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Legislative update: CSBA-sponsored bills and other significant education measures pass suspense hearing hurdle



May 19 was the Legislature's deadline for fiscal committees to pass out bills introduced in their house. This means that the respective Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees had to dispense with their suspense files. The suspense file compiles bills with a price tag of over \$150,000 so the Legislature can consider them in bulk and assess their fiscal impact as a whole.

Suspense hearings provide a singular opportunity to address bills with significant financial price tags and even some politically difficult measures. **Ultimately, less fortunate legislation was “held on suspense,” meaning the bill will die in the Appropriations Committee.**

Bills moving on now head to the respective floors of the Assembly and Senate, where legislators will have until June 2 to pass all measures. **Three CSBA bills were among those that survived the process and will now advance to floor votes:**

- **Assembly Bill 483 (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance):** Would increase funding for and expand access to school-based health and mental health services and streamline the Local Education Agency Medi-Cal Billing Option Program (LEA BOP).
- **Senate Bill 551 (Portantino, D-Glendale):** Would enhance the collaboration between county mental health agencies and school districts by requiring at least 20 percent of a county mental health board's membership to be employed by an LEA and at least 20 percent to be individuals who are 25 years of age or younger, with scaled requirements based on county size.
- **SB 765 (Portantino):** Would waive the 180-day mandatory waiting period LEAs must observe before hiring a recently retired teacher and increase the maximum grant award for the Teacher Residency Grant Program from \$25,000 to \$40,000 per teaching candidate.

The majority of the education bills on the committees' dockets are also moving forward, with a few notable exceptions. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Legislative Analyst's projects further cuts to one-time funding may be needed



In response to the **Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Budget Revision**, the state's nonpartisan **Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO)** issued its **Multiyear Budget Outlook**, estimating that **California's budget shortfall is \$6.2 billion more than the Newsom Administration's projections and urging the Legislature to further reduce one-time spending in this year's budget.** The LAO

projects revenues will come in \$11 billion short of the Governor's estimates. In their out-year forecasts, the LAO also anticipates higher spending and slightly larger deficits than predicted and warns that reserves would cover less than half of projected deficits.

For **K-12 and community college funding**, the **LAO predicts moderate growth of 4.6 percent annually**, attributable to growth in revenue, how the Proposition 98 formula is calculated and the ongoing expansion of transitional kindergarten. **Overall, the report warns that it is "very unlikely the state will be able to afford the May Revision spending levels."** In response to their assessment, the **LAO has made the following recommendations** for the Legislature to consider to further reduce the state's obligations under Prop 98:

- Reduce the cost-of-living adjustment from 8.22 percent to 5.1 percent
- Reduce spending in the guarantee to by reducing one-time grants that have yet to be allocated, such as the community schools grant program and the electric (zero-emission) school bus program
- Require LEAs to fully spend their Expanded Learning Opportunities Program funding before receiving additional funds for the program

To compensate, the **LAO recommends the Legislature further reduce one-time spending for 2023–24 and eliminate out-year one-time and temporary spending entirely.** They also warn that the Governor's proposed delays in spending will likely be unaffordable in future years and recommend ensuring high-priority, one-time spending is included in this year's budget. **As the Legislature continues to hold budget hearings ahead of the June 15 deadline to pass an initial budget bill, this report will influence how legislators consider which investments will take priority. CSBA will continue to advocate for a budget that preserves stable funding for the major program expansions undertaken in recent years and ensure that any reductions in funding minimize the impact to critical one-time grant programs** such as the Arts, Music & Instructional Materials and Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grants.

Federal update: New resources and proposed regulations to help schools deliver healthcare services



On May 18, the Biden-Harris Administration **announced** the release of **new resources and proposed regulations** from U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services to make it easier for schools to provide critical healthcare services, especially mental health services. The Education Department is **proposing a new rule** that would streamline Medicaid billing

permissions for students with disabilities by removing a requirement under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that schools receive parental consent before billing public programs such as Medicaid for services they provide to students at school. The department predicts, of the 500,000 new students who are found eligible under IDEA Part B each year, nearly 300,000 are likely to be eligible for Medicaid and impacted by this rule. If adopted, the IDEA regulatory change would only require districts to notify parents that they are billing Medicaid for IDEA-related services. It would not, however, address the district's statutory obligation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to secure parental permission for such billing.

The two departments have also issued new guidance to make it easier for schools to bill Medicaid. Among other things, the guidance clarifies flexibilities available to schools and state agencies providing healthcare services to students enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. [Learn more »](#)

State Board updates assessment criteria for charter school petitions/renewals and more



Charter schools and career technical education were among the topics discussed during the State Board of Education's **May 18–19 meeting**. For charter school authorizers, the board **adopted updated criteria to define verified data, related data use procedures, and academic progress indicators for inclusion within the approved verified data list that charter school authorizers consider**

in charter school petitions and renewals. Full descriptions are available in attachment

one of the [agenda item](#).

However, **following concerns** brought up in public comment and by board member Sharon Olken, **as well as discussion with California Department of Education legal staff surrounding unclear wording in the law and how to reconcile it with real-world application, additional updates were proposed** by Board President Linda Darling-Hammond. Those **additional updates, which were adopted by the board**, are [available with a full meeting recap on the CSBA blog »](#)

New CSBA fact sheets cover school shootings and firearm safety and storage



With the passage of [Senate Bill 906](#) in 2022, **local educational agencies will be required to notify families annually about safe gun storage beginning in the 2023–24 school year. CSBA has developed a thorough [fact sheet](#) that offers governance teams a quick reference to the rules and regulations of firearm storage in California, statistics about firearms, and strategies to keep**

students, staff and communities safe. For informational purposes, **CSBA has also developed an [infographic](#) with data on school shootings throughout the U.S. and in California.** This second fact sheet includes definitions on what constitutes a school shooting and active shooter situation, and **information that may aid LEAs in developing school safety plans.** Both fact sheets are available to view now. [School Safety: Firearm Safety and Storage](#) | [School Shootings infographic](#)

CSBA Roadshow stops in Sacramento



CSBA leadership is visiting members around the state to hear what you have to say. Good, bad or somewhere in the middle, CSBA needs your input to shape its legislative, policy and research work, and to more effectively advocate on behalf of members. Attend these [roadshows](#) to express your opinions on public schools;

network with colleagues; hear about CSBA advocacy, products and services; enjoy some free food — and bring a fellow school board member. Join CSBA from **6-8 p.m. on June 7 at Twin Rivers USD in Sacramento County**. [Register »](#)

Not located in the Capital region? We're headed your way soon, so register now!

June 23, 2023 | 6-8 p.m.

Humboldt County – Humboldt COE

[Register »](#)

Aug. 10, 2023 | 6-8 p.m.

Riverside and San Bernardino counties – Riverside COE

[Register »](#)

Aug. 12, 2023 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

West LA County – Santa Monica

[Register »](#)

Showcase your talented students at AEC



Does your district or county office of education have a talented group of students you'd like to showcase at the 2023 [Annual Education Conference and Trade Show](#), Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 in San Francisco? The **CSBA Conference Planning Committee is seeking student performers of all grade levels representing local educational agencies across the state.**

AEC welcomes thousands of members from California's diverse education community, offering an excellent opportunity to recognize student successes in the arts and showcase their talent. **Proposals from bands, choral groups, soloists, thespians and other student performers are welcome. Performance time will be approximately 8-10 minutes in front of a full house of education leaders. Applications are due by June 28** and decisions will be announced mid-July. If you have any questions about the student entertainment submissions process, email aec@csba.org. Please note that travel and other expenses are the responsibility of the LEA. [Learn more »](#)

Expert MAA and LEA billing assistance



Student-centered services and medical care in the school-setting are pivotal to student success. Practi-Cal offers the most comprehensive Medi-Cal and Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAA) billing services available to local educational agencies. Its broad range of expertise allows it to **identify areas of reimbursement often overlooked by others and simplifies the complicated**

billing process, while minimizing your efforts — all with **no up-front costs to the district**. [Learn more »](#)

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Virtual events

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration
June 6-7 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2
June 14-15 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining
June 16-17 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration
June 28 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistants Certification Program — Lambda Cohort
July 13-Nov. 9 | [Register](#)

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CSBA Roadshow

June 7 | Sacramento County | [Register](#)

June 23 | Humboldt County | [Register](#)

Aug. 10 | Riverside/San Bernardino
counties | [Register](#)

Aug. 12 | West Los Angeles County |
[Register](#)

Aug. 16 | South San Diego County |
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