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Accountability

AB 1061 (Mullin (D))

Summary: Relates to the Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act. Deletes items from the list of school conditions for which assessments are required to be included in the school accountability report card, including the quality of instruction and leadership, classroom discipline and climate for learning, the availability of qualified substitute teachers, the degree to which pupils are prepared to enter the workforce, and whether the school qualifies for the Governor's Performance Award Program.

Status: 10/12/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/12/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 530

SB 219 (Steinberg (D))

Summary: Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to revise the Academic Performance Index to include additional information by a specified deadline regarding specified data of pupils who were referred to an alternative education program and school and district dropout rates. Requires the Superintendent to establish a specified advisory committee to advise him or her and the state Board of Education on issues related to revision of the Academic Performance Index.

Status: 10/14/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.

California High School Exit Exam

AB 347 (Nava (D))

Summary: Relates to funding for intensive instruction for pupils that have not satisfied the exit examination requirements, the use by a school district of its uniform complaint process to identify and resolve deficiencies related to availability of the intensive instruction and services options, requiring school counselors explain the availability of intensive instruction and services, and school visits by county superintendents of schools to verify pupils are informed of such instruction.

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Career Technical Education

SB 13 (Wyland (R))

Summary: Requires the State Department of Education to include in the application for school districts for new construction funding certain questions relating to career technical education facilities, including whether the funding would be used for facilities related to such education and if not, how the applicant district plans to meet the needs of pupils related to that education. Requires the department to maintain the answers in a publicly accessible manner and to provides a summary to a specified entity.

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SB 405 (Steinberg (D))

Summary: Expands the Fair Competition for College and Career Opportunity Program to include provisions for individualized review of the career goals of the pupil and academic and career-related opportunities available to the pupil and for explanation of the coursework and academic programs required for admission to a 4-year college. Requires school districts to perform certain additional duties to identify pupils who are not on track for admission and to mandate schools perform specified related duties.

Status: 10/14/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.

Charter

AB 766 (Walters (R))

Summary: Relates to existing law that states all persons making a field trip or excursion are deemed to have waived all claims against a school district or the State for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. Clarifies that provision by adding charter schools to the list of entities against which all claims are deemed to have been waived.

Status: 07/02/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/02/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 23

SB 20 (Torlakson (D))

Summary: Requires a charter school charter to ensure that the governing board of each school district in which the state charter schoolsite is proposed to be located is notified prior to the commencement of instruction at each schoolsite. Appropriates Proposition 98 funds for the Charter School Facility Grant Program. Provides a school receiving funds from the program would be eligible for a specified percentage of the total annual facilities rent and lease costs incurred in a specified fiscal year.

Status: 09/21/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/21/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 215

SB 537 (Simitian (D))

Summary: Amends the Charter Schools Act which authorizes a chartering agency to charge for up to 1% of a charter school's revenue for the actual costs of supervisory oversight of the charter school. Requires the Research Bureau of the State Library to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the key elements and actual costs of charter school oversight. Requires the bureau to consult with an advisory panel to ensure technical accuracy.

Status: 10/13/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.

Curriculum

AB 428 (Carter (D))

Summary: Requires each school district offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, prior to class registration, for each school in the district, to provide parents or guardians with written notification relating to the courses offered by the school satisfying the requirements for admission to the

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California State University and the University of California and information on career technical education, including a brief description of it, as defined by the State Department of Education.

Status: 10/12/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/12/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 527

AB 556 (Huff (R))

Summary: Amends law relating to the International Baccalaureate Program for high school and middle school pupils. Repeals provision regarding startup grants and an obsolete limitation on the amount of grants for middle school programs. Appropriates funds to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the purpose of funding all eligible schools that offer an International Baccalaureate Program. Assigns funding priority if funds are insufficient to fully fund all authorized grants.

Status: 09/21/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/21/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 220

SB 273 (Ackerman (R))

Summary: Amends existing law that establishes within the Department of Education an American Indian Education Unit to provide technical support to, and administrative oversight of, American Indian education programs. Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to request input from the American Indian Education Oversight Committee regarding changes to the 1975 guidelines prior to the submission of the guidelines to the Board of Education. Relates to the funding levels for each center.

Status: 07/30/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/30/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 170

Environmental

AB 739 (Laird (D))

Summary: Requires the Department of Water Resources to develop project selection and evaluation guidelines to implement a specified stormwater flood management grant program. Provides the design and construction of projects for specified combined municipal sewer and stormwater system are eligible for the program. Requires the state Water Resources Control Board to develop program guidelines. Requires coordination with regard to the development of project selection and evaluation guidelines. Requires a task force.

Status: 10/13/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.

Facilities

AB 1014 (Bass (D))

Summary: Relates to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act, that provides a school district's eligibility for new construction funding is determined by making calculations related to certain factors. Authorizes the State Allocation Board to supplement a funding projection with modified weighting mechanisms and an adjustment to reflect the efforts of changes in birth rates. Authorizes

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school district to submit an enrollment projection for either the 5th or 10th year beyond the fiscal year of the application.

Status: 10/14/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.

AB 1368 (Mullin (D))

Summary: Authorizes a school district or community college district to issue notes that mature within a period not to exceed five years. Reinstates the prohibition on the fiscal officer of such districts issuing a renewal note that would have a maturity date later than a specified number of years from the date of the original issuance of the note.

Status: 10/08/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/08/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 334

Finance

AB 1222 (Laird (D))

Summary: Amends the existing law which states that whenever the Legislature or a state agency mandates a new program the state is required to provide a subvention of funds and establishes a procedure for local governmental agencies to file claims for reimbursement of these costs with the Commission on State Mandates. Requires that a test claim also identify the effective date and register number of regulations alleged to contain a mandate. Provides for a request of constitutionally required reimbursement.

Status: 10/08/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/08/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 329

AB 1685 (Garrick (R))

Summary: Requires certain measures of the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens Program effectiveness related to reporting of positive behavioral changes or skill development consistent with program elements be based on reporting by schoolday teachers or after school staff who supervise pupils. Clarifies the 2005-06 funding level for the After School Education and Safety Program Act to include adjustments to increased reimbursement rates and grant amounts for before school programs.

Status: 06/28/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/28/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 22

AB 1698 (Eng (D))

Summary: Requires the Commission on State Mandates to amend the parameters and guidelines regarding the notification of truancy mandate program and definition of a truant and the elements included in the initial truancy notifications to conform to existing law. Provides the Controller would be required to revise the appropriate claiming instructions for school districts to be consistent with the revised parameters and guidelines.

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SB 278 (Lowenthal (D))

Summary: Adds attendance at an education conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization to the justifiable personal reasons for which a pupil is required to be excused from school.

Status: 09/11/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/11/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 204

SB 667 (Hollingsworth (R))

Summary: Appropriates a specified amount of funds from the General Fund to the Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District for purposes of allowing the district to continue to operate the Palomar Mountain Elementary School, which through the 1999-2000 school years was part of the Pauma Elementary School District and qualified that districts to receive necessary small school funding for the school.

Status: 10/12/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/12/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 559

Governance

AB 332 (DeVore (R))

Summary: Provides that Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays would be excluded in calculating the 30-day requirement of determining the sufficiency of a recall petition with regard to the number of valid signatures.

Status: 07/12/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/12/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 51

AB 1194 (Karnette (D))

Summary: Gives public school employees the right to represent themselves individually in their employment relations with the public school employer, except that once the employees in an appropriate unit select an exclusive representative and it is recognized or certified, the employee in that unit would be prohibited from meeting and negotiating with the public school employer.

Status: 06/28/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/28/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 21

SB 170 (Denham (R))

Summary: Extends the operation of the provision in existing law authorizing the school district in which a parent or the legal guardian of the pupil is physically employed to allow the pupil to attend a school in that district.

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Health

AB 905 (Arambula (D))

Summary: Amends the Child Care and Developmental Services Act that provides child care and developmental services to children. Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to extend the a family's eligibility period if it is determined that opportunities for employment have diminished to the degree that one or both parents cannot reasonably be expected to find employment within the existing time frame and granting the extension is in the public interest.

Status: 07/20/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/20/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 110

Instructional Materials

AB 394 (Levine (D))

Summary: Requires the Department of Education to monitor adherence to the antidiscrimination and antiharassment requirements as part of its regular monitoring and review of local educational agencies and to assess whether schools have done certain things, including, among others, adopted a policy that prohibits discrimination and harassment and adopted a process for receiving and investigating complaints of discrimination and harassment. Relates to the Safe Place to Learn Act. Requires a related Web site.

Status: 10/12/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/12/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 566

SB 734 (Torlakson (D))

Summary: Relates to the selection of materials by the State Board of Education for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8. Relates to a fee assessed by the board for reviewing and adopting, or recommending for adoption, submitted basic instructional materials based on the number of programs the publisher or manufacturer indicates will be submitted. Requires social content reviews conducted outside the instructional material adoption processes. Authorizes contracting for such reviews.

Status: 10/11/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/11/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 476

Miscellaneous

AB 57 (Soto (D))

Summary: Authorizes state and local entities to secure and expend federal funds appropriated under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users for programs relating to highway safety improvements that can reduce the number of fatal and serious injury accidents. Requires the Department of Transportation to administer the Safe Routes to School construction program and to distribute any federal funds to be distributed under the competitive grant process.

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AB 1080 (Mullin (D))

Summary: Relates to the Child Care and Development Service Act that includes funds for reimbursement of part-day and preschool appropriate program located in the attendance area of elementary schools in deciles 1 to 3, inclusive. Requires the State Department of Education, if the funds are offered, due to the termination, suspension or relinquishment of an original award, in order to maintain an existing class, to assign first priority to successful applicants that will maintain a class within a specified area.

Status: 10/05/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/05/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 278

AJR 5 (Hernandez (D))

Summary: Requests the President and the Congress of the United States to enact the Social Security Fairness Act, which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act.

Status: 09/10/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State.;09/10/2007 - Resolution Chapter No. 116

Nutrition

SB 490 (Alquist (D))

Summary: Prohibits a school or school district, through a vending machine or school food service establishment during school hours and up to 1/2 hour before and after school hours, from making available to pupils in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, a food containing artificial trans fat. Prohibits the use of artificial trans fat in the preparation of a food item served to those pupils. Excludes food provided as part of a USDA meal program.

Status: 10/13/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.

SB 744 (Runner G (R))

Summary: Relates to the Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law. Defines a commissary as a food facility that services mobile food facilities, mobile support units, or vending machines. Requires the local enforcement agency to be notified when the person in charge is made aware that a food employee has been diagnosed with an infectious agent. Imposes requirements on retail food facilities regarding identification and certification of molluscan shellfish that are harvested and received for sale.

Status: 07/20/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/20/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 96

Personnel

AB 774 (Houston (R))

Summary: Authorizes a school district and a county office of education to establish a registry of volunteer after school physical recreation instructors. Provides that to be included on a registry, a prospective registrant would be required to submit to a criminal background check and submit

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certain information. Authorizes a district or office maintaining a registry to impose other requirements on prospective registrants. Provides that such physical recreation would not count towards graduation.

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SB 901 (Padilla (D))

Summary: Extends the operation of both the State Teachers' Retirement Law and the Defined Benefit Program. Extends provisions related to an exemption based on the employer not being able to receive state apportionment or to compensation that is not creditable indefinitely. Exempts from the earnings limitation, compensation received by a retired member providing direct remedial instruction. Requires a school district to submit qualifying documentation for temporary employment of a retired member.

Status:10/08/2007 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 353

Special Education

AB 216 (Bass (D))

Summary: Relates to special education. Requires that the educational materials, services, and programs provided by the nonpublic, nonsectarian school be consistent with the pupil's individual education program. Revises the provision of existing law relating to standards-based, core curriculum and instructional materials.

Status: 10/10/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/10/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 382

AB 342 (Saldana (D))

Summary: Amends existing law that provides that any individual with exceptional needs who requires specialized physical health care services, during the regular schoolday, may be assisted by certain qualified persons. Authorizes a qualified person holding a certificate of public health in nursing to assist those individuals.

Status: 06/07/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;06/07/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 12

AB 485 (Solorio (D))

Summary: Relates to special education contracts with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies. Prohibits a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency whose certification has been revoked, and certain other administrators and entities involved with the school or agency, from being eligible to apply for recertification for 2 years from the revocation date.

Status: 09/26/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/26/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 233

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AB 685 (Karnette (D))

Summary: Makes technical changes to various provisions of existing law regarding special education and related services to conform various provisions of the new federal regulations and update cross-references in response to those regulations. Deletes obsolete provisions. Makes other clarifying and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Status: 07/12/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/12/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 56

AB 1663 (Evans (D))

Summary: Relates to existing law which establishes the right of individuals with exceptional needs to receive free public education and ensures the right to special instruction and related services needed to meet their unique needs. Makes various revisions conforming state law to federal requirements relating to pupil identification, assessment, and eligibility, individualized education program development, procedural safeguards, and pupil information confidentiality.

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Teacher Training

AB 469 (Horton (R))

Summary: Requires each teaching credential to bear the signatures of the Executive Director and the Chair of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or their facsimile signatures. Requires the commission to process an application for a credential within a specified time frame. Provides exceptions to that time frame. Establishes a specified time frame for the submission of certain applications to the commission by specified educational entities.

Status: 07/27/2007 - *****To GOVERNOR.;07/27/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/27/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 133

SB 112 (Scott (D))

Summary: Makes a exclusion from the definition of a beginning teacher. Deletes specific exemptions described in existing law and instead exempt a person who has passed the state basic skills proficiency examination at least once, achieved a passing score on the Graduate Record Examinations General Test, the Scholastic Aptitude Test, Reasoning Test, or the ACT Plus Writing Test, or possessed a credential before the enactment of the statute that made the test requirement.

Status: 09/07/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;09/07/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 191

SB 193 (Scott (D))

Summary: Requires a school district or county office of education to require a person participating in the Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program to to obtain a certificate of clearance from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and provide academic achievement verification. Extends the

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time period for repayment of assistance if a participant is unable to fulfill repayment obligations due to certain circumstances. Requires reports by the Commission related to the collection of repayments. **Status:** 10/12/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/12/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 554

SB 196 (Machado (D))

Summary: Relates to existing law which authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue district intern credentials authorizing persons employed by any school district to provide classroom instruction to pupils with mild and moderate disabilities in special education classes. Deletes the termination date, thereby authorizing the commission to issue district intern credentials indefinitely.

Status: 07/17/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/17/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 73

SB 280 (Scott (D))

Summary: Deletes the staff development requirement for certificate for instruction delivered in English to limited-English-proficient pupils. Requires the holder of a preliminary multiple subject teaching credential, preliminary single subject teaching credential, or preliminary education specialist credential issued to an out-of-state prepared teacher to meet the basic skills proficiency requirement. Relates to teacher intern training. Relates to facilities funding for private nonprofit research organizations.

Status: 10/08/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;10/08/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 345

SB 363 (Simitian (D))

Summary: Amends the Teacher Credentialing Law. Requires the Commission for Teacher Credentialing to establish a nonpersonally identifiable education identification number for each educator to whom it issues a credential to provide service in the public schools.

Status: 07/17/2007 - Signed by GOVERNOR.;07/17/2007 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 79

SB 601 (Torlakson (D))

Summary: Requires the Department of Education to ensure that data collected through Categorical Program Monitoring indicates the extent to which each school in a school district or county office of education performs specified duties regarding provision of physical education instruction, including providing the required minimum minutes of instruction and conducting physical fitness testing. Requires the department to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature and post a summary of that data on the Internet.

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SB 859 (Scott (D))

Summary: Authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue and renew visiting faculty permits authorizing instruction in departmentalized classes to individuals satisfying specified requirements, including having at least 3 years of full-time teaching experience or equivalent experience at an accredited community college, private, nonprofit postsecondary institution, or a campus of the State University or University of California. Requires a 5-year preliminary single subject credential be issued.

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Transportation

AB 139 (Bass (D))

Summary: Relates to existing law that requires an applicant for an original or renewal certificate to drive a schoolbus, paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle to submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles a report of a physician's examination. Authorizes the medical examination to be given by a licensed advanced practice registered nurse qualified to perform a medical examination, or a licensed physician assistant.

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AB 321 (Nava (D))

Summary: Establishes, in a residence district, on a specified highway, a 15 miles per hour prima facie limit when approaching, at a specified distance, or passing a school building or the grounds thereof, contiguous to a highway and posted with a school warning sign indicating a speed limit of 15 miles per hour, while children are going or leaving school during school hours or noon recess. Allows a city or county to establish such limit. Requires reimbursement. Provides for a specified prima facie speed limit.

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