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Bill No.	PTA Position	Category	Description	Authority
<b>AB 1</b> <b>(Monning)</b>	Support	Education	Would specify that an individualized program of professional growth may include a course in negotiation, mediation, and conflict resolution, including peer mediation training and the theory and practice of nonviolence..	PS-Safe School Environments
<b>AB 8</b> <b>(Brownley)</b>	Support	School Finance Education	Would express findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the school funding system in the state.	Leg Plank: 2 Res: Financing California's Public Schools (2007)
<b>AB 12</b> <b>(Beall)</b>	Support	Parent Involvement	Would extend these provisions to also include nonminor dependents. The bill would define the term "nonminor dependent" and related terms for purposes of the bill.	Res: Foster Families (1999) Leg Plank: #14 PS: Equal Rights
<b>AB 60</b> <b>(Coto)</b>	Support	School Finance Education	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, and to focus per-pupil funding on enabling all California pupils to reach high state academic standards.	CA-Res: Financing CA Public Schools (2007) Leg Plank 2
<b>AB 70</b> <b>(Duvall)</b>	Support	ELL Education	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.	PS: Education of English Lang. Learners
<b>AB 71</b> <b>(Duvall)</b>	Oppose_Unless_Amended	School Finance Education	The bill would authorize a school district or county office of education to expend in a fiscal year up to 50% of the amount apportioned for the block grants established by the bill for any other categorical program for which the school district or county office is eligible for funding.	PS 4.5.14
<b>AB 72</b> <b>(Duvall)</b>	Watch	Education	Would require the State Chief Information Officer to manage the data of local educational agencies through the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.	Res: Integrated statewide lomgitudinal data System (2008)

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<p><b>AB 78</b> <b>(Portantino)</b></p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>College Opportunity Education</p>	<p>Would authorize school districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to provide secondary school pupils who have exhausted all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course at the high school of attendance, adult education program, continuation school, regional occupational center or program, or any other program offered by the local governing board with the opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical, or other coursework at a campus of the California Community Colleges.</p>	<p>PS: Education: Higher Education</p>
<p><b>AB 95</b> <b>(Torlakson)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>School Finance Health</p>	<p>Would specify that, if the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines that the appropriation set forth in the Budget Act of 2008-09 is insufficient to fully fund all free and reduced price meal reimbursement claims, the State Department of Education shall notify the Legislature of the statutory funding amount necessary to reimburse school districts at the prescribed rate. The bill would appropriate \$19,500,000 to reimburse claims pursuant to those provisions.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 14, 15 PS: Assistance to Families in Need; Prevention and Intervention Programs. Res: School Nutrition Programs: Improvement and Expansion (1991)</p>
<p><b>AB 97</b> <b>(Torlakson)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Content Standards Education</p>	<p>Would delete the provisions allowing the state board to modify the recommended standards prior to adoption.</p>	<p>PS: Statewide Assessment</p>
<p><b>AB 114</b> <b>(Carter)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Juvenile Justice Reform Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would authorize a county to adopt a restorative justice program to address the needs of minors, victims, and the community.</p>	<p>Previous 2008 support position for Nat'l PTA's Juvenile Justice Statement of Principles. PS: Juvenile Offenders in the Justice System.</p>
<p><b>AB 122</b> <b>(Coto)</b></p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Facilities Education</p>	<p>Would authorize a school district to establish a small school, subject to specified conditions, including, among others, a requirement to develop a school plan, as specified, and a requirement to adopt regulations that include the small school as part of an academic reform strategy focused on the positive outcomes small schools are intended to produce. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2017.</p>	<p>PS: Education: High School Years</p>

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<p><b>AB 148</b> <b>(Coto)</b></p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>Teacher Credentialing Education</p>	<p>Would require the commission to conduct a one-year study to recommend more effective paths to transformational leadership, as defined, through the administrative services credentialing process for school principals and leaders. The bill would require the commission to conduct the study between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011, and to report its findings to the Legislature by no later than December 31, 2011. The bill would repeal those provisions as of January 1, 2012.</p>	<p>PS: Credentialed School Personnel Leg Plank 1 PS: High quality, diverse instructional program</p>
<p><b>ACR 5</b> <b>(Torlakson)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would proclaim the month of March 2009 as California Science Education Month, and would extend the Legislature's support to students of all ages who are interested in science.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: #1, 19</p>
<p><b>ACR 8</b> <b>(Torlakson)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>Would proclaim the month of May 2009 as California Fitness Month, and would encourage all Californians to enrich their lives through proper diet and exercise.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9, 10, 12 PS: Physical Education; Prevention and Intervention Programs Res: Developmentally Appropriate Physical Education (1999)</p>
<p><b>SB 1</b> <b>(Steinberg)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health care Health</p>	<p>Would expand eligibility for the Medi-Cal program and the Healthy Families Program by modifying the income requirements applicable to those programs, and by making coverage available regardless of citizenship or immigration status, as specified.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9, 10, 12 PS: Health Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women, and their Families; Prevention and Intervention Programs</p>
<p><b>SB 19</b> <b>(Simitian)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would authorize these provisions to be implemented using federal grant funds received pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through that act's provision of funds for statewide data systems under the federal Education Technical Assistance Act .</p>	<p>Res: Longitudinal Integrated Statewide Data System (2008)</p>

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<p><b>SCA 6</b> <b>(Simitian)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Parcel Tax Miscellaneous</p>	<p>Would alternatively condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a parcel tax, as defined, by a school district, community college district, or county office of education upon the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition, and would also make conforming changes to related provisions.</p>	<p>Res: Local School Parcel Tax Measure: Threshold Reduction (2008)</p>
<p><b>SR 14</b> <b>(Lowenthal)</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Traffic Safety Community Concerns</p>	<p>The Senate hereby proclaims the week of March 9, 2009, as "Teen Driving Safety Week" and urges Californians, with the help of law enforcement organizations, teachers, parents, students, and the IMPACT Teen Driver's Campaign, to observe Teen Driving Safety Week with appropriate activities.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 12</p>