account.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [SB 601](#) (Morrell (R)) Public Employee Retirement Systems Asset Valuation Reporting
Purpose: To require CalPERS and CalSTRS to report a calculation of liabilities based on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note. This calculation is unnecessary and will create a perception the both the CalPERS and CalSTRS systems are more underfunded.
Status: 2 Year Bill

OPPOSE

SB 765	(Wiener (D)) Charter Schools Leasing and Purchasing Surplus Properties
Purpose:	To require that before a school district sells or leases surplus property, it must first offer the surplus property to a charter school unless the property is being used for teacher housing.
Status:	2 Year Bill
SB 768	(Allen (D)) Public-Private Transportation Agreements
Purpose:	To extend the ability of the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with private entities for transportation projects that allow for tolls and other fees for use indefinitely. This would result in fewer state engineers being able to make construction inspections to ensure safety and state standards.
Status:	2 Year Bill
SB 806	(Glazer (D)) Limiting Transparency and Accountability
Purpose:	To exempt charter schools from the conflict of interest laws that apply to traditional schools and creates their own conflict of interest laws that are weaker. The bill also exempts charter schools from certain provisions of the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. The bill prevents local school districts from imposing additional conflict of interest requirements on charter schools.
Status:	2 Year Bill
SCA 1	(Moorlach (R)) California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program
Purpose:	To prohibit the state from incurring any liability for payment of the retirement savings benefit earned by participants in the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program. This contradicts the design of the program to fully self-funded.
Status:	Senate Public Employment and Retirement
SCA 8	(Moorlach (R)) Public Employee Retirement Benefits: Reduced Retirement Benefits
Purpose:	To permit a government employer to reduce retirement benefits that are based on work not yet performed by an employee regardless of hire date.
Status:	Senate Public Employment and Retirement
SCA 10	(Moorlach (R)) Public Employee Retirement Benefits: Benefit Increase
Purpose:	To prohibit a government employer from providing public employees any retirement benefit increase until that increase is approved by a 2/3 vote of the electorate.
Status:	Senate Public Employment and Retirement
H.R. 1461	(Arrington (R) TX) – The Veterans, Employees and Taxpayers Protection Act of 2017
Purpose:	To deprive federal union representation by imposing limits on activities of a shop steward or union officer, and by inviting employees to drop union membership at any time.
Status:	Active

SUPPORT

AB 45	(Thurmond (D)) California School Employee Housing Assistance Grant Program
Purpose:	To require the California Housing Finance Agency to administer a program to provide financial assistance to qualified school districts and developers for the creation of affordable rental housing for school employees.
Status:	Vetoed

SUPPORT

- [AB 73](#) (Chiu (D)) Housing Sustainability Districts
Purpose: To provide local governments the option of creating "Housing Sustainability Districts" to streamline the residential development process in areas with existing infrastructure and transit and helps build more affordable housing for those with low and moderate incomes.
Status: Chapter 371, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 74](#) (Chiu (D)) Housing for a Healthy California Program
Purpose: To require the Department of Housing to establish the Housing for a Healthy California Program, which would fund competitive grants to pay for interim and long-standing rental assistance for homeless Medi-Cal beneficiaries who meet the criteria and are on SSI.
Status: Chapter 777, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 102](#) (Committee on Budget) Board of Equalization Reform
Purpose: To enact a major reorganization of the Board of Equalization. The bill narrows the BOE's duties to its core constitutional responsibilities of reviewing, equalizing, adjusting property tax assessments, assessing taxes on insurers, and assessing and collecting excise taxes on alcoholic beverages. The bill establishes a new Department of Tax and Fee Administration to manage the BOE's current non-constitutional tax and fee administration responsibilities. Finally, the bill transfers the work to adjudicate tax appeal cases to a new Office of Tax Appeals with independent judges who are experts in tax law.
Status: Chapter 16, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 119](#) (Committee on Budget) New Employee Orientation
Purpose: To require employers to provide union access to new employee orientations. The bill also requires that public employers provide a list of new employees to the union within a specified timeframe. Employers and unions can mutually agree to a different process that meets their local condition.

AB 119 is the Budget trailer bill that enacted the new employee orientation bill, that was CSEA's sponsored bill, AB 52 (Cooper) - Public employees: orientation and information programs: exclusive representatives.
Status: Chapter 21, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 156](#) (Wood (D)) Covered California Open Enrollment
Purpose: To ensure that the current three-month open enrollment period is maintained and protected for nearly 2.5 million Californians who purchase health coverage through Covered California and in the individual market. The open enrollment period is from October 15th through January 15th. This bill is needed to mitigate against changes being made at the federal level.
Status: Chapter 468, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 234](#) (Steinorth (R)) Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE)
Purpose: To provide \$5 million from the General Fund to restart the Assumption Program of Loans to Education (APLE) program. The APLE program provided loan assistance to credentialed teachers who teach in public schools that are ranked in the lowest 20 percent of the Academic Performance Index (API).
Status: Assembly Appropriations
- [AB 273](#) (Aguilar-Curry (D)) Childcare Eligibility Criteria
Purpose: To add English as a Second Language (ESL) and High School Equivalency Certificate (HSE) programs to this list of eligibility criteria by which a family can qualify for state subsidized child care.
Status: Chapter 689, Statutes of 2017.

SUPPORT

- [AB 275](#) ([Wood](#) (D)) Skilled Nursing Facility Closures
Purpose: To require skilled nursing homes to provide a 90 day notice to their patients when they are planning to close. This bill also prevents two or more facilities from closing at the same time if they are within a 6-mile radius of each other.
Status: Chapter 185, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 291](#) ([Chiu](#) (D)) Immigrant Tenant Protection
Purpose: To prohibit landlords from threatening to report tenants to immigration authorities.
Status: Chapter 489, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 306](#) ([Gonzalez Fletcher](#) (D)) Unemployment Benefits: Labor Dispute
Purpose: To delete the prohibition against unemployment compensation benefits if the individual left his or her work because of a trade dispute relating to wages, hours or working conditions.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 406](#) ([McCarty](#) (D)) Charter Schools and Charter School Operators
Purpose: To prohibit for-profit charter schools from operating in California.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 568](#) ([Gonzalez Fletcher](#) (D)) Paid Maternity Leave
Purpose: To require school districts and community colleges to provide school employees with up to six weeks of paid leave when the doctor determines they are unable to work due to pregnancy, miscarriage or childbirth.
Status: Vetoed
- [AB 621](#) ([Bocanegra](#) (D)) Classified School Employee Summer Furlough Fund
Purpose: To create the Classified School Employee Summer Furlough Program to allow part-time and full-time classified employees to contribute up to 80 hours or 10 days of their pay into this fund. The California Department of Education would appropriate a match of 2 times the employee contribution up to the same limits. Classified employees would receive the money in the summer months in two checks. Participation is limited to classified employees who earn 3 times the minimum wage or less.
Status: Vetoed
- [AB 674](#) ([Low](#) (D)) Election Day Holiday
Purpose: To ensure that Californians will have time and opportunity to vote by making the day of the statewide general election in November of even-numbered years a state holiday.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 834](#) ([O'Donnell](#) (D)) Creation of the Office of School-Based Health Programs
Purpose: To establish an Office of School-Based Health Programs within the California Department of Education (CDE) to administer and support school-based health programs operated by public schools. Currently, the Department of Health Services plays this role but lacks an understanding of the delivery of health care in our schools. CDE is better prepared to handle these issues.
Status: 2 Year Bill

SUPPORT

- [AB 848](#) ([McCarty](#) (D)) Contracting Out of University Jobs
Purpose: To prohibit the offshoring of UC and CSU jobs to foreign countries.
Status: Chapter 844, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 859](#) ([Eggman](#) (D)) Protecting Seniors Abused by Nursing Homes
Purpose: To lower the standard of proof for elder abuse in nursing homes when the nursing home intentionally destroys evidence.
Status: Vetoed
- [AB 885](#) ([Rubio](#) (D)) School Drinking Water
Purpose: To ensure that schools have lead-free drinking water. The bill requires schools to be assessed for lead and if lead is found that filters are placed on faucets and a mitigation plan is developed.
Status: 2 Year Bill
- [AB 949](#) ([Gipson](#) (D)) School Employee Background Checks
Purpose: To provide that sole proprietors contracting with public school districts shall be considered employees and subject to criminal background checks.
Status: Chapter 84, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 1488](#) ([Thurmond](#) (D)) County Juvenile Transition Centers
Purpose: To require, upon securing funding, counties to establish a Juvenile Transition Center that would provide wrap around re-entry services and optional transitional housing for youth who were previously associated with a juvenile correctional facility.
Status: Senate Rules
- [AB 1505](#) ([Bloom](#) (D)) Affordable Renting Units
Purpose: To restore the long-standing authority of local governments to require the inclusion of affordable rental units as one component of their local inclusionary housing policies. Local governments can already apply inclusionary policies to for-sale housing; this bill ensures that rental housing is not treated differently.
Status: Chapter 376, Statutes of 2017.
- [AB 1701](#) ([Thurmond](#) (D)) Joint Liability in Construction
Purpose: To protect construction workers' wages by holding a general contractor jointly liable for missing wages, health or other fringe benefits owed to a worker by a subcontractor on a private project.
Status: Chapter 804, Statutes of 2017
- [AJR 8](#) ([Kalra](#) (D)) Social Services, Medicare and Medicaid
Purpose: To call on California's Representatives in Congress to vote against cuts to, and proposals to privatize Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. The resolution also urges the President to veto any legislation to cut or privatize these programs.
Status: Chapter 96, Statutes of 2017
- [SB 2](#) ([Atkins](#) (D)) The Building Homes and Jobs Act
Purpose: To create a permanent funding source for affordable housing through a \$75 fee on real estate transaction documents (example, bank foreclosures and refinancing). The fee is capped at \$225 and exempts residential and commercial real-estate transactions.
Status: Chapter 364, Statutes of 2017.

SUPPORT

- [SB 3](#) (Beall (D)) Housing Bond for Affordable Housing
Purpose: To provide \$3 billion for affordable housing through a statewide bond to fund existing affordable housing programs. The bond will fund state affordable housing programs to create multi-family housing, transit-oriented development, and infill infrastructure financing.
Status: Chapter 365, Statutes of 2017.
- [SB 17](#) (Hernandez (D)) Prescription Drug Price Transparency
Purpose: To require greater notice and disclosure before drug companies impose excessive price increases or when they introduce an expensive specialty drug to the market. The bill also requires health plans to include more information on the impact prescription drug costs have on premium increases in their filings with state regulators.
Status: Chapter 603, Statutes of 2017.
- [SB 35](#) (Wiener (D)) Housing Projects and Prevailing Wage
Purpose: To establish a streamlined permitting process to expedite the construction of housing projects with the requirements for developers/contractors to employ a skilled and trained workforce that will receive the prevailing wage when building these projects
Status: Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017.
- [SB 66](#) (Wieckowski (D)) Elimination of Tax Write Offs for Corporate Punitive Damages
Purpose: To disallow deductions for punitive damages on personal and corporate filings.
Status: Assembly Revenue and Taxation
- [SB 133](#) (Hernandez (D)) Protecting Consumers for Health Care Changes Through No Fault of Their Own
Purpose: To allow patients with individual health coverage to complete their treatment of care or to transition to different health providers when their coverage has changed. This continuity of care is the same protection that currently applies to people who have health care through group health care coverage. SB 133 also requires health insurance companies to notify consumers of this right.
Status: Chapter 481, Statutes of 2017.
- [SB 138](#) (McGuire (D)) School Meal Programs: Free and Reduced-Price Meals
Purpose: To require a school district or county superintendent of schools which has a very high poverty school, to apply to operate a free universal meal service for breakfast and lunch.
Status: Chapter 724, Statutes of 2017.
- [SB 201](#) (Skinner (D)) Right to Organize for U.C. Research Assistants
Purpose: To extend collective bargaining to the Research Assistants (Graduate Student Researchers) at the University of California, under the Higher Education Employer Employee Relations Act (HEERA).
Status: Chapter 854, Statutes of 2017.
- [SB 220](#) (Pan (D)) Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel
Purpose: To strengthen the Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel by instituting a three year term and allowing for the removal of board members for the obstruction and failure to attend meetings.
Status: Chapter 280, Statutes of 2017.

SUPPORT

SB 223	(Atkins (D)) Health Care Language Assistance
Purpose:	To require all health plans in California to meet the highest standards in non-discrimination, consumer protection and language assistance, regardless of federal changes to the Affordable Care Act.
Status:	Chapter 771, Statutes of 2017.
SB 231	(Hertzberg (D)) Storm Water Treatment Stewardship
Purpose:	To authorize counties, cities, and local water agencies to finance storm water projects in the same manner as other public works projects under Proposition 218. It does so by providing a clear definition of "sewer" to the Act, to clarify that storm water clean up is included. The definition of "sewer" in the Act uses the definition of "sewer" from the Public Utilities Code, which includes storm drainage.
Status:	Chapter 536, Statutes of 2017.
SB 258	(Lara (D)) Cleaning Product Right to Know Act of 2017
Purpose:	To require manufacturers of cleaning products to list all ingredients on product labels and to include a statement directing consumers to their Websites where they will list any potential health impacts.
Status:	Chapter 830, Statutes of 2017.
SB 285	(Atkins (D)) Prohibition on Public Employers Discouraging Union Membership
Purpose:	To prohibit a public employer from deterring or discouraging public employees from becoming or remaining members of any employee organization.
Status:	Chapter 567, Statutes of 2017.
SB 298	(Wieckowski (D)) Protecting Assets from Levy
Purpose:	To automatically exempt \$4,800 from bank levy from creditors. This is equivalent to 8 weeks of earnings at \$15 an hour. SB 298 is necessary to ensure that low income families will not suffer catastrophically when essential funds are seized without warning.
Status:	Assembly Third Reading
SB 379	(Atkins (D)) Kindergarten Oral Health Data Collection
Purpose:	To encourage schools to report oral health data to a system designated by the California Department of Public Health. The data system would help the Office of Oral Health have a better understanding of the oral health needs of students. The bill also enables the Department of Education to work with the State Dental Director in developing and posting a standardized parental oral health notification form online.
Status:	Chapter 772, Statutes of 2017.
SB 407	(Wieckowski (D)) Political Speech in HOAs
Purpose:	To make sure that Home Owner Associations (HOAs) governing documents that disallow door-to-door sales do not extend to Constitutionally protected political speech.
Status:	Chapter 236, Statutes of 2017.
SB 527	(Galgiani (D)) Home-to-School Transportation Program
Purpose:	To apply an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) to the Home-to-School Transportation Program.
Status:	Vetoed

SUPPORT

SB 540	(Roth (D)) Expedited Housing Permits
Purpose:	To streamline the housing approval process by providing expedited permitting authority to local governments and to allow them to develop Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones where projects may be built and to conduct all necessary and important environmental reviews and public engagement.
Status:	Chapter 369, Statutes of 2017.
SB 562	(Lara (D)) Single Payer
Purpose:	To express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a universal comprehensive single payer health coverage system and health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of California.
Status:	2 Year Bill
SB 568	(Lara (D)) Primary Elections
Purpose:	To move California's primary elections from June to March beginning with the 2020 election.
Status:	Chapter 335, Statutes of 2017.
SB 728	(Newman (D)) California Wounded Warriors Transitional Leave Act - State Employees
Purpose:	To provide an additional 96 hours of sick leave to state employees members of the National Guard and the federal military reserve who return from active duty with a service-connected disability. The sick leave is a one-time allotment that must be used within 12 months following the employees return.
Status:	Chapter 596, Statutes of 2017.
SB 731	(Newman (D)) California Wounded Warriors Transitional Leave Act - Classified Employees
Purpose:	To provide an additional 12 days of sick leave to classified employee members of the National Guard or federal military reserve who return from active duty with a service-connected disability. The sick leave is a one-time allotment that must be used within 12 months following the employees return. Teachers meeting the same criteria will receive 10 additional days of sick leave.
Status:	Chapter 597, Statutes of 2017.
SB 772	(Leyva (D)) Worker Health and Safety
Purpose:	To improve workplace safety by eliminating a duplicative and burdensome step from the worker health and safety rule making process. In face of federal roll backs, it is essential for state agencies to be able to act quickly to promulgate needed standards to protect workers.
Status:	Assembly Third Reading
SB 808	(Mendoza (D)) Charter School Local Control
Purpose:	To specify that only school districts can authorize charter schools and not county offices of education or the State Board of Education. SB 808 also requires charter schools to be located within the school district that authorized it.
Status:	2 Year Bill
H.R. 2401	(Lujan Grisham (D) NM) - Anti-Lunch Shaming Act of 2017
Purpose:	To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit the stigmatization of children who are unable to pay for meals.
Status:	Active
S. 1064	(Udall (D) NM) - Anti-Lunch Shaming Act of 2017
Purpose:	To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to prohibit the stigmatization of children who are unable to pay for meals.
Status:	Active

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