

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Special Education Bills
March 8, 2007

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 485	Solorio (D)	Special Education: Nonpublic, Nonsectarian schools
Relates to special education. Prohibits a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency whose certification has been revoked, and certain other persons involved with the school or agency, from being eligible to apply for recertification for 2 years from the revocation date.		
Introduced: 2/20/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: Assembly Education Committee	

AB 497	Portantino (D)	Special Education: Nonpublic, Nonsectarian Schools
Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create a process to ensure that special education services are provided in an appropriate educational setting for seriously emotionally disturbed youth in the child welfare system and that the nonpublic, nonsectarian school providing educational services to pupils obtains full reimbursement for the cost of those services.		
Introduced: 2/20/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 527	Torrico (D)	State Buildings: Energy Efficiency
Requires the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and adopt a state plan to include energy efficient technology in state-operated facilities. Requires the DGS to begin implementation of the state plan upon its adoption.		
Introduced: 2/21/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 685	Karnette (D)	Special Education
Relates to existing law regarding individuals with exceptional needs and special education and related services to conform various provisions to the new federal regulations, update cross-references in response to those regulations.		
Introduced: 2/21/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 795	Keene (R)	Special Education: Funding: Licensed Institutions
Requires the DOE, for any fiscal year a special education local plan area does not receive full funding for the educational needs of a child residing in a licensed children's institution who has been certified as seriously emotionally disturbed by the county mental health director, to assume responsibility for the difference.		
Introduced: 2/22/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 835	Krekorian (D)	School Districts: Declining Enrollment
Requires the revenue limit for COE operated classes serving pupils who are individuals with exceptional needs and classes serving court and community day school pupils to be based on the greater of current fiscal year ADA or prior fiscal year ADA.		
Introduced: 2/22/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 850	Torrico (D)	School Finance: Special Education
Requires the SPI for the 2007-08 fiscal year, to reset the statewide target amount for the prior fiscal year to be the statewide weighted average of the amounts per unit of ADA for each special education local plan area other than the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court and Community School/Division of Alternative Education Special Education Local Plan Area.		
Introduced: 2/22/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 964	Houston (R)	Teachers: Special Education: Incentive Pay
Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide teachers with incentives to choose to teach special education classes, in the form of supplemental pay.		
Introduced: 2/22/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 1137	Eng (D)	Special Education: Funding
Amends existing law which requires the SPI and the DOE to apportion certain amounts to special education local plan areas with respect to children residing in certain licensed children's institutions. Declares the intent of the Legislature to amend provisions of existing law to ensure that no school district is worse off financially than it was in the base fiscal year of 2002-03.		
Introduced: 2/23/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 1375	Runner S (R)	School Facilities: New Construction
Amends AB 2974 (Goldberg) – Statutes of 2006 – to remove the requirement for school district financial remittance to the State on facilities for Special Education program transfers from the LACOE to school districts. AB 2974 allowed for an eligibility shift between the LACOE and districts to coincide with the program transfer.		
Introduced: 2/23/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 1402	Evans (D)	IPP Meetings: Appeals Procedure Information
Requires audio recordation of the Individual Program Plan meeting upon request, and requires a specified department, regional centers, and vendors, to provide appeal procedure information on their respective Internet web sites, including but not limited to, a telephone number for the purpose of answering consumer and applicant questions about the appeals procedure.		
Introduced: 2/23/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 1490	Mendoza (D)	Special Education: Teacher Credentialing
Relates to the NCLB Act. Specifies that the federal highly qualified requirement and the federal special education personnel qualification requirement do not apply to special education teachers employed by a		

nonpublic, nonsecretarian school.	
Introduced: 2/23/2007	Subject: Special Education
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY

AB 1659	Lieber (D)	Special Education: Eligibility: Safeguards
Provides procedural safeguards, including mediation and due process hearings relative to special education. Requires the DOE to enter into an interagency agreement or contract with a nonprofit organization.		
Introduced: 2/23/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

AB 1663	Evans (D)	Special Education: Conformance to Federal Law
Ensures the right to special instruction. Makes various revisions relating to, pupil identification, assessment, and eligibility, individualized education program development, including notice, implementation, and review, procedural safeguards, including due process hearing procedures and requirements, and pupil information confidentiality.		
Introduced: 2/23/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: ASSEMBLY	

SENATE BILLS

SB 123	Romero (D)	High School Exit Examination
Requires the SPI to recommend to the Legislature a course of action regarding pupils with disabilities who meet all state and local graduation requirements except the passage of the high school exit examination. Requires this course of action to include alternative ways of evaluating the knowledge and skills required to pass the high school exit examination.		
Introduced: 1/22/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: Senate Rules Committee	

SB 196	Machado (D)	Teacher Credentialing: District Interns
Relates to existing law which authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue district intern credentials authorizing persons employed by any school district to provide classroom instruction to pupils with mild and moderate disabilities in special education classes. Deletes the January 1, 2008, termination date, thereby authorizing the commission to issue district intern credentials indefinitely.		
Introduced: 2/7/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: Senate Education Committee	

SB 527	Steinberg (D)	Autism Spectrum Disorders: Screening
Requires the State Department of Developmental Services to implement its guidelines for the screening and diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorders for children enrolled in the Early Start Program.		
Introduced: 2/22/2007	Subject: Special Education	
Amended:	Location: Senate Health Committee	