



# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Legislation Update

(items in **bold** reflect changes from previous Legislation Update)

		Organizational Positions								
Bill/Date	Author	Summary	Location	CCBE	CASBO	CFT	CTA	CSBA	SBE	Other
		<b>ASSEMBLY BILLS</b>								
AB 12	Goldberg	Requires school districts to adopt instructional materials in a manner that ensures that each pupil has materials that he/she can read independently and that are appropriate for his/her reading levels. Third Reading	Assembly Appropriations - <b>two year bill</b>			Watch			Watch	
AB42	Daucher	Changes Class Size Reduction parameters from a cap of 20 to a site average of 20 with a cap of 22. Sunsets in 2006	Died in committee		Support	Support	Oppose			
AB 56	Steinberg	Establishes full-day kindergarten for 5-year olds and a grant program for pre-school age children (3 to 4) Second hearing: Held under submission.	Assembly Appropriations - <b>two year bill</b>			Support	Watch			
AB 86/ABX1 1	Daucher	Authorizes districts and County offices to become home rule districts, exempt from all state school regulations except board elections, school safety, collective bargaining and a few others. Districts with budget problems or schools eligible for the II/USP program cannot be home rule districts.	Died in committee	Oppose unless amended		Oppose	Oppose			

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AB 96	Bermudez	Re-designates "low-performing schools" as "high-priority" schools	Signed by Governor and Chaptered	Support		Support			Watch	
AB 97	Nation	Extends the interdistrict transfer provisions in the Ed Code to sunset July 2003.	<b>Concurrence in Senate Amendments pending - two-year bill</b>			Support			Watch	
AB 115	Horton	Requires every district and county office to establish an oversight committee for the school safety plan.	<b>On Governor's Desk</b>	Oppose					Watch	UTLA Sponsored Bill
AB 228	Leslie	Allows school districts to determine average class size in K-3 at each participating school site. Sets an average of 20 but no upper limit.	Died in Committee		'Drop'	Oppose	Oppose			
AB290	Firebaugh	Would change the layoff notice requirement for classified employees from 30 days to notification by April 29 and not less than 60 days before the effective date. Also would apply to administrators.	<b>On Governor's Desk</b>	Oppose Unless Amended		Sponsor		Oppose		
AB356	Hancock	Would modify the state's school assessment and accountability system to conform with the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The bill would: delete monetary rewards; exclude second graders from STAR testing in grade 2 by February 15, 2004; postpone the California High School Exit Exam requirement until 2006 (which the state board of education has already done); and repeal the Certificated Staff Performance Incentive Program.	<b>Inactive File Two Year Bill</b>			Support	Sponsor	Support		
AB 499	Canciamilla	Requires the Governor, State agencies and courts to submit two-year budget plan.	<b>Held in committee</b>		Support	Support				

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AB 500	Diaz	Requires a school district participating in the High Priority Schools Grant program to collaborate with teachers and the exclusive bargaining representative during all phases of developing the action plan.	<b>Held in Committee</b>	CCBE Oppose	Oppose/ Watch	Support				
AB 604	Dymally	Authorizes a charter school that operates schools at multiple sites receive its funding directly from the county superintendent of schools of the county where the LEA is located.	<b>Held in Committee</b>		Watch					
AB 745	Goldberg	Requires that a county board of education, governing board of a school or community college district annually report all compensation received by a county superintendent, district superintendent or community college thus imposing a state-mandated local program.	<b>Two year bill</b>		Oppose	Support				CCSESA Watch
AB 921	Firebaugh	Asks the State Board of Education to consider the costs of textbooks when adopting textbooks or other instructional materials and ask publishers to pay a fee before submitting materials for review.	<b>Bill held by author</b>							

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AB 954	Goldberg	Previously, this bill would have enacted a variety of rights for teachers. The bill was substantially amended and now concerns evaluations of teachers, to be performed every five years if the teacher: is a permanent employee who has taught in the district for at least 10 years; has received an evaluation of meeting or exceeding standards; and agrees to the evaluation. The bill would allow the employee or the evaluator to withdraw consent at any time.	On Governor's Desk		Oppose	Support	Support	Neutral		
AB 1307 AB1464	Haynes Bates	Authorizes the SBE, a county board of education, the chancellor of a UC campus, the president of a CSUC campus, or the governing body of a public or private college or university to approve a petition submitted to establish a charter school within the county in which that entity is located. Bates' bill adds a city mayor.	Died in Committee			Oppose	Oppose			
AB 1636	Kehoe	Allows a school district to convert all of its schools to charter schools in which the district is located with approval of county board of education instead o joint approval of SPI and SBE.	Assembly Education							
AB 1650	Simitian	Consolidates the funding for many staff development programs into the Teacher Support and Development Act of 2003 to provide flexible professional development block grants to schools.	Assembly Appropriations Held under submission			Watch	Oppose		Watch	CCSESA Support if amended

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ACR 10	Dymally	Makes findings regarding the risk of injury to pupils as a result of heavy backpacks, and SPI to inform districts, districts to inform parents.	Signed by Governor and Chaptered							
AB 490	Steinberg	<b>Relating to Foster children. Requires Districts and County Offices of Education to 1) designate a staff person as the liaison for foster children who are a ward or dependent child of the court;</b>	<b>On Governor's desk</b>							
		<b>SENATE BILLS</b>								
SB 2	Burton	Requires employers to provide health care coverage to employees and dependents by purchasing coverage from any health plan, providing coverage through a self-funded, employer-sponsored plan, or by paying a fee to the State Health Purchasing Program which would use a purchasing pool to provide coverage.	<b>On Governor's Desk</b>			Support				
SB 6	Alpert	Revises responsibility of SPI, composition and authority of SBE, duties of CPEC, primary mission of community colleges, creates position of Secretary of Education.	Senate Education 1 <sup>st</sup> Hearing set. Held in committee under submission	Support if amended		Oppose	Oppose			AFSME - oppose SPI - oppose

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SB 14	Escutia	\$5 million bond for construction, expansion and improvement of early childhood centers and after school facilities to be submitted to the voters in November 2004.	Senate Appropriations set. Held in committee under submission			Watch				
SB 39	Perata	\$100 million Oakland bailout bill	Signed by the Governor and Chaptered				Support			Signed by Governor Chaptered 6/02/03
SB 257	Alpert	Would appropriate \$6 million from the Federal Trust Fund to the SDE for year two of the establishment of the longitudinal database and for data collection requirements (Gov's budget appropriates \$6.88 million for NCLB data base requirement.)	<b>On Governor's Desk</b>							
SB 921	Kuehl	Single Payer Health Coverage	<b>Bill pulled by Author - 2 year bill</b>			Support	Support			Alameda County board-Support
SB 409	Hollingsworth	Would allow school districts and county offices of education to count portions of their categorical funds toward their general fund reserve.	<b>Bill pulled by Author</b>		Watch			Support		
SB 556 SX 1 10	Sher	Urgency measure to allow school districts to continue to receive incentive funding for class size reduction through 2005-06 provided the average class size on a school site basis does not exceed 20 pupils and no individual class exceeds 22 pupils.	<b>On Governor's Desk</b>			Support	Oppose	Support		ACSA - Support

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SB 964	Burton	Requires the State Superintendent Of Public Instruction to develop, and the State Board of Education to approve, by Jan. 31, 2004 a request for an independent Consultant to assess options and provide recommendations for alternatives to the high school exit exam for students with disabilities.	On Governor's Desk							