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Legislative update: Tell the Senate Appropriations Committee to vote no on AB 1699



Next week, the Senate Appropriations Committee will consider **Assembly Bill 1699** (McCarty, D-Sacramento), a one-size-fits-all approach to local educational agency labor policies that would override local control and mandate how and when classified staff must be hired or promoted, with no ability to determine whether a candidate is well suited for the position. If adopted, it would also

exacerbate the educational staffing shortages LEAs are facing across the state. ([View a short video to learn more about the bill.](#))

CSBA has been engaged with the bill's author and the committee throughout the legislative process, but there are no amendments that can sufficiently address these concerns.

The Senate Appropriations Committee will be the best chance to stop AB 1699 from moving forward, and **it is critical that the committee's members hear from as many local education leaders as possible to urge them to vote no on AB 1699.** [Reach out now to urge the committee to vote no »](#)

Legal update: Court rules in favor of district in student privacy case



On July 10, Judge John A. Mendez of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California issued a **decision in favor of Chico Unified School District in the case of *Regino v. Staley*, which involves a parent's challenge to a school district administrative regulation that aims in part to protect student privacy rights.** Judge Mendez ordered that the complaint filed against Chico USD be dismissed with prejudice.

Regino's complaint against the district included six claims under the federal Constitution related to her parental rights. She argued that AR 5145.3 violated her constitutional rights based on the substantive and procedural due process clauses in the 14th Amendment (facially and as applied) and the First Amendment (facially and as applied). **The court analyzed all the claims, finding in each circumstance that Regino failed to allege sufficient facts or provide any legal precedent to show how AR 5145.3 was unconstitutional.** The court also found that instead of the contested provisions of AR 5145.3 interfering with a parent's fundamental right "to make decisions regarding the care, custody and control" of their children, **the district had "demonstrated a legitimate state interest in creating a zone of protection for transgender students and those questioning their gender identity from adverse hostile reactions, including, but not limited to, domestic abuse and bullying; this is in line with the Regulation's general purpose to combat discrimination and harassment against students."** Regino appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on July 20 and any decision reached by that court could be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. [For a more detailed analysis, visit the CSBA blog »](#)

Recently asked questions regarding parent and student rights in relation to transgender and gender nonconforming students



At a time of year normally reserved for back-to-



school articles, a very different type of education story has dominated the late summer headlines. **Media coverage of parental rights and student privacy reflects the debates** taking place in communities across California. It has also amplified confusion over how these principles intersect, what state and federal law says about these issues, and what the implications and obligations are for school governance teams.

CSBA's Recently Asked Questions (RAQ) explores the subjects of student and parental rights as they relate to transgender and gender nonconforming students. It is not an advocacy document designed to advance an opinion on the subject, nor is it an assessment of the actions taken by any local educational agency on this issue. Instead, the RAQ provides responses to the most significant and confounding questions about parental and student rights in relation to transgender and gender nonconforming students. **CSBA has provided this RAQ to support LEA governance teams by increasing their understanding in a challenging and fluid area of the law.** See [CSBA's Recently Asked Questions »](#)

Read August issue of *California School News* online



The August edition of CSBA's newsletter features an insider look at **CSBA advocacy** regarding enrollment-based funding, tips for **preparing for a cyberattack** and an in-depth legal **explainer on the board's role in selecting instructional materials in California schools.** The issue also reports on the final adoption of the K-12 Mathematics Framework, CSBA fast facts about its membership, a review of CSBA's Education Legal Alliance and Napa Valley Unified School District's victory in charter authorization case, and a reminder about the vaccines required for students in the state to attend school. [Read the issue »](#)

CSBA convenes first meeting of Small School District Advisory Workgroup



CSBA is excited to launch a **new Small School District Advisory Workgroup to provide the small-district perspective to the governance, policy and advocacy issues that CSBA is engaged in.** The first virtual meeting was held on Aug. 16, comprising 13 small and rural district invitees from throughout California.

The goal of the first meeting was to establish the

purpose of the workgroup, introduce members and collect the perspective of small districts on the implementation of Senate Bill 328 — known as the late start bill — and what effects it has had for districts, students and families. In an effort to address sleep deprivation among students, the bill also created significant challenges for districts related to transportation, staffing, bell schedules, extracurricular activities and more.

Federal update: New efforts to expand teacher apprenticeships; school safety resources



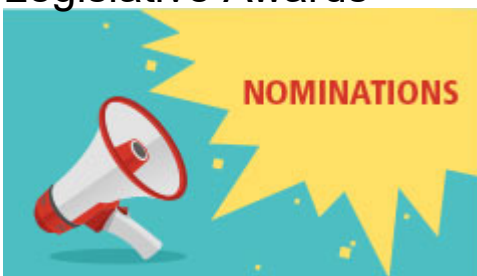
The U.S. Departments of Education and Labor **announced** on July 27 a series of new **efforts to expand Registered Apprenticeships for educators and invest in teacher preparation programs**, including new **National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards** for Registered Apprenticeships for K-12 teachers; **more than \$27 million from the Department of Education to support educator preparation programs**; more

than **\$65 million from the Department of Labor to develop and scale Registered Apprenticeship programs** with 35 targeting education; a **new industry intermediary from the Department of Labor to launch, promote and expand Registered Apprenticeship programs** for K-12 educators and a Department of Education policy brief highlighting how states are supporting the effective recruitment, preparation and retention of teachers.

In other federal news:

- The Department of Homeland Security, in close partnership with the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services and Justice, launched a **public awareness campaign** to **spotlight federal school safety resources and evidence-based practices available through [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov)**. Back-to-school information and materials will be available via a **dedicated hub** throughout the fall.

Nominate an outstanding representative for CSBA's Legislative Awards



Time is running out to submit your nominations for the 2023 Legislative Awards! The nomination window is open through Sept. 1, and CSBA wants to hear from you.

Every year, CSBA honors current members of the California Senate and Assembly, as well as members of Congress, who actively work to improve our public schools, support local school board governance and exercise leadership in the legislative arena.

School and county boards can nominate leaders from their district in one of five categories: Outstanding Legislator (state or federal), Outstanding Freshman Legislator, Special Recognition, Albert S. Rodda Lifetime Achievement Award and Dede Alpert Award for Exemplary Education Leadership. **Nominations must be received by Sept. 1, 2023.** [Learn how to nominate your local representatives »](#)

Districts can diversify investments with OPEB Solutions Program



The OPEB Solutions Program is a full-service GASB-compliant, IRS-approved **trust program designed to help local educational agencies safely and securely set aside funds to address and lower your Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability.** This program gives districts local control of assets, providing LEAs with the flexibility to make contributions as deemed appropriate and the ability to access and withdraw funds to pay for OPEB expenses at any time. [Learn more »](#)

Stay up to date with the latest news and resources on the [CSBA blog](#).

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Virtual events

Student Board Member Trainings

School Board Membership, Finance and Templates | Oct. 4 | [Register](#)

Advocacy and Engagement | Jan. 29 | [Register](#)

Transition Planning, Legacy Building, and Next steps | April 15 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Governance Q&A and Networking

Sept. 25 | [Register](#)

Nov. 6 | [Register](#)

Feb. 12 | [Register](#)

March 4 | [Register](#)

The Brown Act

Sept. 27 | [Register](#)

Equity Network Training (4 sessions)

Sept. 16-Jan.13, 2024 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction

Oct. 2-30 | [Register](#)

In-person events

CSBA Roadshow

Aug. 30 | San Luis Obispo County | [Register](#)

Sept. 27 | North Bay | [Register](#)

Oct. 2 | East Bay | [Register](#)

Oct. 4 | Calaveras County | [Register](#)

Oct. 4 | Lake County | [Register](#)

Oct. 11 | Santa Cruz County | [Register](#)

Oct. 17 | Fresno County | [Register](#)

Oct. 23 | Kern County/Bakersfield | [Register](#)

Oct. 23 | San Mateo County | [Register](#)

Oct. 25 | Shasta/Siskiyou counties | [Register](#)

CCBE Annual Conference

Sept. 8-10 | Monterey | [Register](#)

MIG Course 3: School Finance Part 1 and Part 2

Sept. 23 | San Marcos | [Register](#)

MIG Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review

Sept. 23 | Sunnyvale | [Register](#)

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