
5A

Information

Legislative Committee

Status of Legislation

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

Presenter: Erin Sullivan, Assistant Consultant,
Office of Governmental Relations

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.

April 2013

Status of Legislation

The *Status of Legislation* agenda item is brought to the Commission to provide updates on the status of bills on which the Commission has taken a position and on the Commission's sponsored bills. Bill updates are listed according to the position adopted by the Commission on each bill.

Sponsor

SB 576 (Block) Teacher Credentialing: Commission on Teacher Credentialing

Introduced: 02/22/2013

Location: Senate Committee on Education

Summary: This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to appoint an ex officio member to the Commission instead of the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

Seek Amendments

SB 5 (Padilla) Teacher Credentialing

Introduced: 12/03/2012

Location: Senate Committee on Education

Summary: This bill would authorize a program of professional preparation to include up to 2 years, or the equivalent of 2/5 or a 5-year program, of professional preparation, and would delete the provision that prohibits baccalaureate degrees in professional education from satisfying the degree requirement.

Legislation of Interest

Educator Credentialing

AB 1016 (Quirk-Silva) Foreign language instruction: teaching credential: State Seal of Biliteracy

This bill would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue a foreign language teaching credential for the sole purpose of providing foreign language instruction as part of an after school program voluntarily maintained by a school district to a person who has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of postsecondary education and passes the single subject California Subject Examinations for Teachers in the foreign language in which he or she will be providing instruction.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

AB 1209 (Bonilla) Teacher credentialing: visiting faculty permits

Existing law authorizes the commission to issue a visiting faculty permit until July 1, 2013, and to renew a visiting faculty permit until July 1, 2015. This bill would instead make these provisions relating to issuing or renewing a visiting faculty permit inoperative on July 1, 2018, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2019.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

SB 368 (Pavley) Teachers: Added authorization in special education

SB 368 proposes to place in statute, guidelines adopted by the Commission pursuant to AB 2226 (Chap. 233, Stats. 2008), *Comparability of Coursework for Sponsors of Special Education Teacher Preparation Programs*, to further the goal of encouraging teacher preparation programs to accept coursework completed in other Commission approved programs so that candidates can earn an added authorization without completing duplicative coursework or experience.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules for assignment to policy committee

English Learners

AB 899 (Weber) English language development standards: English learners

Current law requires each school district that has one or more pupils who are English learners and, to the extent required by federal law, each county office of education and each charter school, to assess the English language development of each of those pupils upon initial enrollment in order to determine the level of proficiency of those pupils, and thereafter to assess each of those pupils annually until the pupil is redesignated as English proficient. This bill would reenact the provisions described above that are to be repealed on July 1, 2013.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

AB 970 (Alejo) Pupils: limited English proficiency

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to perform certain tasks relating to pupils of limited English proficiency, including ensuring that all schools and school districts provide each pupil of limited English proficiency with an educational opportunity that is equal to the opportunities available to English-speaking pupils.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

SB 344 (Padilla) English learner services: effectiveness: report

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, by January 1, 2016, and every 2 years thereafter, to evaluate the effectiveness of the English learner services provided by local educational agencies and, notwithstanding specified provisions of law, to report his or her findings to the Governor and the Legislature.

Status: Senate Committee on Education

Student Members

AB 447 (Williams) Community colleges: organization of governing boards: nonvoting student members

This bill would authorize a nonvoting student member of the governing board of each community college district, without being subject to the discretion of the governing board, to make and second motions, and to attend closed sessions, except on personnel, collective bargaining, and litigation matters. This bill would authorize a nonvoting student member to cast an advisory vote but would provide that the advisory vote shall not count in determining the vote required to carry a measure before the governing board.

Status: Assembly Committee on Higher Education

AB 734 (Mansoor) University of California: regent meetings: student participation

This bill would encourage the regents to allow a student, selected by the University of California Student Association, to attend the closed session meetings. The bill would require the student to be a nonvoting, noncontributing participant at the meetings.

Status: Assembly Committee on Higher Education

SB 325 (Block) Trustees of the California State University: student members

Currently, membership of the board of trustees of the California State University includes 2 student members who have at least a junior year standing. This bill would allow for those student members to have sophomore year standing.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations

Educator Evaluation/Discipline

AB 135 (Buchanan) Certificated employees: evaluation

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that governing boards of school districts establish a uniform system of evaluation and assessment of the performance of all certificated personnel within each school district of the state. This bill would require the evaluation and assessment of the above personnel at least every 3 years.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

AB 375 (Buchanan) School employees: dismissal or suspension

This bill would specify that a governing board's notice to an employee of its intention to dismiss or suspend the employee, together with written charges filed or formulated pursuant to those procedures, shall be sufficient to initiate a hearing, as prescribed, and would specify that the governing board shall not be required to file or serve a separate accusation.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

AB 430 (Olsen) Teacher evaluation: Teacher Professional Growth Plan

This bill would establish the Teacher Professional Growth Plan for all school districts, to commence with the 2015-16 school year. The bill would authorize the governing board of a school district and the exclusive representative of the certificated employees of the school district to meet and confer regarding the establishment of an alternative teacher evaluation system.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

AB 1221 (Wilk) School employees: discipline: suspension and dismissal

Current law prohibits a permanent school employee from being dismissed except for one or more specified offenses. This bill would prohibit a collective bargaining agreement entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2014, from requiring the removal, after a specified time period, from an employee's record of records pertaining to discipline, complaints, reprimands, or investigations relating to the employee's commission, or potential commission, of one of those specified offenses. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

SB 453 (Huff) School employees: teachers: evaluation: termination

This bill would require the governing board of a school district to establish an evaluation and assessment system for certificated employees that uses a multiple-measures evaluation system with multiple research-validated approaches to measuring effectiveness, as specified. The governing board would be required to establish the system by the 2015-16 school year, to fully implement the system by the 2016-17 school year, and would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to institute fiscal penalties for noncompliance. Because the bill would increase the duties of school districts, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

Status: Senate Committee on Education

SB 531 (Knight) School employees: discipline: suspension and dismissal

Current law prohibits a permanent school employee from being dismissed except for one or more specified causes. This bill would prohibit a collective bargaining agreement entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2014, from requiring the removal, after a specified time period, from an employee's record of records pertaining to discipline, complaints, reprimands, or investigations relating to the employee's commission, or potential commission, of one of those specified causes for dismissal.

Status: Senate Committee on Education

Higher Education

AB 1306 (Wilk) Public postsecondary education: New University of California

This bill would establish The New University of California as a 4th segment of public postsecondary education in this state. The bill would establish an 11-member Board of Trustees of The New University of California as the governing body of the university, and specify the membership and appointing authority for the board of trustees. The bill would specify the mission and goal of the university. The bill would provide for the appointment of a Chancellor of The New University of California as the chief executive officer of the university.

Status: Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

SB 212 (Pavley) Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would expand, and increase funding for, the Assumption Program of Loans for Education.

Status: Senate Committee on Rules for assignment to policy committee.

School safety

AB 202 (Donnelly) School security: School Marshal Program

This bill would establish the School Marshal Plan and would authorize school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to use general purpose funds to provide training to a school marshal. The bill would define a school marshal as a school employee who, in accordance with the Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995 and pursuant to locally adopted policies, is authorized to possess a firearm at a schoolsite or designated school activities.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

AB 449 (Muratsuchi) Elementary and secondary education: certificated school employees: school district superintendent: reports to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

AB 449 proposes to repeal current criminal sanctions for a principal, teacher, employee or school officer of any elementary or secondary school who fails to make reports to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) required by law and put into place a more narrow criminal sanction for superintendents of school districts who fail to report certificated employees to the Commission when these employees are suspended for more than 10 days or leave employment while an allegation of misconduct is pending.

In addition, the bill proposes to broaden the jurisdiction of the Commission to investigate superintendents who fail to report certificated employees as required. The bill further proposes that initial jurisdiction may be established by "any writing" as described in Evidence Code §250 and formal jurisdiction may be established by any official record of a school district or the Commission. This change in jurisdiction will not apply to any other credential holder under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

SB 160 (Lara) Classified school employees: child abuse investigations: statewide tracking

This bill would require a school district to notify the state board when a classified employee of the school district separates from employment with the district during the course of an

investigation for child abuse, as defined in Section 11165.6 of the Penal Code, in which no arrest or conviction has been made, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the state board to keep a centralized list of these notifications and make the list available to all school districts.

Status: Senate Committee on Education

Budget Bills: Commission

AB 73 (Blumenfield) 2013-14 Budget Act

This bill would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Status: Assembly Committee on Budget

AB 1186 (Bonilla) School finance: categorical programs

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apportion from the amounts provided in the annual Budget Act for specified categorical education programs an amount based on the relative proportion that the local educational agency received in the 2008-09 fiscal year for those programs, through the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Status: Assembly Committee on Education

SB 65 (Leno) 2013-14 Budget Act

This bill would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2013-14 fiscal year. This bill contains other related provisions.

Status: Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review

SB 223 (Liu) Education finance: Maximum Categorical Funding Flexibility and Accountability Program

This bill would establish the Maximum Categorical Funding Flexibility and Accountability Program, to be implemented from the 2015-16 fiscal year to the 2019-20 fiscal year, inclusive. The bill would extend the operation of the provisions that authorize the expenditure of funds provided for specified categorical education programs for any educational purpose by 5 fiscal years. The bill would thereby make an appropriation by allowing the expenditure of appropriated funds for additional purposes for that extended period.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations