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Bill No.	Author	PTA Position	Category	Description	Authority
<a href="#">AB 131</a>	Beall	Watch	Education	This bill would authorize a local educational agency or school to employ and assign an individual to provide instruction to pupils who are 3 and 4 years of age and who are diagnosed as autistic, as defined, if the individual holds a valid level 1 or clear education specialist credential, is authorized to provide instruction to pupils with autism, and meets specified competence criteria, as determined by the local educational agency or school.	CAPTA PS: Education the Early Years 3-6; Special Education
<a href="#">AB 360</a>	Carter	Support	Juvenile Justice Reform Community Concerns	This bill would authorize a county to adopt a restorative justice program to address the needs of minors, victims, and the community. The bill would require the restorative justice program to be implemented through a restorative justice protocol developed by the juvenile court in conjunction with the prosecutor, public defender, and other interested groups.	Res: Juvenile Justice Reform (1983) PS: Basic Education
<a href="#">AB 531</a>	Salas	Support	Education	This bill would require the case of Mendez v. Westminster School Dist. (64 F. Supp. 544 (C.D. Cal.1946), aff'd, Westminster School Dist. v. Mendez (9th Cir. 1947) 161 F. 2d 774) and the role of this case in the civil rights movement and the desegregation of public schools in California and the nation to be included in the history-social science framework, evaluation criteria, and instructional materials for grade 4 and either grade 11 or 12 when they are adopted in the course of the next submission cycle.	CAPTA PS: Inclusiveness and Diversity; School Desegregation/Integration CAPTA Res: Ethnic Representation in Curriculum (1970)
<a href="#">AB 1475</a>	Galgiani	Approve	Community Concerns	Existing law identifies specified persons as mandated reporters who must submit a report to law enforcement whenever in their professional capacity or within the scope of their employment, they have knowledge of or observe a child who is known or reasonably suspected to have been the victim of child abuse or neglect, including commercial film and photographic print processors. This bill would expand this list of persons identified as mandated reporters to include commercial computer technicians, as defined.	PS: Child Abuse; Child Abuse Prevention
<a href="#">AB 1772</a>	Garcia	Support	Governance Charter Schools Education	This bill would require a charter school to adopt and comply with a conflict-of-interest policy that includes, but is not necessarily limited to, adherence to specified requirements set forth in existing law .	CAPTA PS: Charter Schools Leg Plank 6 General Principle 5

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<a href="#"><u>AB 1872</u></a>	Coto	Support	Special education Education	This bill would establish the California Autism Spectrum Disorder Clearinghouse within the State Department of Education to provide evidence-based resources, research materials, information, and practices regarding the education of pupils with autism spectrum disorders.	CAPTA Res: Learning Disabilities & Learning Disabilities in Gifted Children (2000) CAPTA PS: Parenting Education Leg Plank:13
<a href="#"><u>AB 2029</u></a>	Tran	Support	Child Abuse Community Concerns	This bill would authorize any person, including a child who is a dependent of the court, to petition the court for an order of visitation between the child and a relative, as specified. The bill would provide that the court, upon petition, may order visitation between the child and a relative if the court determines that it is in the best interest of the child.	PS: Child Abuse
<a href="#"><u>AB 2040</u></a>	Nunez	Support	Education	The bill would require the Superintendent to recommend, and the state board to select, members of a panel composed as specified, to make recommendations regarding alternative means for eligible pupils with disabilities to demonstrate that they have achieved the same level of academic achievement in the content standards in English language arts or mathematics, or both, required for passage of the high school exit examination, and would require the state board by October 1, 2010, to adopt regulations, taking into consideration the recommendations of the panel, for alternative means for pupils with disabilities to demonstrate that they have achieved the same level of academic achievement required for passage of the high school exit examination, as specified.	CAPTA Guideline: Assessment and Testing CAPTA Res: Student Assessment, Achievement & Accountability (2000)
<a href="#"><u>AB 2056</u></a>	De Leon	Support	Education	This bill would authorize school districts to use the funds apportioned pursuant to these provisions to provide the intensive instruction and services also to pupils who are enrolled in grade 10, 11, or 12 and have failed one or both parts of the high school exit examination and to pupils who are enrolled in grade 10 and are at risk of not passing one or both parts of the high school exit examination.	CAPTA PS Education of English Language Learners
<a href="#"><u>AB 2083</u></a>	Nunez	Support	College Opportunity Education	This bill would amend the Donahoe Higher Education Act and establish the Student Financial Aid Opportunity Program: the Gilbert Cedillo Awards which would require the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and request the Regents of the University of California, to establish procedures and forms that enable persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition under this provision, or who meet equivalent requirements adopted by the regents, to be eligible to receive institutional financial aid awards.	CAPTA PS: Education: Higher Education General Principles: 1 Leg Plank: 1

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<a href="#"><u>AB 2107</u></a>	Mullin	Support	Traffic Safety Community Concerns	This bill would require, in addition to existing requirements of the Brady-Jared Teen Driver Safety Act of 1997, the applicant to provide proof that the applicant has earned a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) equivalent or has passed the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), a statement signed by specified persons certifying that the applicant is currently enrolled in a course of study leading to a high school diploma or GED and is not a habitual truant or is currently enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree or certificate of completion from a college or university, a signed statement from the applicant's parent, legal guardian, or employer that the operation of a vehicle by the applicant is necessary, or specified proof that the applicant is emancipated.	Res: Teen Driving Safety (2009); School Absenteeism (1986)
<a href="#"><u>AB 2123</u></a>	Lieu	Approve		Establishes the California Financial Literacy Initiative for the purpose of improving financial literacy by offering instructional materials to citizens of California.	CAPTA Res: Financial Literacy for Youth (1999) Leg Planks: 1, 8, 13
<a href="#"><u>AB 2226</u></a>	Ruskin	Support	Education	This bill would require the commission to convene a workgroup for the purpose of providing guidance to programs in determining the comparability of coursework or field experience completed in other commission-accredited programs to special education programs. The bill would require the commission to report the findings of the workgroup to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Secretary for Education on or before December 1, 2009.	CAPTA PS: Credentialed School Personnel; Special Education CAPTA RES: Teacher Quality, Recruitment, Retention, and Resources (2001)
<a href="#"><u>AB 2236</u></a>	Garrick	Watch	School Finance Education	This bill would allow a school district that each month posts on its Internet Web site certain information to annually transfer, if it so elects, up to 5% of the categorical education program funds allocated to that district in that fiscal year to other categorical programs. This transfer authority would exclude funding received for special education program purposes.	General Principle 8
<a href="#"><u>AB 2315</u></a>	Mullin	Support_If_Amended	Education	Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt basic instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive. This bill would require the state board to hold a publicly noticed informational meeting prior to the meeting at which it is scheduled to adopt instructional materials. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	CAPTA PS: Instructional Materials Leg Plank 4
<a href="#"><u>AB 2337</u></a>	Beall	Approve	Child Abuse Community Concerns	This bill would add alcohol and drug counselors, as specified, to the list of individuals who are mandated reporters. By imposing the reporting requirement on a new class of persons, the violation of which would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	PS: Child Abuse

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<a href="#">AB 2394</a>	Coto	Support	Education	This bill would express legislative intent to simplify and make transparent the process through which funding is provided for each public school pupil, to equalize the funding for pupils within significant parameters, to focus per-pupil funding on enabling all California pupils to reach high state academic standards, and to implement a new funding formula and process after a 3-year implementation period commencing with the 2010-11 fiscal year..	CAPTA Res: Financing California's Public Schools (2007) Leg Plank 2
<a href="#">AB 2399</a>	Portantino	Support	Parent Involvement	This bill would require services available under the Independent Living Program to be provided to former dependent children of the juvenile court who are placed with non-related legal guardians.	Leg Planks: 8, 10, 14, 16 CAPTA Res: Foster Families (1999)
<a href="#">AB 2414</a>	Fuller	Watch	Traffic Safety Community Concerns	This bill would authorize a local or county school attendance review board to recommend that the department suspend the learner's permit or driver's license of a pupil who is less than 18 years of age, has not completed the requirements for graduation from high school, is enrolled in a school but has not attended school for 15 consecutive days or 20 total days in one semester or has been deemed an habitual truant pursuant to a specified statutory provision, has no record of transferring between schools , and is not subject to a hardship condition, as described, that requires him or her to drive .	Res: Teen Driving Safety (2009)
<a href="#">AB 2424</a>	Beall	Support	Education	This bill would require specified information to be given to the consumer and his or her parents, legal guardian, conservator, or authorized representative, as part of the (Individual Program Plan) IPP process , using methods, formats, and languages that best enable the consumer to participate and make decisions in the planning process, as specified, and would require a regional center to provide the consumer, and where appropriate, his or her parents, legal guardian, or conservator, and the consumer's service provider, with a copy of his or her IPP.	CAPTA Res: School to Career for all Students (2001); Extended Educational Services for the Handicapped (1967)
<a href="#">AB 2468</a>	Brownley	Support	Education	This bill would add to the procedures that the state board is required to adopt as regulations procedures to ensure that price is not considered by the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission, but is considered by the state board and procedures to ensure that school districts, charter schools, and county superintendents of schools can purchase unbundled instructional materials and program components.	CAPTA PS: Instructional Materials Leg Platform: #4
<a href="#">AB 2517</a>	Portantino	Approve	Education	The bill, until January 1, 2015, would establish the educator credentialing demonstration project, a 5 - year education credentialing project to encourage the development of high-quality educator preparation programs provided by school districts, county offices of education, community-based organizations, and nongovernmental organizations. The bill would authorize the commission to assess a fee on a community-based or nongovernmental organization that is seeking approval to participate in the demonstration project.	CAPTA PS: Credentialed School Personnel CAPTA Res: Teacher Quality: Recruitment, Retention and Resources (2001)

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<a href="#"><u>AB 2561</u></a>	Niello	Oppose	School Finance Education	(This bill would establish a program pursuant to which the parents or guardians of pupils attending public elementary or secondary schools that have had a score on the Academic Performance Index of 600 or less for 2 school years in a 4-year period would qualify for a tax credit for the payment of tuition at a private school meeting prescribed criteria.	CAPTA PS: Education: Opposing Vouchers, Tuition Tax Credits and Deductions as Systems of Education Aid
<a href="#"><u>AB 2580</u></a>	Arambula	Support	Immunizations Health	Existing law prohibits the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting any person as a pupil of any private or public elementary or secondary school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center, unless prior to his or her first admission to that institution he or she has been fully immunized against various diseases , including hepatitis B and pertussis (whooping cough) as well as any other disease deemed appropriate by the State Department of Public Health, taking into consideration the recommendations of specified entities . This bill would add to these entities the American Academy of Family Physicians.	Leg Planks: 9, 12 CAPTA PS: Health Care Access for children, youth, pregnant women and their families; Prevention and Intervention Programs Capta Res: Immunization Awareness and Educational Programs (1975); Measels (Rubeola Vaccinations (1990)
<a href="#"><u>AB 2605</u></a>	Nakanishi	Oppose	School Finance Education	The Personal Income Tax Law authorizes various credits against the taxes imposed by that law. This bill would authorize a credit against that tax for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2014, in an amount equal to \$500 for each dependent of a qualified taxpayer who is exempt from the requirement to attend a public full-time day school during the taxable year . This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	CAPTA PS: Opposing Vouchers, Tuition Tax Credits and Deductions as Systems of Education Aid.
<a href="#"><u>AB 2639</u></a>	Lieu	Support	School safety Community Concerns	This bill would require each school district or county office of education to submit to the department an annual report that includes a list of schools within its jurisdiction that have complied and that have not complied with the requirement to develop a school safety plan. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	PS: School Saftey (2007)
<a href="#"><u>AB 2648</u></a>	Bass	Support	Career Tech Education	This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop, in conjunction with the Office of the Secretary for Education, the community colleges, the University of California, the California State University, the Legislature, the Employment Development Department, teachers, chamber organizations, industry representatives, research centers, parents, school administrators, representatives of regional occupational centers and programs, community-based organizations, labor organizations, and others as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent, a report that explores the feasibility of expanding and establishing career multiple pathway programs, as defined, in California.	CAPTA Res: School to Career for All Students (2001)

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<a href="#">AB 2759</a>	Jones	Support	Parent Involvement	Establishes the California State Preschool Program (CSP), which consolidates all the early childhood education programs in the state. Specifically, CSP streamlines funding which will expand preschool options, increase program availability and reduce administrative costs.”	CA PTA Res: Early Childhood Development and Education (2000) CAPTA PS: Assistance to Families in Need
<a href="#">AB 2762</a>	Eng	Support	School safety Community Concerns	Existing law requires any employee of a school district and any person under whose direction or supervision the employee is employed in the public school system who has knowledge of an incident in which an employee of a school district or of the office of a county superintendent of schools is attacked, assaulted, or physically threatened by any pupil, to promptly report the incident to the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county or city in which the incident occurred. This bill would require the school principal or his or her designee or the superintendent of the school district or his or her designee to investigate the report and to take prompt and appropriate action to end the harassment, discrimination, or threats.	School Safety (2007)
<a href="#">AB 2822</a>	Duvall	Watch	Education	This bill would require the department, as part of its duties in administering the English language development test, to gather from each school district that has one or more English learners the criteria that the district uses for the reclassification of a pupil from English learner to proficient in English and to summarize and report the criteria it receives from school districts on the Internet Web site of the department in a manner that makes the criteria easily accessible to members of the public.	CAPTA PS: Education of English Language Learners
<a href="#">AB 2864</a>	De Leon	Support_If_Amended	School Finance Facilities Community Concerns	This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to encourage school districts to strive to achieve "grid neutrality" through investments in renewable energy components for new school construction projects. This bill would allow a grant for new construction or a modernization apportionment to be used for the costs of purchase and installation of renewable energy components, including solar panels, power systems, and photovoltaic (PV) systems, as specified.	Res: School Facilities (1991)
<a href="#">AB 2890</a>	Duvall	Oppose	School Finance	This bill would repeal existing block grants and instead establish the following block grants, composed of funding for specified categorical education programs: the Supplemental Professional and Staff Development Block Grant, the Supplemental Academic Support for At-Risk Pupils Block Grant, the Supplemental Academic Support Block Grant, the Supplemental Operational Support Block Grant, the Supplemental Career Technical Education Block Grant, and the Supplemental Pupil Support Block Grant. Commencing with the 2008-09 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction would be required to apportion funds from those block grants to school districts, as defined.	CAPTA PS: Education: Categorical Programs

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<a href="#"><u>AB 2965</u></a>	Krekorian	Support_If_Amended	Facilities Health	This bill would require a school district to conduct a one-time assessment of water toxicity levels in schools with plumbing that has not been updated since 1993. The State Department of Public Health would be required to establish testing protocols. Water samples would be required to be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified by the State Department of Public Health or the United States Environmental Protection Agency. A school district would be required to report the results of the assessment to the State Department of Education which would be required to make the information available to the public.	Leg Planks: 9,11,12 CAPTA PS: Lead Poisoning CAPTA Res: Toxins (Persistent and Bioaccumulative) and Their Effects on Children (2002)
<a href="#"><u>AB 2994</u></a>	Lieber	Support	Community Concerns	This bill would require a school district, that requires the parent or guardian of a secondary school pupil to provide current emergency information to the pupil's school of attendance, to include a notice in the emergency information request form that informs the parent or guardian and pupil of his or her right under federal law to request that the pupil's name, address, and telephone number not be released to military recruiters or institutions of higher education, as specified, without the prior written consent of the parent or guardian and that allows the parent, guardian, or pupil to indicate on the emergency information request form that he or she chooses to separately prohibit the release of the pupil's name, address, and telephone number listing, as specified.	Res: Public School Governance Authority (2007); PS: Student Records (2000)
<a href="#"><u>ACR 106</u></a>	Nava	Support	Internet Safety	This measure would urge user-generated content Web sites to do the following: work with the Internet Safety Technical Task Force to create and develop tools to enhance a safer online experience for children and the public; immediately remove actively violent and criminal content from their Internet Web sites ; proactively enforce their terms of use; and work with law enforcement to deter, investigate, and prosecute those who utilize their services in the commission of criminal behavior .	Res: Online Safeguards for internet Use by Children and Youth (1997)
<a href="#"><u>SB 1105</u></a>	Margett	Support	Education	This bill would authorize a credential holder whose credential has not been revoked as a result of a misdemeanor sex offense that does not require registration as a sex offender to apply for reinstatement of his or her credential if the accusation or information against the holder has been dismissed and he or she has been released from all disabilities and penalties resulting from the offense, as specified.	CAPTA PS: Credentialed School Personnel Background Leg Platform 2
<a href="#"><u>SB 1110</u></a>	Scott	Support	Education	This bill would require the commission to suspend the credential of a holder when it receives notice that another state has taken final action to revoke a credential or license authorizing the holder of the credential to perform any duty in the public schools of another state. The suspension would not take effect until the commission verifies that the underlying acts of misconduct in the other state could result in a revocation of a credential in this state.	CAPTA PS: Credentialed School Personnel Background Leg Platform 2

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<a href="#"><u>SB 1248</u></a>	Wyland	Support	Career Tech Education	This bill would state findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding the need for career technical education programs, and would encourage the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education to consider ways to expand career technical education programs in middle and high schools in the state.	CAPTA Res: School to Career for All Students (2001)
<a href="#"><u>SB 1250</u></a>	Yee	Support	Juvenile Justice Reform Community Concerns	This bill would expand the provisions to require the public officer responsible for the well-being of any person in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Facilities to successfully contact at least one individual who is a parent, guardian, or emergency contact of that person, if the individual can reasonably be located, within 24 hours of any suicide attempt, as defined, by the person, or of any serious injury or serious offense committed against the person.	Res: Juvenile Justice Reform- A Priority (1983)
<a href="#"><u>SB 1301</u></a>	Cedillo	Support	College Opportunity Education	This bill would amend the Donahoe Higher Education Act to require the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and request the Regents of the University of California, to establish procedures and forms that enable persons who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition under that provision, or who meet equivalent requirements adopted by the regents, to be eligible to receive institutional financial aid awards. The bill would define institutional financial aid as financial assistance offered by a campus of the California Community Colleges, California State University, or University of California, including grant, scholarship, workstudy, and loan programs.	General Principles 1 Leg Plank 1
<a href="#"><u>SB 1459</u></a>	Yee	Support	Health care Health	This bill would require the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, in consultation with the State Department of Health Care Services department, to begin, on or before July 1, 2009, the transfer of initial and ongoing eligibility determinations for the Health Families Program to the county welfare department.	Leg Planks: 9,11 CAPTA PS: Family Services; Health Care Access for Children Youth, Pregnant Women and Their Families; Prevention and Intervention Programs (2005)
<a href="#"><u>SB 1540</u></a>	Correa	Approve	Health care Health	This bill would make various Legislature findings and declarations related to the need to provide comprehensive health care coverage and programs for children in this state. This bill contains other related provisions.	Leg Planks: 9,11 CAPTA PS: Family Services; Health Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women, and Their Families

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<a href="#"><u>SB 1593</u></a>	Alquist	Support	Health care Health	The bill would create the Children's Health Care Fund in the State Treasury to be administered by the board , and would require that moneys deposited in the fund , subject to appropriation by the Legislature, be distributed to local children' s health initiatives no later than July 1, 2009.	Leg Planks: 9, 11 CAPTA PS: Family Services; Health Care Access for Children Youth, Pregnant Women and their Families
<a href="#"><u>SB 1637</u></a>	Torlakson	Support	Education	Existing law creates the California Technology Assistance Project administered by the State Department of Education to provide a regionalized network of technical assistance to schools and school districts on the implementation of education technology. The California Technology Assistance Project is composed of regional consortia that work collaboratively with school districts and county offices of education to meet locally defined educational needs that can be effectively addressed with the use of technology. Existing law requires the State Board of Education to award grants to fund a school district or county office of education in each region of the California Technology Assistance Project to act as the lead agency to administer the services of that region. Under existing law, these provisions remain in effect only until January 1, 2009. This bill would instead provide that these provisions would remain in effect until January 1, 2014.	CAPTA Res: Educational Technology Funding (1995)
<a href="#"><u>SB 1650</u></a>	Torlakson	Support	Education	The bill would require the evaluator to complete a report containing the findings of his or her first evaluation on or before October 1, 2009, in order to inform reauthorization of the STAR Program.	CAPTA PS: Statewide Assessment
<a href="#"><u>SB 1657</u></a>	Romero	Support	Education	This bill would require the Office of Public School Construction to convene an advisory committee to investigate alternatives to and costs of, and develop recommendations on, the implementation of a data collection system and the establishment of an inventory of school facilities used for kindergarten and any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive.	CAPTA Res: School Facilities Crisis (1990)
<a href="#"><u>SB 1713</u></a>	Migden	Support	Health	The bill would enact the Toxin-Free Toddlers and Babies Act, which would apply the above-described prohibition and least toxic alternative requirements to certain child care articles that contain bisphenol A in detectable levels. The act would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of any bottle, cup, or other container that contains bisphenol A at a level above 0.1 parts per billion (ppb), if the container is designed or intended to be filled with any liquid, food, or beverage primarily for consumption from that container by infants or children 3 years of age or younger , subject to certain exceptions .	Leg Planks: 9,11,12 CAPTA PS: Lead Poisoning; Environmental Health and Environmental Education CAPTA Res: Toxins and Thier Effects on Children (2002)
<a href="#"><u>SCA 17</u></a>	Simitian	Support	Education	This measure would authorize a school district, community college district, or county office of education, with the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, to impose a parcel tax, as defined, and would also make conforming changes to related provisions.	Res: Local School Parcel Tax Measure Threshold Reduction (2008)