



CSFC End of Session Priority Bill List September 2020

Priority Bills

- AB 1384 (O'Donnell D) Local educational agencies: liability for COVID-19-related injuries.**
Location: 8/18/2020-S. DEAD
Summary: Would require, during the COVID-19 pandemic, as defined, the governing board of a local educational agency, as defined, or its designee, to establish health and safety policies and procedures for operating programs and facilities in a manner consistent with applicable federal, state, and local requirements and COVID-19-related guidelines published by the State Department of Public Health. The bill would require the governing boards of local educational agencies, or their designees, to ensure that reasonable efforts are undertaken to implement those policies and procedures.
Position: Support
- AB 1865 (Committee on Budget) Education finance.**
Location: 8/31/2020-S. DEAD
Summary: Current law requires the State Department of Education to develop, on or before December 31, 2021, a standardized English language teacher observation protocol for use by teachers in evaluating a pupil's English language proficiency. Current law requires a local educational agency to assess the English language development of each pupil in order to determine the pupil's level of proficiency. Current law requires that assessment to be conducted annually during a 4-month period after January 1. This bill would extend the date for completion of the English language teacher observation protocol until December 31, 2022. The bill would extend the time period for conducting the English language development assessment in the 2020–21 school year by 45 calendar days and would require a local educational agency to screen new pupils at the time of enrollment to informally determine English learner status.
Position: Watch
- AB 2088 (Bonta D) Wealth tax.**
Location: 8/31/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: Would impose an annual tax at a rate of 0.4% of a resident of this state's worldwide net worth in excess of \$30,000,000, or in excess of \$15,000,000 in the case of a married taxpayer filing separately. The bill would describe worldwide net worth with reference to specific federal provisions and would provide that worldwide net worth does not include specific assets, including directly held real property or liabilities related to directly held real property. The bill would also authorize the Franchise Tax Board to adopt regulations to carry out these provisions, including regulations regarding the valuation of certain assets that are not publicly traded.
Position: Support
- AB 2186 (Grayson D) Public contracting: contractor retention withholding.**
Location: 6/5/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: Current law authorizes the legislative body of a local agency, as defined, to prescribe how the local agency makes payment on a contract with the local agency for the creation, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of any public structure, building, road, or other improvement of any kind that will exceed a total of \$5,000. Current law limits this authority by requiring progress payments on the contract to not be made in excess of 95% of the percentage of actual work completed plus a like percentage of the value of material delivered on the ground or stored subject to, or under the control of, the local agency, and unused. Current law also requires the local agency to not withhold less than 5% of the contract price until final completion and acceptance of the project, unless, at any time after 50% of the work has been completed, the local agency finds that satisfactory progress is being made. This bill would eliminate the above described limitations on a local agency's authority to prescribe payments on these contracts.
Position: Oppose

- AB 2472 (Jones-Sawyer D) Public schools: accountability: county superintendents of schools.**
Location: 5/29/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: Under current law, county superintendents of schools superintend the schools of that county, maintain responsibility for the fiscal oversight of each school district in that county, and visit and examine each school in the county at reasonable intervals to observe its operation and learn of its problems. This bill would recast and revise the duties of the county superintendent. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to identify a list of schools pursuant to a specified procedure based on the schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement and additional targeted support and improvement or as low-performing pursuant to specified federal laws, and submit a report as to the state of those schools.
Position: Support
- AB 2987 (Flora R) Local agency public contracts: bidding procedures.**
Location: 5/29/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: The Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act authorizes a public agency to elect to become subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures. The act authorizes bidding procedures for public projects, as specified. Those bidding procedures include procedures for the publication or posting and electronic transmission of notice inviting formal bids. This bill would authorize a public agency, as an alternative to the publication or posting requirement, to meet the notice inviting formal bids requirement by transmitting notice electronically, as specified, and publishing the notice electronically in a prescribed manner on the public agency's internet website at least 14 calendar days before the date of opening the bids.
Position: Support
- AB 3021 (Ting D) School facilities: energy resilient schools: grant program.**
Location: 5/29/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: Would appropriate \$300,000,000 per fiscal year in the 2020–21, 2021–22, and 2022–23 fiscal years from the General Fund to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to administer a program to provide resiliency grant funding and technical assistance to local educational agencies for the installation of energy storage systems. The bill would require the Energy Commission to allocate resiliency grant funding in a specified order of priority. The bill would make a project eligible for funding if it is financed and owned by the local educational agency or financed and owned by a third party that has a power purchase or energy services agreement with the local educational agency.
Position: Support
- SB 820 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Education finance.**
Location: 9/18/2020-S. CHAPTERED
Summary: Current law requires the State Department of Education to develop, on or before December 31, 2021, a standardized English language teacher observation protocol for use by teachers in evaluating a pupil's English language proficiency. Existing law requires a local educational agency to assess the English language development of each pupil in order to determine the pupil's level of proficiency. Current law requires that assessment to be conducted annually during a 4-month period after January 1. This bill would extend the date for completion of the English language teacher observation protocol until December 31, 2022. The bill would extend the time period for conducting the English language development assessment in the 2020–21 school year by 45 calendar days and would require a local educational agency to screen new pupils at the time of enrollment to informally determine English learner status.
Position: Watch

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| AB 2126 | (O'Donnell D) Temporary school closures: notification: survey.
Location: 8/21/2020-S. DEAD
Summary: Would require the State Department of Education to develop and implement an internet website and a web-based application for the purpose of collecting information from a county office of |
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- AB 2126** education, school district, or charter school about temporary school closures, as specified. The bill would require the department to have the internet website and web-based application operative no later than July 1, 2021. The bill would require a county superintendent of schools, superintendent of a school district, or charter school administrator to notify the department through the internet website or web-based application of all temporary school closures each day the school is closed.
Position: Watch
- AB 2127 (O'Donnell D) School property: location and facility details.**
Location: 5/29/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: Current law requires the schoolsite council of a school to write and develop the comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school, in consultation with a representative from a law enforcement agency, a fire department, and other first responder entities. Current law requires a petition to establish a charter school to include, among other things, a reasonably comprehensive description of the procedures that the charter school will follow to ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff, including requiring the development and annual update of a school safety plan that includes certain safety topics and procedures. This bill, commencing with the 2022–23 school year, would require a county office of education, school district, and charter school to provide, and to update annually as needed, certain information to the State Department of Education for each school facility, schoolsite, or school property owned or leased by the local educational agency.
Position: Watch
- AB 2162 (O'Donnell D) School facilities: indoor air quality.**
Location: 5/29/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: Would require a school district to ensure that school facilities meet the minimum requirements of regulations enacted by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board that govern the quality of air provided to employees in places of employment. The bill would require school districts to use contractors who have been certified by a nationally recognized organization for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems.
Position: Watch
- AB 2184 (O'Donnell D) School facilities: design-build contracts.**
Location: 6/5/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: Until January 1, 2025, current law authorizes a school district, with the approval of the governing board of the school district, to procure design-build contracts for public works projects in excess of \$1,000,000, awarding the contract to either the low bid or the best value, as provided. For those projects using best value as a selection method, current law requires competitive proposals to be evaluated by using only the criteria and selection procedures specifically identified in the request for proposals, and requires the school district, as it deems appropriate, to weigh certain minimum factors, including price of the project. This bill would authorize a school district, as an alternative to price of the project, to instead weigh as a factor the proposing design-build entity's design cost, general conditions, overhead, and profit as a component of the project price.
Position: Watch
- SB 1099 (Dodd D) Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemptions.**
Location: 8/14/2020-A. DEAD
Summary: Current law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Current law generally designates air pollution control and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to identify toxic air contaminants that are emitted into the ambient air of the state and to establish airborne toxic control measures to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants from nonvehicular sources. This bill would require an air district without a specified rule on emergency backup generators, as defined, as of January 1, 2021, that adopts such a rule to include in the rule provisions that allow the operator of a critical facility, as defined, to use a permitted emergency backup generator in exceedance of the applicable runtime and testing and maintenance limits if specified conditions are met.
Position: Watch

SB 1361 (Glazer D) Pesticides: schoolsites.

Location: 5/29/2020-S. DEAD

Summary: Current law requires each schoolsite to maintain records of all pesticide use at the schoolsite for a period of 4 years and to make this information available to the public, as provided. Current law requires a schoolsite that chooses to use a pesticide not listed as exempt from these provisions to submit to the Director of Pesticide Regulation a copy of the records of all pesticide use at the schoolsite for the calendar year, as provided, that includes specified information. This bill would require those records to additionally include licensure or certification information for the individual who applied the pesticide, including, but not limited to, the name of the licensing board or agency that issued the license or certification, but not including that individual's name or the name of their employer, if any.

Position: Watch

Additional Bills of Interest

AB 841 (Ting D) Energy: transportation electrification: energy efficiency programs: School Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program.

Location: 9/14/2020-A. ENROLLED

Summary: Current law requires the PUC, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and the State Air Resources Board, to direct electrical corporations to file applications for programs and investments to accelerate widespread transportation electrification to reduce dependence on petroleum, meet air quality standards, achieve the goals set forth in the Charge Ahead California Initiative, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. That law requires that the programs proposed by electrical corporations seek to minimize overall costs and maximize overall benefits. The PUC is required to approve, or modify and approve, programs and investments in transportation electrification, including those that deploy charging infrastructure, through a reasonable cost recovery mechanism, if they are consistent with the above-described purposes, do not unfairly compete with nonutility enterprises, include performance accountability measures, and are in the interests of ratepayers. This bill would require not less than 35% of the investments pursuant to these provisions to be in underserved communities, as defined.

AB 2031 (Rivas, Luz D) School Pavement to Parks Grant Program.

Location: 5/29/2020-A. DEAD

Summary: Would establish the School Pavement to Parks Grant Program under the administration of the Natural Resources Agency for purposes of providing grants to applicant school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools maintaining schools in disadvantaged communities, as defined, or low-income communities, as defined, to convert portions of existing pavement at those schools to green space. The bill would require the agency to establish processes and procedures for administering the grant program, as specified. The bill would require a school district or county office of education that receives a request from a school in the school district or county office of education to participate in the grant program to inform the school that it has received the request in a timely manner.

AB 2743 (McCarty D) California School Employee Housing Assistance Pilot Program.

Location: 5/29/2020-A. DEAD

Summary: Current law, the Teacher Housing Act of 2016, authorizes a school district to establish and implement programs that address the housing needs of teachers and school district employees who face challenges in securing affordable housing, as provided. This bill, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act, would require HCD, in collaboration with the State Department of Education, to administer a competitive grant program to provide planning grants of up to \$100,000 each to up to 10 qualified school districts, as defined, that partner with a developer to provide affordable school employee rental housing, as defined, to be used for specified purposes in connection with an affordable school employee rental housing project.

AB 3324 (O'Donnell D) School districts: employee housing.

Location: 5/29/2020-A. DEAD

Summary: The Field Act requires the Department of General Services to supervise the design and

AB 3324 construction of any school building or, if the estimated cost exceeds \$100,000, the reconstruction or alteration of or addition to any school building, to ensure that plans and specifications comply with the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the act and with relevant building standards, and to ensure that the work of construction has been performed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. This bill would also exclude from the definition of school building for purposes of those requirements any building that is built by a school district or under a joint-use agreement with a school district for the purpose of housing teachers and school district employees.

SB 884 (Dodd D) Education finance: emergencies: public safety power shutoffs.

Location: 8/21/2020-A. DEAD

Summary: If the average daily attendance of a school district, county office of education, or charter school has been materially decreased during a fiscal year because of a specified emergency, current law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to estimate the average daily attendance in a manner that credits to the school district, county office of education, or charter school approximately the total average daily attendance that would have been credited to the school district, county office of education, or charter school had the emergency not occurred. This bill would add public safety power shutoffs to the list of emergencies for which the above-described provisions apply.

Total Measures: 19