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Bill No.	Author	PTA Position	Category	Description	Authority
<u>AB 314</u>	Brownley	Approve	Education	This bill would require publishers or manufacturers of instructional materials to provide any equipment or technology associated with the use of instructional materials under consideration for purchase free of charge to the same extent as they are provided elsewhere. The bill would also require publishers or manufacturers to furnish instructional materials offered by the publisher in an electronic format at a price that is less than the price charged for the printed version and would require the electronic version of any textbook to contain at least the same content as the printed version. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	PS: Instructional Materials Leg Plank 6
<u>AB 451</u>	De Leon	Support	Governance School Finance Education	The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education to consider whether the local educational agency received funding pursuant to (2) below when determining whether the local educational agency shall contract with a district assistance and intervention team or other technical assistance provider. For the 2009-10 fiscal year only, the bill would require that a local educational agency that received a sanction prior to January 1, 2010 , and received a one-year, nonrenewable grant be provided with an additional one-time, nonrenewable grant of federal improvement funding, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions.	Leg Plank 2 Res 2007: Financing CA's Public Schools Res 2009: Achievement Gap
<u>AB 465</u>	Coto	Support	Parent Involvement	Encourages school districts to review and, if appropriate, contract with nonprofit community-based organizations that meet specified criteria to increase parent involvement in schools.	Leg Plank 7 Res: Achievement: eliminating the Gap (2009)
<u>AB 487</u>	Brownley	Seek_Amendments	Instructional Materials Education	The bill would require that all of the proceeds of any sale of surplus or undistributed obsolete instructional materials made under these provisions be available for school districts and county offices of education to acquire basic instructional materials, supplemental instructional materials, or technology-based materials. The bill would also delete a provision requiring the organization to certify that it agrees to use the materials for educational purposes and make no charge to the persons to whom the organization gives or lends the materials.	PS: Public Involvement in School Governance; Education: Categorical Programs

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<u>AB 769</u>	Torres	Support	Parent Involvement	Expands priority for state-funded preschool programs to children who have a biological parent who is, or who has been within the previous six months, a dependent or ward of the juvenile court.	Leg Plank 1 Res: Early Childhood Development and Education PS: Assistance to Families in Need; Before and After School Options for Children and Youth
<u>AB 932</u>	Torlakson	Support	Parent Involvement	Broadens the types of projects eligible for funds from the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund (CCFRF) and requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to utilize the expertise of the child care financial intermediary program to administer the CCFRF.	Leg Plank 2 Res: School Facilities Crisis (1990)
<u>AB 999</u>	Skinner	Support	Juvenile Justice Reform Community Concerns	The bill would require the division to promulgate policies and regulations implementing a division wide system of graduated sanctions for addressing ward disciplinary matters. The bill would prohibit the division from extending or postponing a ward's projected board date, but would permit forfeiture of not more than 6 months of combined program and good behavior credits for sustained serious misconduct. The bill would require the division to provide a document signed by a division official to each ward defining what conduct constitutes serious misconduct. The bill would also provide that program credits earned before January 1, 2010, would be honored. The bill would require the division to allow wards who received projected board date extensions after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2010, and who have successfully responded to disciplinary sanctions a reinstatement of up to 100% of the time added.	PS Juvenile Offenders in the Justice System
<u>AB 1393</u>	Skinner	Support	Parent Involvement	Requests the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the University of California (UC), and requires the California State University (CSU), in order to ensure stable housing for current and former foster youth, to give priority for campus housing to current and former foster youth with first priority for housing open for uninterrupted year-round occupation and next priority for housing open for occupation most days during the calendar year	Leg Plank 10 Res: Foster Families (1999)

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<u>ACR 28</u>	Ma	Support	Health	This measure would recognize the weeks of February 22 through February 28, 2009, and February 21 through February 27, 2010, as Eating Disorders Awareness Week and would encourage citizens and policymakers to learn more about eating disorders and the obstacles to treatment, and to help people overcome and prevent these life-threatening diseases.	LegPlank: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 PS: Family Responsibility; Health Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women, and Their Families; Health Education; Nutrition Education RES: Nutrition Education For Adults (1978), Nutrition Education (1991), Healthy Lifestyles For All Children (2004)
<u>SB 247</u>	Alquist	Watch	Instructional Materials Education	This bill would provide that a local governing board may use funding received pursuant to these provisions to purchase state-adopted instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, and state standards-aligned materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in an electronic or hardbound format if it can ensure that each pupil will be provided with a copy of the instructional materials to use at school and at home. However, providing access to the materials at school and at home would not require the local educational agency to purchase 2 sets of materials .	Leg Plank 6 PS: Instructional Materials
<u>SB 253</u>	Wyland	Support	Education	. The bill would prohibit the award of a career technical education certificate awarded under the bill from being construed as equivalent to the award of a high school diploma or as a change to the statutory curriculum or compulsory education requirements.	Res: School to Career (2001) PS:
<u>SB 315</u>	Liu	Approve	Community Concerns	Existing law makes each school district and county office of education responsible for the overall development of all comprehensive school safety plans for its schools operating kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Existing law requires that a comprehensive school safety plan include specified elements, including, but not limited to, development of procedures for safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents, and school employees to and from school. This bill 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.	Res: Safe Routes to School for All Children (2008)

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<u>SB 515</u>	Hancock	Support	Career Tech Education	The bill would encourage school districts, regional occupational centers or programs, and community college districts to work with local workforce investment boards and the Labor Market Information Division of the Employment Development Department in the identification of career sectors of high priority.	PS: Technical Education-School to Career
<u>SB 772</u>	Leno	Support	Health	This bill would exempt strollers, infant carriers, bassinets, and nursing pillows from those requirements, and would require products that do not meet those requirements to be labeled in a specified manner. The bill would authorize the bureau to modify this exemption if it determines that any of the exempted products pose a serious fire hazard. Because a violation of the labeling requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.	LP: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 PS: Environmental Health and Environmental Education RES: Persistent Bio (2002)
<u>SCR 36</u>	Alquist	Support	Health	This measure would recognize and commend the number and scope of existing "well adolescent" programs and initiatives that the State Department of Public Health, the State Department of Education, and the State Department of Health Care Services are charged with administering. This measure would also encourage all Californians to recognize and support the focus of the departments on improving California adolescent health through education and outreach efforts to prevent chronic diseases, promote improved treatment of chronic diseases, and ensure updated immunizations against preventable diseases.	LP: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 PS: Prevention & Intervention Programs; Prevention of Teen Pregnancy; Family Responsibility & Responsibility; Health Education; Nutrition Education; Physical Education; Health Care Access for Children, Youth, Pregnant Women, and Their Families RES: Healthy Lifestyles for All Children(2004); Immunization Awareness & Education Programs (1975); Nutrition Education (1991), Indoor Air Quality in Schools (2007), Alcohol & Tobacco Use in Youth: Education, Prevention & Intervention (2002), HIV/STD Prevention Education in Our Schools (2008))