



CSFC Priority Bill List April 2021

Priority Bills

- AB 75 (O'Donnell D) Education finance: school facilities: Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022.**
Last Amend: 3/29/2021
Status: 4/22/2021-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Summary: The Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 provides for the adoption of rules, regulations, and procedures, under the administration of the Director of General Services, for the allocation of state funds by the State Allocation Board for the construction and modernization of public school facilities. This bill would add provisions to the act to require the Department of General Services to process all applications received under the act on and after an unspecified date and to present those applications to the State Allocation Board within 120 days of receipt. The bill would require applicants for bond funding to supply designated information to the State Department of Education. The bill would authorize school districts to receive a supplemental grant to expand an existing, or construct a new, gymnasium, multipurpose room, library, or school kitchen under specified conditions.
Position: Support
Notes: 2/3/21 - SUPPORT letter submitted to Author
3/23/21 - SUPPORT letter submitted to Assembly Education Committee
4/14/21 - SUPPORT letter submitted to Assembly Higher Education Committee
- AB 377 (Rivas, Robert D) Water quality: impaired waters.**
Last Amend: 4/13/2021
Status: 4/21/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 3.) (April 21). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Summary: Would require, by January 1, 2023, the State Water Resources Control Board and regional boards to prioritize enforcement of all water quality standard violations that are causing or contributing to an exceedance of a water quality standard in a surface water of the state. The bill would require the state board and regional boards, by January 1, 2025, to evaluate impaired state surface waters and report to the Legislature a plan to bring all water segments into attainment by January 1, 2050. The bill would require the state board and regional boards to update the report with a progress summary to the Legislature every 5 years. The bill would create the Waterway Recovery Account in the Waste Discharge Permit Fund and would make moneys in the Waterway Recovery Account available for the state board to expend, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to bring impaired water segments into attainment in accordance with the plan.
Position: Watch
- AB 544 (O'Donnell D) School property: location and facility details.**
Last Amend: 4/5/2021
Status: 4/14/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.
Summary: Would, commencing with the 2023–24 school year, 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. The bill would require the local educational agency to report to the department, when a natural disaster occurs, the status of school facilities during an emergency caused by the natural disaster. The bill would make the information received by the department confidential and exempt it from public disclosure. The bill would authorize the department to share the information with other entities for emergency preparedness and emergency response-related activities.
Position: Watch

- AB 599 (Jones-Sawyer D) Public schools: accountability: county superintendents of schools.**
Last Amend: 4/15/2021
Status: 4/19/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
Calendar: 4/28/2021 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Assembly Chamber ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, LORENA, Chair
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, commencing with the 2022–23 fiscal year and every 3rd fiscal year thereafter, 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 to additionally include on the list schools where 15% or more of the teachers are holders of a permit or certificate that is a lesser certification than a clear California teaching credential.
Position: Support
Notes: 4/22/21 - SUPPORT letter submitted to Assembly Appropriations Committee
- AB 919 (Grayson D) Construction defects: actions: statute of limitations.**
Last Amend: 4/13/2021
Status: 4/14/2021-Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Summary: Current law specifies the requirements for actions for construction defects. Current law includes a statute of limitations that, except as specified, prohibits an action from being brought to recover under these provisions more than 10 years after substantial completion of the improvement but no later than the date the notice of completion is recorded. This bill, notwithstanding that 10-year limitation period, would shorten the timeframe in which specified actions against a nonprofit housing corporation, as defined, may be brought for underlying construction projects, as defined, using a certified skilled and trained workforce, as defined, to no more than 5 years after substantial completion of the improvement but no later than the date the notice of completion is recorded.
Position: Watch
- SB 22 (Glazer D) Education finance: school facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022.**
Last Amend: 3/4/2021
Status: 4/20/2021-April 19 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.
Summary: Current law authorizes the governing board of any school district or community college district to order an election and submit to the electors of the district the question of whether the bonds of the district shall be issued and sold to raise money for specified purposes. Current law generally requires, to pass a school bond measure, that either at least 2/3 of the votes cast on the proposition of issuing bonds be in favor of issuing the bonds to pass the measure, or, if certain conditions are met, at least 55% of the votes cast on the proposition of issuing bonds be in favor of issuing the bonds. Current law prohibits the total amount of bonds issued by a school district or community college district from exceeding 1.25% of the taxable property of the district, as provided. This bill would raise that limit to 2%.
Position: Watch

Watch Bills

- AB 33 (Ting D) Energy Conservation Assistance Act of 1979: energy storage systems and transportation electrification infrastructure.**
Last Amend: 3/16/2021
Status: 4/21/2021-VOTE: Do pass as amended, and be re-referred to the Committee on [Appropriations] with recommendation: To Consent Calendar (PASS)
Summary: The Energy Conservation Assistance Act of 1979 states the intent of the Legislature that the Energy Commission administer the State Energy Conservation Assistance Account to provide grants

and loans to local governments and public institutions to maximize energy use savings, including technical assistance, demonstrations, and identification and implementation of cost-effective energy efficiency measures and programs in existing and planned buildings or facilities. This bill would require the Energy Commission, in administering the account, to provide grants and loans to local governments and public institutions to maximize energy use savings, expand installation of energy storage systems and expand the availability of transportation electrification infrastructure, including technical assistance, demonstrations, and identification and implementation of cost-effective energy efficiency, energy storage, and transportation electrification infrastructure measures and programs in existing and planned buildings or facilities.

Position: Watch

AB 102 (Holden D) College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: county offices of education.

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Re-referred to Com. on ED.

Summary: Would specify that “high school,” for purposes of a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership, includes a community school or juvenile court school. The bill would authorize county offices of education to enter into CCAP partnerships with the governing boards of community college districts in accordance with these provisions. The bill would extend the provisions authorizing CCAP partnerships indefinitely. The bill would also make nonsubstantive conforming changes.

Position: Watch

Additional Bills of Interest

AB 9 (Wood D) Fire safety: wildfires: fire adapted communities.

Last Amend: 4/19/2021

Status: 4/20/2021-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/28/2021 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary: Would establish in the Department of Conservation the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program to support regional leadership to build local and regional capacity and develop, prioritize, and implement strategies and projects that create fire adapted communities and landscapes by improving watershed health, forest health, community wildfire preparedness, and fire resilience. The bill would require, among other things, the department to, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, provide block grants to regional entities, as defined, to develop regional strategies that develop governance structures, identify wildfire risks, foster collaboration, and prioritize and implement projects within the region to achieve the goals of the program.

AB 10 (Ting D) Pupil instruction: in-person instruction: distance learning.

Last Amend: 1/12/2021

Status: 1/27/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Summary: Current law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary education in this state, and authorizes local educational agencies throughout the state to provide instruction to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Current law establishes procedures for the apportionment of state funds to these local educational agencies. Current law, for purposes of calculating apportionments for the 2020–21 fiscal year, requires a local educational agency to offer in-person instruction and authorizes these agencies to offer distance learning, as specified. This bill would specify that the requirement to provide in-person instruction applies when that instruction is allowed under state and local public health orders.

AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry D) Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund.

Status: 4/15/2021-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (April 14). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/28/2021 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary: Current law establishes the State Department of Education in state government, and vests the department with specified powers and duties relating to the state's public school system. This bill would authorize local educational agencies to report to the department their pupils' estimated needs for computing devices and internet connectivity adequate for at-home learning. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to compile that information and to annually post that compiled information on the department's internet website.

AB 22

(McCarty D) Childcare: preschool programs and transitional kindergarten: enrollment: funding.

Last Amend: 4/12/2021

Status: 4/13/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 4/28/2021 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Assembly Chamber ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, LORENA, Chair

Summary: The Child Care and Development Services Act that applicant or contracting agencies are eligible to contract to operate a California state preschool program. Current law requires the Superintendent to encourage state preschool program applicants or contracting agencies to offer full-day services through a combination of part-day preschool slots and wraparound general childcare and development programs. The act requires these applicant or contracting agencies to give first priority to 3- or 4-year-old neglected or abused children who are recipients of child protective services, or who are at risk of being neglected, abused, or exploited, as provided. The act requires applicant or contracting agencies to give 2nd priority to eligible 4-year-old children, as defined, who are not enrolled in a state-funded transitional kindergarten program before enrolling eligible 3-year-old children. This bill would clarify that eligible 4-year-old children include those children whose 5th birthday occurs after September 1 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled in a California state preschool program and whose parent or guardian has opted to retain them in a California state preschool program.

AB 27

(Rivas, Luz D) Homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths: reporting.

Last Amend: 4/5/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Summary: Under current state law, public schools, including charter schools, and county offices of education are required to immediately enroll a homeless child or youth seeking enrollment, except as specified. Current law requires a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths to ensure that public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in schools within the liaison's local educational agency that provide services pursuant to the act. This bill would require a local educational agency to (A) ensure that each school within the local educational agency identifies all homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths, as defined, enrolled at the school, (B) administer a housing questionnaire, as specified, for purposes of identifying homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths, and (C) annually provide the housing questionnaire to all parents or guardians of pupils and unaccompanied youths of the local educational agency.

AB 34

(Muratsuchi D) Broadband for All Act of 2022.

Last Amend: 4/6/2021

Status: 4/26/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 2.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: Would enact the Broadband for All Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to support the 2022 Broadband for All Program that would be administered by the department for purposes of providing financial assistance for projects to deploy broadband infrastructure and broadband internet access services.

AB 76

(Kiley R) Interdistrict transfer of pupils: prohibition on transfers by a school district of residence: in-person instruction.

Last Amend: 1/19/2021

Status: 1/21/2021-Re-referred to Com. on ED.

Summary: Would prohibit a school district of residence from prohibiting the transfer of a pupil who is not receiving in-person instruction to a school district of proposed enrollment that is offering in-person instruction if the school district of proposed enrollment approves the application for transfer. The bill would define “in-person instruction” for its purposes to mean instruction under the immediate physical supervision and control of a certificated employee of the local educational agency while engaged in educational activities required of the pupil and to include both full-time and hybrid instructional models.

- AB 103 (Holden D) Pupil instruction: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: county offices of education.**
Status: 3/24/2021-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2027, authorizes the governing board of a community college district to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership with the governing board of a school district or the governing body of a charter school with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to community college for career technical education or preparation for transfer, improving high school graduation rates, or helping high school pupils achieve college and career readiness. This bill would specify that “high school,” as used in the bill, includes a community school, continuation high school, or juvenile court school.
- AB 125 (Rivas, Robert D) Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022.**
Last Amend: 4/12/2021
Status: 4/15/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (April 15). Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Summary: Would enact the Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,302,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, to finance programs related to, among other things, agricultural lands, food and fiber infrastructure, climate resilience, agricultural professionals, including farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers, workforce development and training, air quality, tribes, disadvantaged communities, nutrition, food aid, meat processing facilities, fishing facilities, and fairgrounds.
- AB 248 (Choi R) Income taxes: credits: cleaning and sanitizing supplies: COVID-19.**
Status: 3/22/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.
Summary: Would allow a credit against the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2022, to a taxpayer that is a business with a physical location in the state in an amount equal to the costs paid or incurred by the qualified taxpayer during the taxable year for the purchase of cleaning and sanitizing supplies used at business locations in the state to prevent the transmission of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
- AB 418 (Valladares R) Emergency services: grant program.**
Last Amend: 4/19/2021
Status: 4/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.
Summary: Would establish the Community Power Resiliency Program (program), to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services, to support local governments’ efforts to improve resiliency in response to power outage events, as provided. The bill would authorize the office to allocate specified sums, pursuant to an appropriation by the Legislature, to local governments, special districts, and tribes for various purposes relating to power resiliency, and would require certain entities, in order to be eligible for funding, to either describe the portion of their emergency plan that includes power outages or confirm that power outages will be included when the entity revises any portion of their emergency plan.
- AB 537 (Quirk D) Communications: wireless telecommunications and broadband facilities.**
Last Amend: 3/30/2021

Status: 4/15/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on C. & C. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 14). Re-referred to Com. on C. & C.

Calendar: 4/28/2021 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Assembly Chamber ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATIONS AND CONVEYANCE, SANTIAGO, Chair

Summary: Current law requires a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility be deemed approved if a city or county fails to approve or disapprove the application within the time periods specified in applicable FCC decisions, all required public notices have been provided regarding the application, and the applicant has provided a notice to the city or county that the time period has lapsed. Under existing law, eligible facilities requests, defined to include any request for modification of an existing wireless tower or base station that involves collocation of new transmission equipment, removal of transmission equipment, or replacement of transmission equipment, are exempt from these requirements. This bill would remove the exemption for eligible facilities requests defined above. The bill would require that the time periods described above be determined pursuant to specified FCC rules.

AB 724 (Ward D) Homelessness programs: funding.

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Summary: Would require specified state entities to, not later than January 1, 2023, develop a streamlined funding program that meets specified criteria, to support the state's policy goal of reducing homelessness statewide by providing funding opportunities for local governments, as defined, to increase their capacity to respond to local homelessness needs through providing housing, emergency shelters, or other assistance to homeless individuals and families, or those at risk for homelessness, as defined, designed to reduce homelessness in their local areas. The bill would require, not later than January 1, 2023, the state entities to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on their proposed programs, as provided.

AB 1396 (Levine D) The Multifamily Housing Program.

Last Amend: 3/18/2021

Status: 3/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Summary: Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to convene a working group to advise it in its administration of the Multifamily Housing Program, as specified. The working group would be tasked with, among other things, developing and proposing consistent program requirements for determining eligibility for awarding financial resources to multifamily projects, and proposing alignment of application deadlines for multifamily housing projects.

AB 1447 (Cooley D) The Rural California Infrastructure Act.

Status: 4/27/2021-VOTE: Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on [Appropriations] (PASS)

Summary: Would establish the Rural California Infrastructure Act to award grants to specified local agencies to fund rural infrastructure projects, as defined. The bill would create the Rural California Infrastructure Committee, consisting of 7 appointed members, to establish, by July 1, 2022, an application process for the grants and to award the grants, beginning on January 1, 2023, and every 2 years thereafter, in accordance with specified priorities. The bill would require the Controller to transfer a sum of \$1,000,000,000 to the Rural California Infrastructure Fund in the State Treasury, which the bill would create and continuously appropriate for purposes of the act. By requiring the Controller to transfer moneys from the General Fund to the Rural California Infrastructure Fund for purposes of the program, the bill would make an appropriation.

AB 1557 (Santiago D) Communications: utility pole attachments.

Last Amend: 3/18/2021

Status: 3/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on C. & C.

Summary: Would require a public utility that receives a request for pole attachment from a cable television corporation to notify the cable television corporation, as soon as possible, but by no later than 10 days after receipt of the request, of any additional information needed to respond to the

request. The bill would require the public utility to notify the cable television corporation, as soon as possible, but by no later than 45 days after receipt of the request, if the attachment request is accepted or denied. If the request is denied, the bill would require the public utility to state all of the reasons for the denial and the remedy to gain access to the pole for attachment. If the request is accepted, the bill would require the public utility to include a cost estimate, based on actual cost, for any necessary make-ready work required to accommodate the requested attachment.

SB 45

(Portantino D) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.

Last Amend: 4/8/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

Calendar: 5/3/2021 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary: Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,595,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

SB 99

(Dodd D) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021.

Last Amend: 4/12/2021

Status: 4/21/2021-Set for hearing May 3.

Calendar: 5/3/2021 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary: This bill, the Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021, would require the commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans and expedite permit review of distributed energy resources. The bill would authorize a community choice aggregator or other regional energy collaborative to apply for funding and prepare a community energy resilience plan on behalf of one or more of the local governments it serves upon request of that local government. The bill would set forth guiding principles for plan development, including equitable access to reliable energy, as provided. The bill would require plans to be consistent with the city, county, or city and county general plan and other local government planning documents.

SB 109

(Dodd D) Office of Emergency Services: Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development.

Status: 3/22/2021-March 22 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Would establish the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development within the Office of Emergency Services under the direct control of the Director of the Office of Emergency Services. The bill would make the office responsible for studying, testing, and advising regarding procurement of emerging technologies and tools in order to more effectively prevent and suppress wildfires, and serving as the central organizing hub for the state government's identification of emerging wildfire technologies, as provided.

SB 291

(Stern D) Advisory Commission on Special Education: pupil advisory council.

Status: 3/22/2021-March 22 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Current law establishes the Advisory Commission on Special Education as an entity in state government consisting of 17 members to, among other things, study and provide assistance and advice to the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Legislature, and the Governor in new or continuing areas of research, program development, and evaluation in special education. This bill would establish an advisory council, composed of 15 pupils with exceptional needs from ages 16 to 24, inclusive, who represent all geographic regions of the state, to provide the commission with advice and input from current pupils with exceptional needs.

Total Measures: 28