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Bill No.	PTA Position	Category	Description	Authority
AB 114 (Carter)	Support	Juvenile Justice Reform Community Concerns	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. The bill would prohibit the use of General Fund moneys to fund the program.	Previous 2008 support position for Nat'l PTA's Juvenile Justice Statement of Principles. PS: Juvenile Offenders in the Justice System.
AB 148 (Coto)	Approve	Teacher Credentialing Education	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.	PS: Credentialed School Personnel Leg Plank 1 PS: High quality, diverse instructional program
AB 270 (De La Torre)	Support	Parent Involvement	At the court hearing closest to and before a dependent child's 18th birthday, or at the hearing to terminate jurisdiction over a dependent child who has reached the age of majority, whichever is earlier, the county welfare department shall do all of the following: Ensure that the child is present in court and submit a report verifying that certain information, documents, and services have been provided to the child.	Leg Planks: 3, 14 Res: Foster Families
AB 345 (Torlakson)	Support	Parent Involvement	Would exempt services provided by a regional occupational center or program to former dependents or wards of the juvenile court who reached the age of majority while in foster care from the cap imposed by this provision.	Leg Plank: 8 PS: Education: The High School Years, Ages 14-18
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. The bill would specify minimum standards for the physical education substitute courses, require that a certificated employee teach the course of study or sponsor the activity, and make other technical and clarifying changes.	Leg Plank: 1 PS: Arts in Education; Education- the High School Years; Parental Choice Res: Education: A 21st Century Vision (2005) resolve 2;

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<p>AB 354 (Arambula)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>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, pertussis (whooping cough), and varicella (chickenpox), as well as any other disease deemed appropriate by the State Department of Public Health. This bill would add to these entities the American Academy of Family Physicians.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9, 12,13 PS: Family Services; Halth Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women and Their Families; Prevention and Intervention Programs Res: Immunization Awareness and Educational Programs (1975); Make Children Firs (1992)</p>
<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 555 (Portantino)</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Career Tech Education</p>	<p>Would authorize the Kern, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Los Rios, and San Jose-Evergreen community college districts to enter into partnerships with school 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 vocational coursework.</p>	<p>PS: Higher Education</p>
<p>AB 627 (Brownley)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Obesity Health</p>	<p>Would require that a licensed child day care facility meet specified health and nutrition-related requirements. This bill would exempt a child day care facility from these requirements, as prescribed, for a child with a documented medical necessity that prevents compliance.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9, 12 PS: Nutrition Educations; Childcare Res: Nutrition Education (2005); School Nutrition Programs-Improvement and Expansion (1991); Healthy Lifestyles for Children (2004)</p>

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<p>AB 629 (Krekorian)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Environment Facilities Education</p>	<p>Would require a school district by January 1, 2012, to conduct a one-time analysis of the level of lead in water in schools that were constructed before January 1, 1993, except schools with plumbing that has been completely replaced since January 1, 1993. The State Department of Public Health would be required to establish testing protocols.</p>	<p>PS: Environmental Health and Environmental Education</p>
<p>AB 632 (Davis)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would require a social networking Internet Web site to provide a specified disclosure to a user, as defined, of the site stating that an image which is uploaded onto the social networking Internet Web site is capable of being copied by persons who view the image without the consent of the user who initially uploads the image, or copied in violation of the privacy policy, terms of use, or other policy of the site.</p>	<p>Res: Use of Children as Subjects in Pornographic Materials (1979); Online Safeguards for Internet Use by Children (1997); Restricting the Kinds of Video Materials Available to Children. PS: Mass Media and the Family; Student Records</p>
<p>AB 668 (Lieu)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would revise this exception to instead except from the prohibition a handgun that is in a locked container inside a motor vehicle or that is unloaded and inside a locked trunk of a motor vehicle. The bill would increase the size of the zone to include the area up to 1,500 feet from the grounds of the public or private school. The bill would create an exception to the school zone firearms possession prohibition for firearms that are otherwise lawfully possessed or transported in a vehicle on a driveway or parking lot of a school, as specified.</p>	<p>Leg Plank 12 Res: Firearm Safety and Awareness (1995); Weapons on Campus (1973) PS: Safe School Environments</p>
<p>AB 719 (Lowenthal, Bonnie)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Parent Involvement</p>	<p>Would require the department to create the Transitional Food Stamps for Foster Youth Program, effective July 1, 2010. The program would provide independent foster care adolescents who are not eligible for CalWORKs or SSI benefits, with eligibility for food stamps without regard to income or resources.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 3 Res: Foster Families</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 Environmental Education</p>

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<p>AB 870 (Huber)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would make it a misdemeanor to bring or possess a razor blade or box cutter upon those school grounds, except as provided.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 12 Res: Weapons on Campus (1973) PS: Safe School Environments</p>
<p>AB 921 (Jones)</p>	<p>Support</p>		<p>Would require the juvenile court when terminating jurisdiction over a minor, to order the probation officer to provide to the ward a written notice stating that the person is a former foster child and is eligible for the services and benefits that are available to a former foster child through public and private programs, and to provide to the ward all necessary information regarding the availability of, and assistance to enable the ward to apply for and gain acceptance into, federal and state programs that provide independent living services and benefits to former foster children for which the person is or may be eligible.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 3 Res: Foster Families</p>
<p>AB 959 (Garrick)</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles, for good cause, to issue an instruction permit to a physically and mentally qualified person who is at least 15 years and 6 months of age and who has, among other qualifications, successfully completed an approved course in automobile driver education. This bill would reduce the number of programs to 2 and would revise the requirements of those programs. The bill would also require that the instruction permit not be issued until that person is enrolled in an approved driver training course and completes the first 2 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The instruction permit would not be valid until the permit is signed by the instructor.</p>	<p>Res: Teen Driving Safety (2009)</p>
<p>AB 1015 (Torlakson)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would provide, in addition, that it is a misdemeanor to sell or give away a device, canister, tank, or receptacle exclusively containing nitrous oxide, or exclusively containing a chemical compound mixed with nitrous oxide, to a person under 18 years of age, as specified.</p>	<p>Leg Plank 12 Res: Regulation of the Display and Sale to Minors of Drug-Use Information and Paraphenalia including Cigarette Papers (1979); Control of Look Alike Stimulants and Depressant Drugs (1982) PS: Prevention and Intervention Programs</p>

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<p>AB 1025 (Conway)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>School safety School Finance Sex offender Education</p>	<p>Would require a noncertificated candidate, commencing on July 1, 2010, prior to assuming a paid or volunteer position to supervise, direct, or coach a pupil activity program sponsored by, or affiliated with, a school district, to obtain from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate issued by the commission upon verification of the candidate's personal identification and verification that he or she meets specified requirements.</p>	<p>General Principle 2</p>
<p>AB 1130 (Solorio)</p>	<p>Oppose Unless Amended</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would state findings and declarations regarding standards-based education reform, assessments, and accountability and the use of cohort growth measures in accountability systems and intervention determinations.</p>	<p>PS: Public Involvement in School Governance</p>
<p>AB 1281 (Portantino)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would enact the California School Racial Equality Designation Act. The bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to the collection of data on the race or ethnicity of persons who identify themselves as members of more than one race.</p>	<p>National PTA Letter of support on recognizing mulitracial catagories on census data to provide services to divers populations (1993) Gen Principle 1</p>
<p>AB 1407 (Huffman)</p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>Parent Involvement</p>	<p>Would require the State Department of Education to prepare and submit to the Legislature a census report evaluating interdistrict transfer options within the state that includes specified information. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>PS: Parental Choice in Public Schools</p>
<p>AB 1435 (V. Manuel Perez)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would require the advisory committee, by July 1, 2010, to make recommendations to the Superintendent regarding the inclusion of the results of the English language development test or series of tests developed or acquired pursuant to a specified provision and the feasibility of including English learner proficiency as part of the Academic Performance Index (API).</p>	<p>PS: Assessment and Testing</p>
<p>ACA 9 (Huffman)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Miscellaneous</p>	<p>Would create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district to service bonded indebtedness, incurred to fund specified public improvements, facilities or buildings, and housing, and related costs, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district, as applicable.</p>	<p>RES: Lowering the vote requirement in the California State Budget Process (2009)</p>

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<p>SB 177 (Lowenthal)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Existing law establishes rules of the road governing the operation of vehicles upon the highways, including, among other things, a mandatory seat belt law. A violation of these provisions is a crime. This bill would delete related legislative findings and declarations and make other conforming changes in existing law.</p>	<p>Leg Plank 12 Res: Seat Belts and Child Restraint Usage (1983); Seat Belts: Rear Shoulder/Lap Safety Belts in Passenger/Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles.</p>
<p>SB 199 (Ducheny)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>The bill would authorize 3 additional subject matter projects: the California Physical Education-Health Project, the California Arts Project, and the California Foreign Language Project, in addition to the goal to provide support to teachers to develop and enhance the content knowledge and pedagogical skills necessary to implement State Board of Education standards. This bill would clarify that this support includes assistance to career technical education teachers.</p>	<p>PS: Credentialed School Personnel; Arts in Education; School to Career Technical Education</p>
<p>SB 272 (Wiggins)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would state legislative intent relating to the role of school counselors and counseling programs. The bill would, to align academic counseling with the Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling Program, authorize the academic counseling component of educational counseling to also include an individualized review of pupil's academic and deportment records and of his or her career goals, and the opportunity for a counselor to meet with each pupil and his or her parents or legal guardian to explain the academic progress needed to complete middle or high school, pass the high school exit examination, and be eligible for admission to a 4-year institution of postsecondary education and the availability of career technical education, among other things.</p>	<p>PS: School to Career</p>
<p>SB 311 (Alquist)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>Would contingent upon the receipt and appropriation of funds, require the board to apply the Medicaid prospective payment system to services provided under the program by federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics and would authorize the board to adopt emergency regulations to implement that requirement. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</p>	<p>Leg Planks 9, 11, 12 PS: Health Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women, and Their Families; Health Education Res: State Government Responsibility for Rational Budget Process (1992); Make Children First (1992)</p>

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<p>SB 375 (Hancock)</p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>Community Concerns</p>	<p>Would authorize the State Allocation Board to review and adopt regulations for apportioning funds set aside for purposes of seismic repair, reconstruction, or replacement projects, as specified. The bill would require apportionments to fund the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of a building evaluated and determined to be seismically at risk.</p>	<p>Leg Plank: 12 Res: Mitigating Earthquake Hazards in Public Schools Res: School Facilities Funding, (1990) PS: Safe School Environments</p>
<p>SB 438 (Yee)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health</p>	<p>Would also require the department, to the extent federal financial participation is available and subject to approval of any necessary state plan amendments, to exercise an option under federal law to implement a program for accelerated enrollment of children and pregnant women in the Medi-Cal program and would make each county welfare department a qualified entity for determining eligibility for Medi-Cal benefits for those children and pregnant women. If the county determines that the child is eligible for the Medi-Cal program with a share of cost, the county would be required to enroll the child in the Medi-Cal program and forward the application to the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board for an evaluation of the child's eligibility for the Healthy Families Program.</p>	<p>Leg Planks: 9,12,13,14,15 PS: Assistance to Families in Need; Health Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women & Their Families Res: State Government Responsibility for Rational Budget Process (1992); Make Children First (1992)</p>
<p>SB 520 (Pavley)</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would authorize the governing board of a school district to offer credit, as specified, for hours of community service provided outside of regular school hours by a pupil, for a maximum of 2 semesters. The bill would require a school district that elects to offer credit for community service to establish and maintain a list of suitable community service organizations from which a pupil would be required to choose to complete the community service hours.</p>	<p>Leg Plank 1 PS: Youth Involvement; Education: The High School Years</p>
<p>SB 521 (Romero)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would require the State Department of Education to provide the score a pupil achieves on the English language development test to the parent or guardian of the pupil in English and, if available, in the language reported on the home language survey. The bill would require that the score be provided in a format that uses terminology that is easy to understand and includes an explanation of the purpose of the test, the pupil's score, and the intended use of that score by the school district.</p>	<p>PS: Education of English Language Learners; Assessment and Testing</p>
<p>SB 621 (Florez)</p>	<p>Support_If_Amended</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Would require the Superintendent, in coordinating the development of the next revision of this curriculum framework that is submitted to the State Board of Education for approval, to include guidance for adapting work-based learning for individuals with exceptional needs.</p>	<p>Res: Learning Disabilities</p>

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<u>SB 651</u> (Romero)	Watch	Education	Would require the Superintendent, on or before August 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, to submit to the Governor, the Legislature, and the state board, a report called the Annual Report on Dropouts in California. The bill would require, among other things, that the report contain specified information on dropout rates, graduation rates, pupil promotion rates, course enrollment patterns, and behavioral data.	Res: School Absentism/Dropouts (1986) PS: Education: the High School Years
<u>SB 654</u> (Leno)	Support	Parent Involvement	Would require services available under the Independent Living Program to be provided to former dependent children of the juvenile court meeting prescribed requirements.	Leg Plank: 3 Res: foster families
<u>SB 680</u> (Romero)	Oppose Unless Amended	Parent Involvement	The bill would require any communication made by a participating school district to parents or guardians to be factually accurate and not target individual parents or guardians or residential neighborhoods on the basis of specified personal characteristics of pupils. This bill would require local school districts that have adopted a resolution, or elect to become a school district of choice, to publicly report information regarding requests made for interdistrict transfers to adjacent school districts and the county office of education in which the district is located.	General Prin: 1 Leg Plank: 2
<u>SB 742</u> (Romero)	Oppose	Education	Would establish an advisory committee to the Superintendent for the purpose of making recommendations to the state board on how to identify 10 historically low-performing public schools in the state, subject to the requirements of federal law, as specified.	Leg Plank 6 PS: Charter Schools
<u>SB 751</u> (Romero)	Approve	Education	Would authorize the commission to issue a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential to a teacher prepared in a country other than the United States who has earned a valid corresponding elementary, secondary, or special education teaching credential in another state and who meets specified requirements..	Res: Teacher Quality: Recruitment, Retention, and Resources (2001) PS: Credentialed School Personnel
<u>SB 797</u> (Pavley)	Support	Health	Would enact the Toxin-Free Infants and Toddlers Act, which would , except as specified, prohibit , on and after January 1, 2011, the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of any bottle, cup, or liquid, food, or beverage in a can, jar, or plastic bottle that contains bisphenol A, or that is lined with a material that contains bisphenol A, at a level above 0.1 parts per billion (ppb) . It would also, except as specified, prohibit, on and after July 1, 2011, the manufacture, sale, or distribution of liquid infant formula in a can or plastic bottle containing bisphenol A or lined with a material containing it . The bill would also require manufacturers to use the least toxic alternative when replacing bisphenol A in containers in accordance with this bill.	Leg Planks: 9,11,12,13 PS: Environmental Health and Environmental Education Res: Toxins (Persistent and Bioaccumulative) and Their Effects on Children (2002)

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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. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.</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>This measure 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) RES: Lowering the vote requirement in the California State Budget Process (2009)</p>