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## Information

### *Legislative Committee*

### Status of Legislation

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## AGENDA INSERT

**Executive Summary:** Staff will present the status of those legislative measures on which the Commission has adopted a position and those of interest to the Commission.

**Recommended Action:** For information only

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### Strategic Plan Goal

#### *III Communication and Engagement*

- ◆ Advise the Governor, Legislature, and other policy makers as appropriate regarding issues affecting the quality, preparation, certification, and discipline of the education workforce.

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## Legislation of Interest

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### **AB 135 (Buchanan) School employees: child abuse: reporting**

**Status:** Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. Not yet scheduled for hearing.

#### **Summary:**

Existing law requires the State Office of Child Abuse Prevention to develop and disseminate information to all school districts and district school personnel regarding the detection of child abuse. Existing law, the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, designates certain persons, including teachers, as mandated reporters. Existing law requires a mandated reporter to make a report if the person has knowledge of or observes a child whom the person knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. This bill would require the governing board of each school district and county office of education, and the governing body of each charter school, to adopt a policy on the reporting of child abuse and the responsibilities of mandated reporters. The bill would require each school district, charter school, and county office of education to, at minimum, review the mandated reporting requirements of school employees with all school personnel within the first 6 weeks of each school year, at a regularly scheduled staff meeting. By expanding the duty of school districts, charter schools, and county offices of education, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

### **AB 1539 (Hagman) Content standards: computer science**

**Status:** Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. Not yet scheduled for hearing.

#### **Summary:**

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content standards, pursuant to recommendations of the Commission for the Establishment of Academic Content and Performance Standards, in core curriculum areas. This bill would require the board to adopt computer science content standards, pursuant to recommendations developed by a group of computer science experts, that provide a framework for teaching computer science education in grades 7 to 12, inclusive. The bill would require the Superintendent, in consultation with the state board, to convene that group of experts and ensure that the group includes individuals from groups specified in this bill.

### **AB 1444 (Weber) Elementary education: kindergarten**

**Status:** Introduced. Not yet referred to committee.

#### **Summary:**

Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state, and generally requires compulsory full-time education for each person between 6 and 18 years of age. Existing law authorizes school districts to operate kindergarten programs, and sets minimum ages for children who are admitted to kindergarten. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the children of this state to attend kindergarten.

**AB 1505 (Garcia) Child abuse: mandated reporters**

**Status:** Introduced. Not yet referred to committee.

**Summary:**

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 observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide greater consistency among the kinds of abuse and neglect that must be reported pursuant to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

**AB 1432 (Gatto) School employees: child abuse: reporting**

**Status:** Double-referred to Assembly Committees on Education and Public Safety. Not yet scheduled for hearing.

**Summary:**

Existing law requires the Office of Child Abuse Prevention to develop and disseminate information to all school districts and district school personnel regarding the detection of child abuse. Existing law, the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, requires mandated reporters, which includes teachers, to make a report if the person has knowledge of or observes a child whom the person knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. This bill would require the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Justice and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention in the State Department of Social Services, to adopt a policy on the reporting requirements for child abuse and the responsibilities of mandated reporters in accordance with the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. The bill would require school personnel to annually review these mandated reporting requirements using an online format, as specified. The bill would require school personnel to submit proof of completing the review to the applicable governing board or body of this school district, county office of education, or charter school within the first 6 weeks of each school year. By expanding the duties of school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.