



CSFC Priority Bill List April 2020

Priority Bills

AB 2088 (O'Donnell D) Statewide measures: numbering.

Introduced: 2/5/2020

Last Amend: 3/9/2020

Status: 3/16/2020-Re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

Location: 3/16/2020-A. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires that statewide measures submitted to the voters be numbered in a continuous sequence, commencing with the number "1," in 10-year cycles. This bill would prohibit the use of the number "13" in that sequence.

Position: Support

Notes: 4/15/20 - SUPPORT letter submitted to Assembly Education Committee.

AB 2186 (Grayson D) Public contracting: contractor retention withholding.

Introduced: 2/11/2020

Status: 2/20/2020-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 2/20/2020-A. L. GOV.

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

Notes: 4/1/20 - OPPOSE letter submitted to Assembly Local Government Committee.

AB 2472 (Jones-Sawyer D) Public schools: accountability: county superintendents of schools.

Introduced: 2/19/2020

Status: 2/24/2020-Referred to Com. on ED.

Location: 2/24/2020-A. ED.

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.

Introduced: 2/21/2020

Status: 3/5/2020-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/5/2020-A. L. GOV.

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

Notes: 4/8/20 - SUPPORT letter submitted to Assembly Local Government Committee.

AB 3021 (Ting D) School facilities: energy resilient schools: grant program.

Introduced: 2/21/2020

Status: 3/5/2020-Referred to Coms. on ED. and NAT. RES.

Location: 3/5/2020-A. ED.

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

Watch Bills

AB 2126 (O'Donnell D) Temporary school closures: notification.

Introduced: 2/10/2020

Status: 3/16/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/20/2020-A. ED.

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 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, 2022. 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.

Introduced: 2/10/2020

Status: 3/16/2020-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/20/2020-A. ED.

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 2022–2023 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.**
Introduced: 2/11/2020
Status: 2/20/2020-Referred to Com. on ED.
Location: 2/20/2020-A. ED.
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.**
Introduced: 2/11/2020
Status: 2/20/2020-Referred to Com. on ED.
Location: 2/20/2020-A. ED.
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: exemption.**
Introduced: 2/19/2020
Status: 3/18/2020-April 1 hearing postponed by committee.
Location: 2/27/2020-S. E.Q.
Summary: Would, consistent with federal law, require air districts to adopt a rule, or revise its existing rules, to allow critical facilities with a permitted emergency backup generator to use that emergency backup generator during a deenergization event or other loss of power, and to test and maintain that emergency backup generator, as specified, without having that usage, testing, or maintenance count toward that emergency backup generator's time limitation on actual usage and routine testing and maintenance. The bill would prohibit air districts from imposing a fee on the issuance or renewal of a permit issued for those critical facility emergency backup generators.
Position: Watch
- SB 1361 (Glazer D) Pesticides: schoolsites.**
Introduced: 2/21/2020
Status: 3/12/2020-Referred to Coms. on ED. and EQ.
Location: 3/12/2020-S. ED.
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 2031 (Rivas, Luz D) School Pavement to Parks Grant Program.

Introduced: 1/30/2020

Status: 2/14/2020-Referred to Com. on ED.

Location: 2/14/2020-A. ED.

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.

Introduced: 2/20/2020

Status: 3/12/2020-Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and ED.

Location: 3/12/2020-A. H. & C.D.

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.

Introduced: 2/21/2020

Status: 2/24/2020-Read first time.

Location: 2/21/2020-A. PRINT

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

Introduced: 1/23/2020

Last Amend: 3/16/2020

Status: 3/18/2020-March 25 hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/6/2020-S. ED.

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: 15