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Bill No.	PTA Position	Category	Description	Authority
AB 167 (Adams)	Support	Parent Involvement	Would require a school district to exempt a pupil in foster care from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the governing board of the district that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements if the pupil, while he or she is in grade 11 or 12, transfers to the district from another school district or between high schools within the district , unless the district makes a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school while he or she remains eligible for foster care benefits pursuant to state law .	PS: Equal Rights; Family Services; Prevention and Intervention Programs Res: Make Children First (1992);
AB 239 (Brownley)	Approve	Education	Would authorize the commission to issue the authorization to an applicant who possesses a valid teaching credential and who holds certain certificates issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.	RES: Teacher Quality: Recruitment, Retention, Resources (2001)- resolves 2 and 4 PS: Credentialed School Personnel (bullet #8)
AB 351 (Salas)	Support	Education	Would authorize the governing board of a school district to exempt any high school pupil from courses in physical education if the pupil participates in California Cadet Corps, cheer team or dance team, color guard or drill team, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, or marching band as part of the regular course of study or regular school-sponsored extracurricular activities.	Leg Plank: 1 PS: Arts in Education; Education- the High School Years; Parental Choice Res: Education: A 21st Century Vision (2005) resolve 2;
AB 429 (Brownley)	Support	Education	Would require a committee, by July 1, 2011, to make recommendations to the Superintendent for the establishment of a methodology for generating a measurement of academic performance using unique pupil identifiers and for developing a longitudinally valid assessment system in which annual academic growth can provide a more accurate and valid measure of a school's academic achievement growth and a pupil's academic achievement growth over time.	Leg Plank: 13 Res: Longitudinal Integrated Statewide Data System (2008) resolve 2 PS: Education: Support of Public Education

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<p>AB 476 (Torlakson)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on or before April 1, 2010, to contract with an independent evaluator for evaluation of the STAR Program, as specified. The bill would require the State Department of Education to use specified federal funds, not exceeding the amount of \$150,000, for the purpose of contracting for this evaluation.</p>	<p>National PTA PS: Education Emphasis- assessment and testing</p>
<p>AB 482 (Mendoza)</p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>ELL Education</p>	<p>Would state the intent of the Legislature to provide school districts with quality instructional materials written and taught in the English language to accelerate English language acquisition for English learners while upholding and teaching California's English language arts content standards. The bill would require the state board by December 31, 2013, to revise the reading/language arts framework.</p>	<p>PS: Education of English Language Learners; Instructional Materials</p>
<p>AB 508 (Torlakson)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect an additional fee of \$10 for each provisional license application. The bill would create in the State Treasury the Young Driver Education and Safety Fund and would require the additional fee to be deposited into that fund to fund automobile driver's education and training in the public schools, including providing grants to local educational agencies to provide driver education and training programs in the public schools.</p>	<p>Leg Plank- 12</p>
<p>AB 533 (Hayashi)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>Commencing December 31, 2010, would require all coaches taking or renewing first aid certification to take training that includes a basic understanding of the signs, symptoms, and appropriate emergency action steps regarding potentially catastrophic injuries, including but not limited to: head and neck injuries, concussions, 2nd impact syndrome, asthma attacks, heatstroke, and cardiac arrest.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9, 12, 13 PS: Health Education Res: First Aid and/or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation 2006)</p>
<p>AB 552 (Furutani)</p>	<p>Dropped</p>	<p>Career Tech Education</p>	<p>Would provide that this residency limitation applies regarding any public or private school including any or all of kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. This bill would provide that the distance between the location where a registrant resides and a school or park, as specified, shall be measured property line to property line by the closest publicly accessible route.</p>	<p>PS: Education: Higher Education</p>

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<p>AB 554 (Furutani)</p>	<p>Seek_Amendments</p>	<p>Career Tech Education</p>	<p>Would require that a pupil take at least 2 courses from the subject areas of visual or performing arts, foreign language, or career technical education, as defined, provided that at least one of these courses is a course in either visual or performing arts or foreign language. The bill would require schools, to the extent practicable, to offer courses within their existing school calendars.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 1 Res: Education: A 21st Centruy Vision (2005) resolve 2 PS: Education: the High School Years</p>
<p>AB 572 (Brownley)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Charter Schools Education</p>	<p>Would expressly state that a charter school is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, unless it is operated by an entity governed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, in which case the school would be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 6 PS: Charter Schools General Principles 5</p>
<p>AB 661 (Torlakson)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Special education Education</p>	<p>Would require the Superintendent to perform various calculations to increase the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance for each special education local plan area, as specified. The bill would appropriate \$65,000,000 from the General Fund to the Superintendent in augmentation of a specified item of the Budget Act of 2009 for purposes of providing that increased funding. The bill also would appropriate \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the Superintendent for allocation on a one-time basis to county offices of education and special education local plan areas, as specified. The bill would direct that \$85,000,000 be appropriated from the General Fund on a one-time basis in each of the 2011-12 to 2016-17 fiscal years, inclusive, except as provided, to the Superintendent for allocation to school districts on a per-pupil basis.</p>	<p>PS: Encroachment: Effect on Public Education</p>
<p>AB 747 (Emmerson)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would authorize and encourage school districts and campuses of the University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges also to establish and maintain a paper recycling program and a beverage container recycling program in those areas.</p>	<p>Res: Comprehensive Waste Reduction in Schools (2007) PS: Environmental Health and Enviromental Education</p>
<p>AB 826 (Buchanan)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Special education Education</p>	<p>Would also require the Superintendent to make different computations to determine the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance for each special education local plan area for the 2009-10 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.</p>	<p>PS: Encroachment: Effect on Public Education</p>

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<p>AB 851 (Brownley)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>School Finance Education</p>	<p>Would require the base revenue limit for each school district for the 2011-12 fiscal year to include an adjustment computed as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>Res: Financing California's Public Schools (2007)resolve 3</p>
<p>AB 1020 (Emmerson)</p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>Community safety</p>	<p>Would require an existing public swimming pool, as defined, to be equipped with anti-entrapment devices or systems that meet ASME/ANSI or ASTM performance standards. It would also require an existing public swimming pool with a single main drain that is not an unblockable drain to meet at least one of the specified standards.</p>	<p>Leg Plank 12</p>
<p>AB 1048 (Torrico)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Child Abuse Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would expand the scope of those provisions to apply to children who are 30 days old or younger. The bill would permit a local fire agency, upon the approval of the appropriate local governing body of the agency, to designate a safe-surrender site. The bill would specify certain circumstances in which a safe-surrender site and its personnel have no liability for a surrendered child.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 12 PS: Child Abuse; Mental Health; Parenting Education; Responsibility of Society to the Family</p>
<p>AB 1127 (Solorio)</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Facilities Education</p>	<p>Would require, on and after July 1, 2010, that certain modernization projects have an automatic fire sprinkler system installed throughout the school building in accordance with building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal. The bill would require the board to adopt regulations to implement this requirement and would authorize the board to waive the requirement if the cost of the automatic sprinkler system is greater than 20% of the replacement cost of the building. The bill would require the board also to adjust the per-pupil grant amount as necessary to accommodate 80% of the increased costs due to the automatic fire sprinkler system.</p>	<p>Res: School Facilities-Safety/Modernization</p>
<p>AB 1220 (Huffman)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Traffic Safety Community Concerns</p>	<p>Existing law allows a person with an instructional permit issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to generally operate a motor vehicle when accompanied and supervised by a California licensed driver who, among other things, is 18 years of age or over and whose driving privilege is not on probation. A violation of these provisions is an infraction. This bill would additionally require that the supervising licensed driver have held his or her license for at least one year.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 12</p>

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<p>ACA 18 (Evans)</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Library Bonds Juvenile Justice Reform Miscellaneous</p>	<p>Would exempt General Fund appropriations in the Budget Bill from the 2/3-vote requirement.</p>	<p>Gen Principles 4 & 7 Historical Pos on Prop 56 (March 2004 election)</p>
<p>SB 114 (Liu)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Parent Involvement</p>	<p>Would specify concerning medi-cal, specified independent foster care adolescents would be deemed eligible for the benefits and would be automatically enrolled without requiring a new application and without an interruption in coverage.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 9 PS: Prevention and Intervention Programs; Health Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women and Their Families Res: Foster Families (1999)</p>
<p>SB 124 (Oropeza)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>Those existing regulations require drivers of schoolbuses, transit buses, school pupil activity buses, youth buses, general public paratransit vehicles, as those terms are defined in the regulations, and specified transit buses and commercial motor vehicles to, among other things, turn off the bus or vehicle engine upon stopping at or within 100 feet of a school, prohibits those drivers from turning the bus or vehicle engine on more than 30 seconds before beginning to depart from a school or within 100 feet of a school, and prohibits those drivers from causing the bus or vehicle to idle for more than 5 consecutive minutes or 5 aggregate minutes in any one hour at any location greater than 100 feet from a school. Those existing regulations provide that any violation of those requirements subjects the driver or the motor carrier to a minimum civil penalty of \$100 and to criminal penalties. Those existing regulations authorize the state board, peace officers and the authorized representatives of their law enforcement agencies, and air quality management districts and air pollution control districts, to enforce those provisions. This bill would codify those regulations , and would increase the minimum civil penalty for a violation to \$300 and authorize additional civil penalties .</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9,12 PS: Environmental Health & Environmental Education Res: Air Pollution (1973); School Bus Safety (1993)</p>

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<p>SB 249 (Cox)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to develop information about meningococcal disease, including information pertaining to children who are between 11 and 18 years of age, by April 1, 2010.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9,12,13 PS: Family Services; Health Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women and their Families Res: Immunization Awareness and Educational Programs (2005); Make Children First</p>
<p>SB 315 (Liu)</p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would authorize the governing board of any school district to establish and maintain a walking schoolbus, defined as a group of pupils walking to or from school with one or more supervising adults, for the purpose of ensuring the safe passage of pupils to and from school.</p>	<p>Res: Safe Routes to School for All Children</p>
<p>SB 416 (Florez)</p>	<p>Dropped</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>Would authorize a school district to make every effort to purchase poultry and meat products that have not been treated with nontherapeutic antibiotics, and authorize each school district that purchases such poultry or meat products to report annually to the Superintendent of Public Instruction certain information relating to those products.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9,11,12 PS: Nutrition Education Res: Nutrition Education (2005); School Nutrition Programs-Improvement & Expansion (1991); Healthy Lifestyles for Children (2004); Antibiotic Resistance Resolution (2001)</p>
<p>SB 497 (Correa)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Community safety</p>	<p>Would express findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the potential benefits of school recycling programs. The bill would, until January 1, 2012, require each school district to establish a beverage container recycling program at each school campus and public office of that school district, but only to the extent that the district does not incur costs.</p>	<p>Res: Comprehensive Waste Reduction in Schools PS-Energy Conservation; Environmental Health and Environmental Education</p>
<p>SB 800 (Hancock)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would commencing July 1, 2010, exclude pupils in grade 2 from the standards-based achievement test requirement and make conforming changes.</p>	<p>National PTA Position: Education Emphasis- assessment and testing</p>

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<p>SCA 5 (Hancock)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<p>Would exempt General Fund appropriations in the Budget Bill from the 2/3 vote requirement.</p>	<p>Gen Principles 4 & 7 Historical Pos on Prop 56 (March 2004 election)</p>
<p>SCA 9 (Ducheny)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<p>Would also exempt from this 2/3-vote requirement appropriations made in a Budget Bill, and appropriations made in a bill identified in the Budget Bill as containing only changes in law necessary to implement the Budget Bill. Instead, this measure would require that a Budget Bill, and any bill identified in the Budget Bill as containing only changes in law necessary to implement the Budget Bill, be passed by a 55% vote in each house.</p>	<p>Gen Principles 4 & 7 Historical Pos on Prop 56 (March 2004 election)</p>
<p>SCA 15 (Calderon)</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<p>Would exempt General Fund appropriations in the Budget Bill for the ensuing fiscal year from the 2/3 -vote requirement if the total amount of General Fund revenues estimated by the Legislative Analyst, on or after May 15, for the current fiscal year is at least 5% below the estimate of General Fund revenues set forth in the Budget Bill enacted for the current fiscal year.</p>	<p>Gen Principles 4 & 7 Historical Pos on Prop 56 (March 2004 election)</p>