

The Children's Partnership Bill Tracking 4/8/21

[AB 4](#)

(Arambula D) Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Calendar: 4/13/2021 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Assembly Chamber ASSEMBLY HEALTH, WOOD, Chair

Summary: Would, effective January 1, 2022, extend eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal benefits to anyone regardless of age, and who is otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status, pursuant to an eligibility and enrollment plan. The bill would delete the specified provisions regarding individuals who are under 25 years of age or 65 years of age or older and delaying implementation until the director makes the determination described above. The bill would require the eligibility and enrollment plan to ensure that an individual maintains continuity of care with respect to their primary care provider, as prescribed, would provide that an individual is not limited in their ability to select a different health care provider or Medi-Cal managed care health plan, and would require the department to provide monthly updates to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on the status of the implementation of these provisions

Position

Support

[AB 6](#)

(Levine D) Health facilities: pandemics and emergencies: best practices.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Calendar: 4/13/2021 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Assembly Chamber ASSEMBLY HEALTH, WOOD, Chair

Summary: Would require, by July 1, 2022, the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Social Services to collaborate to create health and safety guidelines and a description of best practices for use by skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and congregate living health facilities that are providing post-acute care during a pandemic, public health crisis, or other emergency.

Position

Neutral

[AB 7](#)

(Rodriguez D) Emergency ambulance employees: subsidized protective gear.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Calendar: 4/22/2021 10:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, KALRA, Chair

Summary: Would require an emergency ambulance provider to establish a voluntary personal protective equipment (PPE) program that allows for the purchase of subsidized multithreat body protective gear that is bullet, strike, slash, and stab resistant by an emergency ambulance employee pursuant to an employer-funded stipend, and authorize an employee to voluntarily participate in a PPE program and to wear the PPE while on duty. The bill would require a provider to inform an employee of the opportunity to purchase subsidized multithreat body protective gear through a PPE program.

Position

Neutral

[AB 8](#)

(Smith R) Unemployment benefits: direct deposit.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on INS.

Summary: Current law requires unemployment compensation benefits that are directly deposited to an account of the recipient's choice to be deposited to a qualifying account. Current law defines "qualifying account" for these purposes to mean a demand deposit or savings account at an insured financial institution in the name of the person entitled to receipt of public assistance payments or a prepaid card account that meets certain requirements, including that the prepaid card account may not be attached to any credit or overdraft feature that is automatically repaid from the account after delivery of the payment. This bill would, by July 1, 2021, provide that the recipient of the

unemployment compensation benefits has the right to choose whether the benefits payments are directly deposited into a qualifying account or applied to a prepaid debit card.

Position

Watch

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

Introduced: 12/7/2020

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.

Position

Neutral

[AB 12](#) (Seyarto R) Personal information: social security numbers: the Employment Development Department.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/24/2021

Status: 3/25/2021-Re-referred to Com. on P. & C.P.

Calendar: 4/8/2021 10:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, CHAU, Chair

Summary: Would require state agencies, as soon as is feasible, but no later than January 1, 2023, to stop sending any outgoing United States mail to an individual that contains the individual's social security number unless the number is truncated to its last four digits, except in specified circumstances.

Position

Neutral

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

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Coms. on C. & C. and L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/14/2021 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Assembly Chamber ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATIONS AND CONVEYANCE, SANTIAGO, 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.

Position

Support

[AB 15](#) (Chiu D) COVID-19 relief: tenancy: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Summary: Would extend the definition of "COVID-19 rental debt" as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021. The bill would also extend the repeal date of the act to January 1, 2026. The bill would make other conforming changes to align with these extended dates. By extending the repeal date of the act, the bill would expand the crime of perjury and create a state-mandated local program.

Position

Support

[AB 16](#) (Chiu D) Tenancies: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 1/12/2021

Status: 1/13/2021-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Summary: Would establish the Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Program. The bill would authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development to direct an existing office or program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to implement the program. The bill would establish in the State Treasury the COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Fund, and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, distribute all moneys in the fund to the department to carry out the purposes of the program.

Position

Support

[AB 19](#) (Santiago D) Unemployment insurance compensation: COVID-19 pandemic: temporary benefits.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on INS.

Summary: The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) temporarily provides for expanded unemployment benefits through the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) provisions of the CARES Act. This bill would require the Employment Development Department to provide, until July 1, 2022, following the termination of assistance pursuant to PUA and PEUC or any other federal or state supplemental unemployment compensation payments for unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to an individual's weekly benefit amount as otherwise provided for by existing unemployment compensation law, unemployment compensation benefits equivalent to the terminated federal or state supplemental unemployment compensation payments for the remainder of the duration of time the individual is unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, notwithstanding the weekly benefit cap. The bill would prohibit any unemployment compensation benefits authorized by the bill from being charged against the reserve account of any employer.

Position

Support

[AB 22](#) (McCarty D) Childcare: preschool programs and transitional kindergarten: enrollment.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/29/2021

Status: 3/30/2021-Re-referred to Com. on ED.

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.

Position

Support

[AB 23](#) (Chen R) Benefits: eligibility determination: inmates.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Coms. on INS. and P. & C.P.

Summary: Would, beginning July 1, 2021, require the Employment Development Department, as part of its process for determining eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits, cross-check all claimant information with state and county correctional facility inmate data in an effort to detect fraudulent applications.

Position

Neutral

[AB 24](#) (Waldron R) Unemployment insurance: benefit determination deadlines.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on INS.

Summary: Current law establishes procedures for the filing, determination, and payment of benefit claims, and those benefits are payable from the Unemployment Fund. Current law requires the department to promptly pay benefits if it finds the claimant is eligible and to promptly deny benefits if it finds the claimant is ineligible for benefits. Current law requires the department to consider facts submitted by an employer in making this determination and also provides for the department to audit claims, as specified. Existing law provides a procedure for a claimant or a base employer to challenge a determination of the computation or recomputation of the benefits. This bill would require the department to provide a claimant with a notification of the computation used to determine their benefits within 30 days of the receipt of the claim and to respond to a challenge by the claimant or the base employer based on the computation or recomputation of benefits within 15 days of the receipt of the protest, except as specified.

Position

Neutral

[AB 25](#) (Kiley R) Worker classification: employees and independent contractors.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Summary: Current law exempts specified occupations and business relationships from the application of the ABC test as specified. Current law, instead, provides that these exempt relationships are governed by the multifactor test previously adopted in the case of *S. G. Borello & Sons, Inc. v. Department of Industrial Relations* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 341 (Borello). This bill would generally repeal provisions relating to the "ABC" test for various specified occupations and business relationships. The bill would, instead, require the determination of whether a person is an employee or an independent contractor to be based on the specific multifactor test set forth in Borello, including whether the person to whom service is rendered has the right to control the manner and means of accomplishing the result desired, and other identified factors.

Position

Neutral

[AB 27](#) (Rivas, Luz D) Homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths: reporting.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 4/5/2021

Status: 4/6/2021-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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.

Position

Support

[AB 32](#) (Aguiar-Curry D) Telehealth.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 2/12/2021

Status: 2/16/2021-Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Summary: Current law requires a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, to specify that coverage is provided for health care services appropriately delivered through telehealth on the same basis and to the same extent as in-person diagnosis, consultation, or treatment. Current law exempts Medi-Cal managed care plans that contract with the State Department of Health Care Services under the Medi-Cal

program from these provisions, and generally exempts county organized health systems that provide services under the Medi-Cal program from Knox-Keene. This bill would delete the above-described references to contracts issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, would require these provisions to apply to the plan or insurer's contracted entity, as specified, and would delete the exemption for Medi-Cal managed care plans. The bill would subject county organized health systems, and their subcontractors, that provide services under the Medi-Cal program to the above-described Knox-Keene requirements relative to telehealth.

Position

Support

[AB 46](#) (Rivas, Luz D) California Youth Empowerment Act.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/30/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-Re-referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

Calendar: 4/14/2021 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW, PETRIE-NORRIS, Chair

Summary: Would create the California Youth Empowerment Act to address, among other issues, the growing need to engage youth directly with policymakers. The bill would establish the California Youth Empowerment Commission in state government consisting of 25 voting commissioners between 14 and 25 years of age and meeting specified requirements, with 21 members appointed by the Governor, 2 at-large members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and 2 at-large members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, along with several ex officio, nonvoting members from various geographic regions of the state. The bill would establish the commission to be advisory in nature, for the main purpose of providing meaningful opportunities for civic engagement to improve the quality of life for California's disconnected and disadvantaged youth.

Position

Support

[AB 57](#) (Gabriel D) Law enforcement: hate crimes.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

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

Summary: Would require the Department of Justice to carry out various duties relating to documenting and responding to hate crimes, including conducting reviews of all law enforcement agencies every 3 years to evaluate the accuracy of hate crime data provided and agencies' hate crime policies, implementing a school-based program in conjunction with school districts and local law enforcement agencies aimed at educating students regarding how to report all suspected hate crimes to prevent future hate crimes, submitting specified hate crime reports to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in the national crime repository for crime data, and sending advisory notices to law enforcement agencies when the department determines that hate crimes are being committed in multiple jurisdictions.

Position

Watch

[AB 58](#) (Salas D) Pupil health: suicide prevention policies and training: school-based health programs: pilot program.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/5/2021-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on E.M. Read second time and amended.

Summary: Would require a local educational agency, on or before June 1, 2022, to review and update its policy on pupil suicide prevention, and revise its training materials, to incorporate best practices identified by the department in the department's model policy. The bill would require a local educational agency, commencing with the 2022-23 school year, to provide suicide awareness and prevention training, at the beginning of each school year, to teachers of pupils in all of the grades served by the local educational agency. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position

Support

[AB 65](#) (Low D) California Universal Basic Income Program: Personal Income Tax.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/18/2021

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

Summary: Would require the Franchise Tax Board to administer the California Universal Basic Income (CalUBI) Program, under which a California resident who is 18 years of age or older and who meets specified requirements, would receive a universal basic income of \$1,000 per month. The bill would require, among other things, that the resident have lived in the state for at least the last 3 consecutive years and that the resident's income not exceed 200% of the median per capita income for the resident's current county of residence, as determined by the United States Census Bureau.

Position

Support

AB 68

(Salas D) Department of Housing and Community Development: California Statewide Housing Plan: annual reports.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 4/7/2021

Status: 4/7/2021-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.

Calendar: 4/15/2021 2 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CHIU, Chair

Summary: Current law establishes the California Statewide Housing Plan, which serves as a state housing plan for all relevant purposes, that incorporates a statement of housing goals, policies, and objectives, as well as specified segments. Current law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to update and provide a revision of the plan to the Legislature every 4 years, as provided. This bill would revise and recast those provisions related to the California Statewide Housing Plan. The bill would, starting with any update or revision to the plan on or after January 1, 2022, require the plan to include specified information, including, among other things, an inventory number of affordable units needed to meet the state's affordable housing needs and an identification of strategies to help individuals experiencing homelessness.

Position

Support

AB 71

(Rivas, Luz D) Homelessness funding: Bring California Home Act.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Summary: Would exempt any regulation, standard, criterion, procedure, determination, rule, notice, or guideline established or issued by the Franchise Tax Board to implement its provisions from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position

Support

AB 73

(Rivas, Robert D) Employment safety: agricultural workers: wildfire smoke.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/29/2021

Status: 3/30/2021-Re-referred to Com. on L. & E.

Calendar: 4/8/2021 10:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, KALRA, Chair

Summary: Would, among other things, require the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to designate a wildfire smoke strike team within each regional office for purposes of enforcing regulations regarding air quality safety for agricultural workers, as defined. The bill would require the division, by January 1, 2023, to establish a stockpile of N95 filtering facepiece respirators, as defined, of sufficient size to adequately equip all agricultural workers during wildfire smoke emergencies. The bill would require the division to establish guidelines for procurement, management, and distribution of the N95 respirators.

Position

Support

AB 92

(Reyes D) Preschool and childcare and development services: family fees.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

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

Summary: Would, among other things, instead require the family fees to not exceed 1% of the family's monthly income. The bill would require the lead agency to convene a workgroup of, among others, parents, childcare providers, and lead agency staff to develop an equitable fee schedule, as specified. The bill would require the workgroup's report to be provided and the recommendations adopted prior to a specified date. The bill would additionally exempt families with an adjusted monthly family income below 75% of the state median family income from family fees. The bill would waive family fees for all families until October 31, 2022. The bill would prohibit the reduction in family fees from being absorbed by direct service contractors or family childcare providers and would also prohibit the number of childcare vouchers from being reduced on account of the reduction in family fees.

Position

Support

AB 93

(Garcia, Eduardo D) Pandemic response practices.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

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

Summary: Would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of issues related to the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, among others, whether local public health departments were sufficiently staffed and funded to handle specified pandemic-related responsibilities, and what specific measures of accountability the state applied to monitor and confirm that local public health departments were following state directives related to any dedicated COVID-19 funds allocated to counties. The bill would require the office to report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the health committees of the Legislature by June 30, 2022. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position

Support

AB 99

(Irwin D) Statewide longitudinal data system: California Cradle-to-Career Data System: governance and support.

Introduced: 12/9/2020

Last Amend: 2/12/2021

Status: 3/24/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Summary: Current law establishes the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Workgroup to assess, recommend, and advise about statewide data infrastructure that integrates data from state entities responsible for elementary and secondary education data, entities responsible for early learning data, segments of public higher education, private colleges and universities, state entities responsible for student financial aid, childcare providers, state labor and workforce development agencies, and state departments administering health and human services programs. Current law requires the Office of Planning and Research to contract with entities with expertise in managing data for specified purposes relating to the workgroup's activities. Current law requires those contracted entities to submit reports to the Department of Finance and the Legislature concerning the establishment of the California Cradle-to-Career Data System, as specified. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature in enacting the bill is to codify certain recommendations in the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Legislative Report published in December 2020, which describes the planning process and recommendations for phase one of the Cradle-to-Career Data System. The bill would set the vision, mission, and strategic objectives of the data system.

Position

Support If

Amended

AB 103

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

Introduced: 12/11/2020

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.

Position

Support

AB 104 (Gonzalez, Lorena D) Pupil instruction: retention, grade changes, and exemptions.

Introduced: 12/11/2020

Last Amend: 3/16/2021

Status: 4/7/2021-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 14. Noes 0.) (April 7).

Summary: Would, for the 2021–22 academic year, require a school district, county office of education, or charter school to implement an interim policy regarding the retention of pupils who, in the 2020–21 academic year, had enrolled in any grade or who were entering kindergarten. The bill would require, on or before July 1, 2021, the school district, county office of education, or charter school to notify those pupils' parents of their authority to request the pupil be retained in the pupil's 2020–21 grade level for the 2021–22 academic year, as specified. The bill would require a school district, county office of education, or charter school to consult with the requesting parent, the pupil, and the pupil's teacher, and would require consideration of the pupil's academic data, any other information relevant to whether retention is in the pupil's best interests, academically and socially, and assurances that a retention decision is consistent with the pupil's individualized education program.

Position

Watch

AB 226 (Ramos D) Children's crisis psychiatric residential treatment facilities.

Introduced: 1/11/2021

Last Amend: 3/2/2021

Status: 3/3/2021-Re-referred to Com. on HUM. S.

Summary: Would reclassify children's crisis residential programs as children's crisis psychiatric residential treatment facilities, and would transfer responsibility for licensing these facilities to the State Department of Health Care Services, contingent upon an appropriation in the annual Budget Act for these purposes. The bill would define "children's crisis psychiatric residential treatment facility" to mean a licensed residential facility operated by a public agency or private organization that provides the psychiatric services, as prescribed under the Medicaid regulations, to individuals under 21 years of age, in an inpatient setting.

Position

Watch

AB 234 (Ramos D) Office of Suicide Prevention

Introduced: 1/12/2021

Status: 3/24/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (March 23). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Department of Public Health to establish the Office of Suicide Prevention within the department, and requires the office to perform specified duties, including providing information and technical assistance to statewide and regional partners regarding best practices on suicide prevention policies and programs and reporting on progress to reduce rates of suicide, and authorize the office to apply for and use federal, state, and foundation grants. This bill would remove the limitation that, should the office be established, all duties and responsibilities of the office be carried out using existing staff and resources.

Position

Support

AB 270 (Ramos D) Core Behavioral Health Crisis Services System.

Introduced: 1/19/2021

Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and C. & C.

Summary: Would create the Core Behavioral Health Crisis Services System, using the digits "988" for the 988 Suicide Prevention and Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline, in compliance with existing federal law and standards governing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The bill would require the department, as defined, to take specified actions to implement the hotline system. The bill would require the department to charge a fee on each resident of the state that is a subscriber of commercial mobile or IP-enabled voice services to pay for the costs of the program. The bill would

create the 988 Fund, a new continuously appropriated fund, and would require the fees to be deposited along with other specified moneys into the 988 Fund.

Position

Watch

[AB 285](#) (Holden D) State Department of Education: state school nurse consultant.

Introduced: 1/21/2021

Last Amend: 2/11/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: Would require the State Department of Education to appoint a state school nurse consultant to be housed within the department. The bill would require the state school nurse consultant to be a school nurse credentialed by the commission, as specified, who has a minimum of 5 years of experience in school health program management. The bill would require the state school nurse consultant to work with school districts and school nurses to promote quality school nursing services and school health programs that address the broad health needs of pupils, among other responsibilities. The bill would require the state school nurse consultant to annually report to the Governor and the Legislature a summary of the year's activities and specific recommendations, as provided.

Position

Watch

[AB 317](#) (Patterson R) Foster care.

Introduced: 1/26/2021

Status: 4/7/2021-VOTE: Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Appropriations] with recommendation: To Consent Calendar (PASS)

Summary: Current law requires the Office of the State Foster Care Ombudsperson to be established in the State Department of Social Services with prescribed powers and duties relating to the management of foster children, including the dissemination of information on the rights of children and youth in foster care. Current law requires the Director of Social Services, in consultation with a committee of interested individuals chosen by the director, to appoint the ombudsperson for a term of 4 years. This bill would instead require the Secretary of California Health and Human Services to appoint the ombudsperson.

Position

Watch

[AB 640](#) (Cooley D) Extended foster care: eligibility redetermination.

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on HUM. S.

Summary: Would require the State Department of Social Services to develop and disseminate guidance to county child welfare and probation agencies on recommended procedures to follow in order to transition a youth to the extended foster care program in a manner that enables the county to redetermine the youth's eligibility for federal financial participation.

Position

Support

[AB 681](#) (Ramos D) Mental health: information sharing.

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Summary: Current law prohibits a person detained pursuant to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act because the person is a danger to self or others, from owning, possessing, controlling, receiving, or purchasing, or attempting to own, possess, control, receive, or purchase, any firearm. In order for the Department of Justice to determine the eligibility of the person to own, possess, control, receive, or purchase a firearm, existing law requires each designated facility, within 24 hours of admitting an individual subject to that prohibition, to submit a report to the Department of Justice that contains specified information, including the identity of the person. This bill would require the Department of Justice to provide to the State Department of Health Care Services a copy of reports submitted pursuant to those provisions.

Position

Watch

[AB 1140](#) (Rivas, Robert D) Foster care: rights.

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/7/2021-VOTE: Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Judiciary] with recommendation: To Consent Calendar (PASS)

Summary: Current law provides for the licensing and regulation of community care facilities, including foster family homes and group homes, by the State Department of Social Services, and requires the department to ensure that licensed or certified foster care facilities and providers accord children and nonminor dependents in foster care their personal rights. Current law establishes the Office of the State Foster Care Ombudsperson to, among other things, investigate and attempt to resolve complaints made by or on behalf of children placed in foster care, related to their care, placement, or services. This bill would specify that these duties of the department and the Office of the State Foster Care Ombudsperson include children who are in state-licensed foster facilities and homes in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

Position

Support

[ACA 1](#) (Aguilar-Curry D) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 12/8/2020-From printer. May be heard in committee January 7.

Summary: The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.

Position

Support

[AJR 1](#) (Kalra D) Abolition of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

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

Calendar: 4/13/2021 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, STONE, Chair

Summary: This measure would urge the federal government to abolish U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement within the Department of Homeland Security, and implement an orderly and just transfer of essential and basic legally required functions in a manner that upholds values of due process, equality under the law, and family unity.

Position

Watch

[HR 4](#) (Stone D) Relative to Positive Parenting Awareness Month.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/15/2021-Coauthors revised. Read. Adopted.

Summary: The Assembly of the State of California declares the month of January 2021 as Positive Parenting Awareness Month.

Position

Support

[SB 2](#) (Bradford D) Peace officers: certification: civil rights.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/11/2021

Status: 3/24/2021-Set for hearing April 13.

Calendar:

4/13/2021 1:30 p.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY, BRADFORD, Chair

4/27/2021 1:30 p.m. - Senate Chamber SENATE JUDICIARY, UMBERG, Chair

Summary: Would provide that a threat, intimidation, or coercion under the Tom Bane Civil Rights

Act may be inherent in any interference with a civil right and would describe intentional acts for these purposes as an act in which the person acted with general intent or a conscious objective to engage in particular conduct. The bill would eliminate certain immunity provisions for peace officers and custodial officers, or public entities employing peace officers or custodial officers sued under the act.

Position

Neutral

SB 3 (Caballero D) Tenancy: COVID-19

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/6/2021-Set for hearing April 27.

Calendar: 4/27/2021 1:30 p.m. - Senate Chamber SENATE JUDICIARY, UMBERG, Chair

Summary: The COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 establishes certain procedural requirements and limitations on evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19 rental debt, as defined. Existing law defines COVID-19 rental debt as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due during the covered time period, defined as the period between March 1, 2020, and January 31, 2021. The act also requires a notice that demands payment of rent that came due during the transition time period, defined as the period between September 30, 2020, and January 31, 2021, to comply with additional specified requirements. This bill would extend the covered time period and transition time period for purposes of the act to March 31, 2021.

Position

Neutral

SB 4 (Gonzalez D) Communications: California Advanced Services Fund.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Status: 3/25/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.

Calendar: 4/12/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - Senate Chamber SENATE ENERGY, UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS, HUESO, Chair

Summary: Current law establishes the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, known as "GO-Biz," within the Governor's office to serve the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth. This bill would require the office to coordinate with other relevant state and local agencies and national organizations to explore ways to facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity.

Position

Neutral

SB 5 (Atkins D) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2022.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/10/2021

Status: 3/18/2021-Re-referred to Coms. on HOUSING and GOV. & F.

Summary: Would enact the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2022, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds would be used to fund affordable rental housing and homeownership programs. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to determine the allocation of those funds to specific programs. This bill would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 8, 2022, statewide general election in accordance with specified law.

Position

Support

SB 6 (Caballero D) Local planning: housing: commercial zones.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/8/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Set for hearing April 29.

Calendar: 4/29/2021 10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment of Session - Senate Chamber SENATE HOUSING, WIENER, Chair

Summary: The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive,

long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. This bill, the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project, as defined, an allowable use on a neighborhood lot, which is defined as a parcel within an office or retail commercial zone that is not adjacent to an industrial use. The bill would require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20 units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction.

Position

Support

SB 7

(Atkins D) Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 2/18/2021

Status: 3/1/2021-Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 34. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary: Would enact the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021, which would reenact the former leadership act, with certain changes, and would authorize the Governor, until January 1, 2024, to certify projects that meet specified requirements for streamlining benefits related to CEQA. The bill would additionally include housing development projects, as defined, meeting certain conditions as projects eligible for certification. The bill would, except for those housing development projects, require the quantification and mitigation of the impacts of a project from the emissions of greenhouse gases, as provided. The bill would revise and recast the labor-related requirements for projects undertaken by both public agencies and private entities. The bill would provide that the Governor is authorized to certify a project before the lead agency certifies the final EIR for the project.

Position

Watch

SB 10

(Wiener D) Planning and zoning: housing development: density.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/22/2021

Status: 3/22/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

Summary: Would, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, authorize a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site, as those terms are defined. In this regard, the bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Planning and Research, to determine jobs-rich areas and publish a map of those areas every 5 years, commencing January 1, 2023, based on specified criteria. The bill would specify that an ordinance adopted under these provisions, and any resolution adopted to amend the jurisdiction's General Plan to be consistent with that ordinance, is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Position

Watch

SB 11

(Rubio D) The California FAIR Plan Association: basic property insurance: exclusions.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/1/2021

Status: 3/25/2021-Set for hearing April 8.

Calendar:

4/8/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - Senate Chamber SENATE INSURANCE, RUBIO, SUSAN, Chair

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Summary: Under current law, the California FAIR Plan Association, is a joint reinsurance association in which all insurers licensed to write basic property insurance participate in administering a program for the equitable apportionment of basic property insurance for persons who are unable to obtain that coverage through normal channels. Current law defines "basic property insurance" for these purposes, and excludes from that definition insurance on automobile or farm risks. This bill would modify that definition by deleting the reference to farm risks, and

would instead exclude agricultural crop risks from that definition. The bill would make other technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position

Neutral

SB 12 (McGuire D) Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/6/2021-Set for hearing April 29.

Calendar: 4/29/2021 10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment of Session - Senate Chamber
SENATE HOUSING, WIENER, Chair

Summary: Current law requires that the Office of Planning and Research, among other things, coordinate with appropriate entities, including state, regional, or local agencies, to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities, as provided. This bill would require the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after July 1, 2024, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce the risk of property loss and damage during wildfires, as specified, and would require the planning agency to submit the adopted strategy to the Office of Planning and Research for inclusion into the above-described clearinghouse.

Position

Neutral

SB 13 (Dodd D) Local agency services: contracts: Counties of Napa and San Bernardino.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

Summary: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 establishes a pilot program under which the commissions in the Counties of Napa and San Bernardino, upon making specified determinations at a noticed public hearing, may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary and outside its sphere of influence to support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties, as provided. Current law requires the Napa and San Bernardino commissions to submit a report to the Legislature on their participation in the pilot program, as specified, before January 1, 2020, and repeals the pilot program as of January 1, 2021. This bill would reestablish the pilot program, which would remain in effect until January 1, 2026. The bill would impose a January 1, 2025, deadline for the Napa and San Bernardino commissions to report to the Legislature on the pilot program, and would require the contents of that report to include how many requests for extension of services were received under these provisions.

Position

Neutral

SB 14 (Portantino D) Pupil health: school employee and pupil training: excused absences: youth mental and behavioral health.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/18/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Current law, notwithstanding the requirement that each person between 6 and 18 years of age who is not otherwise exempted is subject to compulsory full-time education, requires a pupil to be excused from school for specified types of absences, including, among others, if the absence was due to the pupil's illness. This bill would include, within the meaning of an absence due to a pupil's illness, an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.

Position

Watch

SB 15 (Portantino D) Housing development: incentives: rezoning of idle retail sites.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/8/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Current law establishes, among other housing programs, the Workforce Housing Reward Program, which requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to make local assistance grants to cities, counties, and cities and counties that provide land use approval to housing developments that are affordable to very low and low-income households. This bill, upon

appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other statute, would require the department to administer a program to provide incentives in the form of grants allocated as provided to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box retailer or a commercial shopping center to instead allow the development of housing, as defined.

Position

Watch

SB 16 (Skinner D) Peace officers: release of records.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/6/2021-Set for hearing April 13.

Calendar: 4/13/2021 1:30 p.m. - Senate Chamber SENATE JUDICIARY, UMBERG, Chair

Summary: Would, commencing July 1, 2022, make every incident involving use of force to make a member of the public comply with an officer, force that is unreasonable, or excessive force subject to disclosure. The bill would, commencing July 1, 2022, require records relating to sustained findings of unlawful arrests and unlawful searches to be subject to disclosure. The bill would, commencing July 1, 2022, also require the disclosure of records relating to an incident in which a sustained finding was made by any law enforcement agency or oversight agency that a peace officer or custodial officer engaged in conduct involving prejudice or discrimination on the basis of specified protected classes. The bill would require the retention of all complaints and related reports or findings currently in the possession of a department or agency. The bill would require that records relating to an incident in which an officer resigned before an investigation is completed to also be subject to release.

Position

Neutral

SB 17 (Pan D) Office of Racial Equity.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 4/5/2021

Status: 4/6/2021-Set for hearing April 13.

Calendar: 4/13/2021 1:30 p.m. - Senate Chamber SENATE JUDICIARY, UMBERG, Chair

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2029, establish in state government an Office of Racial Equity, an independent public entity not affiliated with an agency or department, that shall be governed by a Racial Equity Advisory and Accountability Council. The bill would authorize the council to hire an executive director to organize, administer, and manage the operations of the office. The bill would task the office with coordinating, analyzing, developing, evaluating, and recommending strategies for advancing racial equity across state agencies, departments, and the office of the Governor.

Position

Watch

SB 20 (Dodd D) Student nutrition: eligibility for CalFresh benefits.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/17/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Current state law provides that, for the purposes of determining eligibility, certain postsecondary educational programs, as determined by the State Department of Social Services, are considered employment training programs, thereby qualifying a student participating in one of those programs for an exemption, unless prohibited by federal law. Current law expresses legislative intent to clarify educational policies for purposes of improving access for low-income students to the CalFresh program. Current law also requires the Student Aid Commission to provide written notice to recipients of Cal Grant awards who qualify for participation in the CalFresh program under the federal regulation. This bill would additionally require the commission, to the extent that it possesses pertinent information, to provide written notice to students who qualify for a waiver of the community college enrollment fee that they qualify, or may qualify, for benefits under the CalFresh program.

Position

Support

SB 21 (Glazer D) Specialized license plates: mental health awareness.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 4/5/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended.

Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.

Calendar: 4/13/2021 9 a.m. - Senate Chambers SENATE TRANSPORTATION, GONZALEZ, LENA, Chair

Summary: Would require the State Department of Education to apply to the DMV to sponsor a mental health awareness license plate program, and would require the DMV to issue the license plates if the State Department of Education meets certain requirements. The bill would also establish the Mental Health Awareness Fund in the State Treasury and would require the revenue generated from the license plates to be deposited in the fund for use, upon appropriation by the Legislature to the State Department of Education, for mental health services in public schools.

Position

Support

SB 22 (Glazer D) Education finance: school facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/4/2021

Status: 3/24/2021-Set for hearing April 8.

Calendar: 4/8/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

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

Neutral

SB 23 (Rubio D) Disorderly conduct: distribution of intimate images: statute of limitations.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/18/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Under current law, a person is guilty of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor, if they intentionally distribute an image that was intended to remain private of the intimate body parts of another or of the person depicted engaged in a sex act, as specified. Current law requires prosecution for this offense to be commenced within one year after commission of the offense. This bill would instead allow prosecution for this offense to commence within one year of the discovery of the commission of the offense, but no more than 6 years after the image was distributed.

Position

Neutral

SB 24 (Caballero D) Domestic violence: protective orders: information pertaining to a child.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/16/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary: Would, commencing January 1, 2023, authorize a court to include in an ex parte order a provision restraining a party from accessing records and information pertaining to the health care, education, daycare, recreational activities, or employment of a minor child of the parties. The bill would require an essential care provider, as defined, to develop protocols relating to compliance with that order on or before February 1, 2023, and would require a discretionary services organization, as defined, to develop those protocols within 30 days of receipt of the first order. The bill would require the Judicial Council to develop or update any other forms or rules of court that are necessary to implement these provisions.

Position

Watch

SB 29 (Umberg D) Elections: vote by mail ballots.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 1/15/2021

Status: 2/19/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 3, Statutes of 2021

Summary: Current law required county elections officials to mail a ballot to every registered voter for the November 3, 2020, statewide general election. Current law, for the November 3, 2020, statewide general election, also required county elections officials to use a specified Secretary of State vote by mail tracking system or a system that meets the same specifications. This bill would extend these requirements to all elections proclaimed or conducted prior to January 1, 2022

Position

Watch

SB 35 **(Umberg D) Elections: prohibited activities.**

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/18/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Set for hearing April 13.

Calendar: 4/13/2021 1:30 p.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE PUBLIC SAFETY, BRADFORD, Chair

Summary: Current law makes it a crime to conduct certain political activities, including electioneering, within 100 feet of a polling place, an election official's office, or a satellite voting location, as defined. Current law defines electioneering as displaying visible or disseminating audible information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot in specified locations. Current law makes it a crime to conduct certain activities that constitute corruption of the voting process, including certain activities within 100 feet of a polling place with the intent of dissuading another person from voting. This bill would extend the distance within which such activities are prohibited to 200 feet of the following: (1) the entrance to a building that contains a polling place, an elections official's office, or satellite voting location, as defined; (2) an outdoor site at which a voter may cast or drop off a ballot; or (3) a ballot box for the collection of ballots.

Position

Neutral

SB 36 **(Skinner D) Energy efficiency.**

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: Current law authorizes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, energy efficiency standards, including appliance efficiency standards. This bill would make nonsubstantive revisions to these provisions.

Position

Neutral

SB 37 **(Cortese D) Contaminated sites: the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup and Safety Act.**

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/1/2021

Status: 4/7/2021-April 12 hearing postponed by committee.

Calendar: 4/26/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ALLEN, Chair

Summary: Current law requires the State Department of Health Care Services to compile a list of all public drinking water wells that contain detectable levels of organic contaminants and that are subject to water analysis by local health officers. Current law also requires the State Water Resources Control Board to compile a list of specified information, including, but not limited to, all cease and desist orders and cleanup and abatement orders issued under the Water Code that concern the discharge of wastes that are hazardous materials. Current law requires these agencies to update the information as appropriate, but at least annually, and to submit the information to the Secretary of Environmental Protection. Under current law, the Secretary for Environmental Protection is required to consolidate the information provided by these state agencies and distribute the information in a timely fashion to each city and county in which sites on the lists are located and to any other person upon request. This bill would enact the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup and Safety Act and would recodify the above-described provisions with certain revisions.

Position

Support

SB 38 **(Wieckowski D) Beverage containers.**

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/17/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Would require distributors of beverage containers in the state to form a beverage container stewardship organization. The organization would be required to develop and submit to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery a plan, annual report, and budget for the recovery and recycling of empty beverage containers in the state similar to that described in the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act. The bill would require the organization to establish a Stewardship fee, to be paid by distributor members of the organization, to assist in covering the costs of implementing the beverage container stewardship program. The bill would require the organization to reimburse the department for the department's costs of enforcing the program. The bill would require the department to deposit all moneys submitted for reimbursement into the Beverage Container Stewardship Fund, which the bill would create in the State Treasury.

Position

Neutral

SB 39 **(Grove R) Fraudulent claims: inmates.**

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/23/2021

Status: 3/23/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.

Summary: Would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide the names and social security numbers of current inmates to the Employment Development Department for the purposes of preventing payments on fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation benefits. The bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide the information to the Employment Development Department upon that department's request. Because this bill would expand the group of persons who can be convicted for knowingly furnishing state summary criminal history information to unauthorized persons, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position

Neutral

SB 40 **(Hurtado D) Health care workforce development: California Medicine Scholars Program.**

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/16/2021

Status: 3/16/2021-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: Would create the California Medicine Scholars Program, a 5-year pilot program commencing January 1, 2023, and would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to establish and facilitate the pilot program. The bill would require the pilot program to establish a regional pipeline program for community college students to pursue premedical training and enter medical school, in an effort to address the shortage of primary care physicians in California and the widening disparities in access to care in vulnerable and underserved communities, including building a comprehensive statewide approach to increasing the number and representation of minority primary care physicians in the state. The bill would require the office to contract with a managing agency for the pilot program, as specified.

Position

Support

SB 41 **(Umberg D) Privacy: genetic testing companies.**

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/11/2021

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

Summary: Would establish the Genetic Information Privacy Act, which would require a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, as defined, or any other company that collects, uses, maintains, or discloses genetic data collected or derived from a direct-to-consumer genetic testing product or service, or provided directly by a consumer, to provide a consumer with certain information regarding the company's policies and procedures for the collection, use, maintenance, and disclosure, as applicable, of genetic data, and to obtain a consumer's express consent for collection, use, or disclosure of the consumer's genetic data, as specified.

Position

Neutral

[SB 42](#) ([Wieckowski D](#)) Department of Toxic Substances Control: Board of Environmental Safety.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/7/2021-April 12 hearing postponed by committee.

Summary: Would establish the Board of Environmental Safety in the Department of Toxic Substances Control. The bill would prescribe the membership of the board and would require the board to conduct no fewer than 6 public meetings per year. The bill would impose duties on the board, which would include, among others, hearing and deciding appeals of hazardous waste facility permit decisions; proposing statutory changes for hazardous waste management in the state; developing a multiyear schedule for long-term goals for specified department activities; and annually preparing and transmitting to the Secretary for Environmental Protection a review of the department's performance. The bill would establish an office of the ombudsperson in the board to receive complaints and suggestions from the public, to evaluate complaints, to report findings and make recommendations to the Director of Toxic Substances Control and the board, and to render assistance to the public.

Position

Neutral

[SB 50](#) ([Limón D](#)) Early learning and care.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/16/2021

Status: 4/7/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (April 6). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Calendar: 4/19/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary: The Child Care and Development Services Act requires, upon establishing eligibility for services under the act, a family to be considered to meet all eligibility and need requirements for services and to receive those services without being required to report income or other changes for at least 12 months, except as specified. The act also requires the Superintendent to implement a plan that establishes reasonable standards and assigned reimbursement rates for childcare services, as provided. Commencing July 1, 2021, current law transfers specified childcare programs, responsibilities, services, and systems from the State Department of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the State Department of Social Services. This bill would extend eligibility to a family in which a member of that family has been certified as eligible to receive benefits from certain means-tested government programs, including Medi-Cal and CalFresh, as specified.

Position

Watch

[SB 56](#) ([Durazo D](#)) Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/1/2021

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

Summary: Current law provides that Medi-Cal benefits for individuals who are 65 years of age or older, and who do not have satisfactory immigration statuses or are unable to establish satisfactory immigration statuses, will be prioritized in the Budget Act for the upcoming fiscal year if the Department of Finance projects a positive ending balance in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties for the upcoming fiscal year and each of the ensuing 3 fiscal years that exceeds the cost of providing those individuals full scope Medi-Cal benefits. This bill would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, and effective July 1, 2022, extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals who are 65 years of age or older, and who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration status.

Position

Support

[SB 57](#) ([Wiener D](#)) Controlled substances: overdose prevention program.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Status: 4/7/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: 4/12/2021 #55 SENATE THIRD READING

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2027, authorize the City and County of San Francisco, the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Oakland to approve entities to operate overdose prevention programs for persons that satisfy specified requirements, including, among other things, providing a hygienic space supervised by trained staff where people who use drugs can consume preobtained drugs, providing sterile consumption supplies, providing access or referrals to substance use disorder treatment, and that program staff be authorized and trained to provide emergency administration of an opioid antagonist, as defined by existing law.

Position

Neutral

SB 58

(Wilk R) Personal information: social security numbers: Employment Development Department: fraud prevention.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/15/2021

Status: 4/6/2021-Set for hearing April 19.

Calendar: 4/19/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary: Would, commencing on or before October 1, 2021, prohibit, with exceptions, the Employment Development Department from sending any outgoing United States mail to an individual containing the individual's social security number, unless that social security number is replaced with a modified unique identifier or the number is truncated to its last 4 digits.

Position

Neutral

SB 59

(Caballero D) Cannabis licenses.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 4/5/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on E.Q. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Calendar: 4/26/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ALLEN, Chair

Summary: MAUCRSA, until January 1, 2022, authorizes a licensing authority, in its sole discretion, to issue a provisional license if the applicant has submitted a completed license application to the licensing authority, including evidence that compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or local cannabis ordinances is underway, if applicable, as specified. This bill would extend the repeal date of these provisional license provisions to July 1, 2028. By extending provisional licensure, the applications for which are required to be signed under penalty of perjury, the bill would expand the scope of the crime of perjury, and would thereby impose a state-mandated local program.

Position

Neutral

SB 60

(Glazer D) Residential short-term rental ordinances: health or safety infractions: maximum fines.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 3/4/2021

Status: 3/18/2021-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 32. Noes 5.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary: Current law sets specific monetary limits on the fines that may be imposed by city or county authorities for any violation of local building and safety codes that is an infraction, as prescribed. Current law requires a city or county levying fines pursuant to these provisions to establish a process for granting a hardship waiver in certain cases. This bill would, notwithstanding those provisions and with certain exceptions, raise the maximum fines for violation of an ordinance relating to a residential short-term rental, as defined, that is an infraction and poses a threat to health or safety, to \$1,500 for a first violation, \$3,000 for a 2nd violation of the same ordinance within one year, and \$5,000 for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year of the first violation. The bill would make these violations subject to the process for granting a hardship waiver.

Position

Support If
Amended

SB 65

(Skinner D) Maternal care and services.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 4/5/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.

Calendar: 4/14/2021 1 p.m. - Senate Chamber SENATE HEALTH, PAN, Chair

Summary: The Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act provides for specified training programs for certain health care workers, including family physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. Current law establishes a state medical contract program with accredited medical schools, hospitals, and other programs and institutions to increase the number of students and residents receiving quality education and training in specified primary care specialties and maximize the delivery of primary care and family physician services to underserved areas of the state. This bill would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to contract with programs that train certified nurse-midwives and programs that train licensed midwives to increase the number of students receiving quality education and training as a certified nurse-midwife or a licensed midwife, and would require the office to contract only with programs that include a component of training designed for medically underserved multicultural communities, lower socioeconomic neighborhoods, or rural communities, and that are organized to prepare program graduates for service in those neighborhoods and communities.

Position

Support

SB 70

(Rubio D) Elementary education: kindergarten.

Introduced: 12/8/2020

Last Amend: 3/2/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Current law requires a school district maintaining a kindergarten to admit a child who will have their 5th birthday on or before September 1 of the school year. Current law also requires that a child who will have their 6th birthday on or before September 1 of the school year to be admitted to the first grade of an elementary school. This bill, beginning with the 2022-23 school year, would require a child to have completed one year of kindergarten before that child may be admitted to the first grade, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

Position

Watch

SB 71

(McGuire D) Infractions: community service: education programs.

Introduced: 12/9/2020

Status: 3/22/2021-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 37. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary: Current law authorizes a court to sentence a person convicted of an infraction to perform community service in lieu of the total fine, as defined, that would otherwise be imposed, upon a showing that payment of the total fine would pose a hardship on the defendant or the person's family. This bill would additionally authorize the court to allow a person to participate in educational programs to satisfy community service hours.

Position

Watch

SB 72

(Rubio D) Property insurance: wildfire risk information reporting.

Introduced: 12/10/2020

Last Amend: 3/10/2021

Status: 3/25/2021-Set for hearing April 8.

Calendar: 4/8/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - Senate Chamber SENATE INSURANCE, RUBIO, SUSAN, Chair

Summary: Current law establishes in state government the Natural Resources Agency under the supervision of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, consisting of various departments, including the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention, which is responsible for the fire protection, fire prevention, maintenance, and enhancement of the state's forest, range, and brushland resources, among other things. On or before November 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, this bill would require the commissioner to transmit to the secretary of the agency a report that makes geographic recommendations for vegetation management projects based on the commissioner's analysis of specified information, including nonrenewal data on policies of

residential property insurance, and to post that report on the Department of Insurance's internet website.

Position

Neutral

SB 224 (Portantino D) Pupil instruction: mental health education.

Introduced: 1/14/2021

Last Amend: 3/17/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Would require each school district, county office of education, state special school, and charter school to ensure that all pupils in grades 1 to 12, inclusive, receive medically accurate, age-appropriate mental health education from instructors trained in the appropriate courses at least once in elementary school, at least once in junior high school or middle school, as applicable, and at least once in high school. The bill would require that instruction to include, among other things, reasonably designed instruction on the overarching themes and core principles of mental health. The bill would require that instruction and related materials to, among other things, be appropriate for use with pupils of all races, genders, sexual orientations, and ethnic and cultural backgrounds, pupils with disabilities, and English learners.

Position

Sponsor

SB 228 (Leyva D) Public postsecondary education: support services for foster youth: Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program.

Introduced: 1/15/2021

Status: 4/5/2021-April 5 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Summary: Current law requires the California State University and each community college district, and requests the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority in that system to certain foster youth or former foster youth whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 16th birthday. This bill would extend this requirement and request for enrollment priority for certain foster youth or former foster youth to those whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 13th birthday.

Position

Support

SB 229 (Dahle R) Pupil health: mental health services: grants.

Introduced: 1/19/2021

Last Amend: 3/9/2021

Status: 3/26/2021-Set for hearing April 14.

Calendar: 4/14/2021 1 p.m. - Senate Chamber SENATE HEALTH, PAN, Chair

Summary: Would require the Mental Health Services Division of the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the Department of Education, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide up to \$500,000,000 in grants each year for the specific purpose of providing mental health services for pupils affected by school closures and distance learning requirements resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would require the division to allocate those grants to local educational agencies and private schools, as specified. The bill would be implemented only to the extent that funds for its purposes are appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, and would authorize that appropriation to come from any available state and federal funds.

Position

Watch

SB 464 (Hurtado D) California Food Assistance Program: eligibility.

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Last Amend: 3/17/2021

Status: 3/24/2021-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 1.) (March 23). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: Current law requires the State Department of Social Services to establish the California Food Assistance Program for a noncitizen of the United States if the person's immigration status meets the eligibility criteria of SNAP in effect on August 21, 1996, but the person is not eligible for SNAP benefits solely due to their immigration status, as specified. Current law also makes eligible for the program an applicant who is otherwise eligible for the program, but who entered the United

States on or after August 22, 1996, if the applicant is sponsored and the applicant meets one of a list of criteria, including that the applicant, after entry into the United States, is a victim of the sponsor or the spouse of the sponsor if the spouse is living with the sponsor. This bill, commencing January 1, 2023, would instead make a noncitizen applicant eligible for the California Food Assistance Program if the noncitizen satisfies all eligibility criteria for participation in the CalFresh program except any requirements related to immigration status.

Position

Support

SB 508 (Stern D) Mental health coverage: school-based services.

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 4/7/2021-Set for hearing April 21.

Calendar: 4/21/2021 1 p.m. - Senate Chamber SENATE HEALTH, PAN, Chair

Summary: Current law provides that specified services, including targeted case management services for children with an individual education plan or an individualized family service plan, provided by local educational agencies (LEAs), are covered Medi-Cal benefits, and authorizes an LEA to bill for those services. Existing law requires the department to perform various activities with respect to the billing option for services provided by LEAs. Current law authorizes a school district to require the parent or legal guardian of a pupil to keep current at the pupil's school of attendance certain emergency information. This bill would authorize an LEA to have an appropriate mental health professional provide brief initial interventions at a school campus when necessary for all referred pupils, including pupils with a health care service plan, health insurance, or coverage through a Medi-Cal managed care plan, but not those covered by a county mental health plan.

Position

Support

Total Measures: 82

Total Tracking Forms: 82