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Title IX policy updates now available



In April 2024, the U.S. Department of Education released **revised regulations that support the implementation of Title IX**, a federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in publicly funded educational programs and activities. **These revised regulations apply to incidents that occur on or after Aug. 1, 2024.** For more information about the new regulations, read [this article](#) from California School News.

To assist its members with aligning their policies with the revised federal Title IX regulations, CSBA recently released a special policy update packet, which includes the following policies:

- BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
- BP/AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP/AR 4030 – Nondiscrimination in Employment
- BP 4033 – Lactation Accommodation
- BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment (retitled)
- AR/E(1) 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 – Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures (retitled)
- BP/AR 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment
- BP/AR 5145.7 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment (retitled)
- AR/E(1) 5145.71 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures

- BP 5146 – Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students

Policies from CSBA are samples and are meant to serve as a starting point for members when they revise their policies. **Boards are expected to review each policy and customize them within the confines of the law. CSBA members are also encouraged to consult the association's District and County Office of Education Legal Services team or local legal counsel to ensure compliance.** To access the special Title IX policy update packet, log in to GAMUT Policy (for GAMUT Policy subscribers) or log in to your GAMUT webpage (for GAMUT Policy Plus subscribers).

Legislative update: Legislature returns for final month of 2023–24 session



The Legislature reconvened on Aug. 5 with five weeks to conclude all remaining business. The final month of the **two-year 2023–24 legislative session** will find **each house's Appropriations committee taking up their “suspense file,”** bills with a price tag of over \$150,000 that are considered in bulk in order to evaluate their fiscal impact as a whole. **Legislation that makes it through that process will be taken up for floor votes by the full Senate and Assembly before the session adjourns at midnight on Aug. 31.**

Three CSBA-sponsored bills are up for consideration:

- **Assembly Bill 2831** (Hoover, R-Folsom) would help small school districts meet the needs of their students, staff and school boards by establishing an Office of Small School District Facilities and Construction within the California Department of Education (CDE). The office would aid in the evaluation and utilization of existing school facilities and provide assistance and guidance in the identification, application and acquisition of state school facilities funding.
- **Senate Bill 1244** (Newman, D-Fullerton) would create a process for school districts to initiate dual enrollment programs with a neighboring community college district when an agreement cannot be reached with a home community college district.
- **SB 1315** (Archuleta, D-Pico Rivera) would require the CDE to biannually report the total number of reports required to be submitted by local educational agencies, along with the scope of reports and costs associated with submission. This will help state lawmakers be informed about what reports are most helpful to policy development while dispensing with others that may have no further benefit, helping to save LEAs both time and costs by reducing the burdens associated with producing obsolete reports or reports that could be consolidated with others.

CSBA lends expertise to state housing summit



Building on the success of a **July 30 press conference** with the California Department of Education, **CSBA will lead a breakout session on education workforce housing at the department's Aug. 14 Housing Summit to help launch a statewide initiative that aims to create millions of housing units on land owned by local educational agencies.** An opening panel with representatives from building trade

associations, community groups and the Chamber of Commerce will discuss opportunities and barriers to increasing California's housing supply.

CSBA will lead a breakout session dedicated to exploring education workforce housing that will review the extensive research released in the report, *Education Workforce Housing in California: Developing the 21st Century Campus*, and share resources compiled on the topic on the [workforce housing website](#). Register for the

summit to learn all about the potential of education workforce housing — then let CSBA help your local educational agency bring that vision to life. **LEAs interested in pursuing education housing are invited to apply for CSBA's upcoming Education Housing 101 Workshop Series**, which provides the tools and knowledge to create a roadmap to affordable and inclusive housing options for staff. **The application period is open Sept. 3-18. Register for the CDE Housing Summit »**

State update: CDE releases ESSER III liquidation extension request application



The California Department of Education's Federal Stimulus Team on July 30 announced that the liquidation extension request application for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funds, including Resource Codes 3213, 3214, 3218 and 3219, is available for local educational agencies. LEA leaders are encouraged to submit the form to the CDE by Nov. 1, 2024, to support a timely submission and

review by the U.S. Department of Education. States can submit applications on behalf of LEAs on a project-by-project basis, and if approved, the deadline to spend funds could be extended up to 18 months after the obligation deadline of Sept. 30, 2024. Both CDE and the federal Education Department must review and approve applications.

"In addition to the application, the LEA will be required to provide supplemental documentation to support that an obligation was properly made and to explain the need for extension of the liquidation deadline," the CDE team said. "If approved, the LEA will be subject to additional monitoring and reporting requirements to ensure that all requirements of these funds and the extended liquidation period are met." [Access the application and related information »](#)

Legal update: LEAs question constitutionality of AB 218 in court



On July 31, 2024, the First District Court of Appeal issued its decision in *West Contra Costa Unified School District v. Superior Court*. This is the first appellate decision analyzing whether Assembly Bill 218's elimination of the Government Claims Act's (GCA) claims-presentation requirement makes an unconstitutional "gift of public funds" by creating new, retroactive liability against public agencies, including local educational agencies. AB

218 created a three-year "lookback period" — from Jan. 1, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2022 — in which claims for childhood sexual assault were no longer subject to any statute of limitations or the claims-presentation requirements of the GCA. **The court found that, while eliminating the claims-presentation requirement exposed LEAs to damages for previously barred claims, this did not create a new "liability" since liability for childhood sexual assault existed well before AB 218's passage and independently of the GCA.** The court also found that, even if AB 218 were a "gift," it would still be permissible because it serves a public purpose; namely, benefiting the victims of childhood sexual assault.

AB 218 represents a significant and, for some LEAs, existential, financial exposure. While the court's decision is disappointing, similar cases are pending in appellate courts throughout California, and CSBA remains hopeful that better results will be forthcoming. In the meantime, CSBA and its Education Legal Alliance will continue to assist members in addressing AB 218's challenges. [Read more on the CSBA blog »](#)

Full schedule available for CSBA County Board Member Services Conference



A full program for the CSBA County Board Member Services Conference, happening Sept. 13-15 in Monterey, is now available [online](#). County offices of education and experts from around the state will present on topics including charter school authorizations and renewals, literacy, opportunities to advance social-emotional learning opportunities, innovative programs taking place in COEs, education workforce housing,

board and superintendent relations, new Title IX regulations and more.

The early registration rate for the event has been extended through Aug. 16. [Get all the details on pre-conference training opportunities, housing and more »](#)

Time is running out to secure AEC early registration rate



Don't miss your chance to save with early registration for the 2024 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show. [Early registration is available at a discounted rate through Aug. 13](#) and information on hotel accommodations, including special room rates for attendees, can be found on the [AEC website](#).

Held in Anaheim from Dec. 5-7, this year's AEC promises to deliver a wealth of insights and networking opportunities. The conference features engaging workshops, valuable networking opportunities, a bustling tradeshow floor, and the chance to **elevate your board's success and transform your team dynamics**. [Learn more and secure your spot today »](#)

Reduce costs, streamline compliance and simplify procurement with Golden State Technology Solutions



Golden State Technology Solutions enables local educational agencies to purchase hardware, software, training, consulting and cybersecurity services — all while saving time and money and freeing resources for student support. At a time when technology plays a greater role in schools than ever before, Golden State Technology Solutions **demystifies the purchasing process and help school districts**,

county offices of education and business officials efficiently source technology service providers.

Districts of every size will benefit from group purchasing power while saving resources commonly spent through the time-consuming Request for Proposals process. Golden State Technology Solutions is a partnership between CSBA, the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) and Carahsoft Technology Corp. to reduce costs, streamline compliance and simplify technology procurement for California public schools. [Learn more »](#)

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Aug. 19 | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance Course 1:
Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction
Aug. 26-Oct. 7 | [Register](#)

Student Board Member Training:
Mastering Meeting Protocol and Stakeholder Engagement
Sept. 9 | [Register](#)

Executive Assistant Omicron: Job Mechanics 3A/23B
Sept. 12-13 | [Register](#)

MIG Course 1: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction
Sept. 18-19 | [Register](#)

CCSA Virtual Fall Workshop
Sept. 20 | [Register](#)

In-person events

Masters in Governance Course 1:
Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction
Aug. 24 | Ventura | [Register](#)

Masters in Governance Course 2: Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review
Sept. 7 | Ventura | [Register](#)

California School Board Ethics Pre-Conference Training
Sept. 12 | Monterey | [Register](#)

Key Elements of the Brown Act Pre-Conference Training
Sept. 12 | Monterey | [Register](#)

CSBA County Board Member Services Conference
Sept. 13-15 | Monterey | [Register](#)

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Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction
Sept. 21 | Tulare | [Register](#)



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