



CASP-sponsored Legislation in State Budget

Legislation that would make available a training of trainers program for Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), sponsored by CASP, was written into the state budget as part of the trailer bills proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown and approved by the Legislature.

Senate Bill 463, by Sen. Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley, was similar to the bill she sponsored last year on CASP's behalf. That bill failed after several hearings. The new legislation, supported by a coalition of mental health and restorative justice groups, was included in the \$10 million the governor recommended – and legislative leadership has signed off on – in the Omnibus Trailer Bill 2015-2016 Budget.

The legislation calls on one or two county offices of education to provide technical assistance and to develop and disseminate statewide resources that encourage and assist local educational agencies and charter schools in establishing and aligning schoolwide, data-driven systems of learning and behavioral supports for the purpose of meeting the needs of California's diverse learners in the most inclusive environments possible.

CASP was listed in in the legislation as one of several agencies that would be consulted to develop the program. Although no consulting agencies were listed in the final bill, it is expected that those listed in the original legislation would be involved in the process.

The money will be used to provide training to school districts and charter schools to implement integrated multi-tiered systems of standards-based instruction, interventions, mental health, and academic and behavioral supports aligned with accessible instruction and curriculum using the principles of universal design, such as universal design for learning, established in the state curriculum frameworks and local control and accountability plans.

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