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CA AB 216

AUTHOR: Stone (D)
TITLE: High School Graduation Requirements: Foster Care Pupils
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY: The bill requires a school district to exempt a foster youth who transfers between schools any time after the completion of the pupils 2nd year of high school from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the governing board of the school district that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements, unless the school district makes a related finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the schools graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of his/her fourth year of high school.

CA AB 406

AUTHOR: Torres (D)
TITLE: Child Abuse Reporting
LOCATION: Senate Public Safety Committee
SUMMARY: The bill deletes the January 1, 2014 sunset date on provisions of law that authorizes counties to establish a child abuse multidisciplinary personnel team to allow provider agencies to share confidential information in order to investigate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect or for the purpose of child welfare agencies making detention determinations.

CA AB 413

AUTHOR: Chavez (R)
TITLE: Foster Care: Specialized Foster Care Homes
LAST AMEND: 03/19/2013
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY: Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to establish specialized foster care homes for children with special health care needs, but generally prohibits more than 2 foster children from residing in a specialized foster care home, except as specified. Existing law permits a licensed small family home, except as specified, to accept more than 2 foster children under certain conditions, including that, if 4 or more foster children are physically present in the facility, on-call assistance is available at all times to respond in case of an emergency and that the home is sufficient in size to accommodate the needs of all children in the home. AB 413 would provide that the conditions described above that apply if 4 or more foster children are physically present, would apply if a licensed small family home exceeds the 2 child limit.

CA AB 547

AUTHOR: Salas (D)
TITLE: High School After School Safety & Enrichment for Teens
LAST AMEND: 04/11/2013
COMMITTEE: Assembly Appropriations Committee
HEARING: 05/01/2013 9:00 am, Room 4202

SUMMARY: Amends the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens program. Adds career exploration to the list of possible activities that may satisfy the academic assistance element. Requires the Department of Education to consider other criteria the department may identify as critical to the provision of high quality after school programs in selecting grantees to participate in the program.

CA AB 643

AUTHOR: Stone (D)
TITLE: Public Schools: Pupil Records: Confidentiality
LAST AMEND: 04/25/2013
COMMITTEE: Assembly Human Services Committee
HEARING: 04/30/2013 1:30 pm, Room 437

SUMMARY: Existing law prohibits a school district from permitting access to pupil records to any person without written parental consent or judicial order, except as provided. AB 643 would make various changes to these and other pupil record provisions to conform them to federal law.

CA AB 652

AUTHOR: Ammiano (D)
TITLE: Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Act: Homeless Children
COMMITTEE: Assembly Public Safety Committee
HEARING: 05/07/2013 9:00 am, Room 126

SUMMARY: Existing law, the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, requires a mandated reporter to report whenever he/she in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. AB 652 provides that the fact that a child is homeless or is classified as an unaccompanied minor is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect.

CA AB 760

AUTHOR: Dickinson (D)
TITLE: Taxes: Ammunition Sales
LAST AMEND: 03/19/2013
COMMITTEE: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee
HEARING: 05/13/2013 1:30 pm, Room 126

SUMMARY: SB 760 would impose a tax upon retailers for the privilege of selling ammunition, as defined, at the rate of \$0.05 per item of ammunition sold at retail in this state on or after January 1, 2014. It would also impose a complementary excise tax on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of ammunition purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, as provided. The tax would be collected pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Fee Collection Procedures Law. This bill would require that revenues collected pursuant to these taxes be allocated to the School-Based Early

CA AB 790

AUTHOR: Gomez (D)

TITLE: Child Abuse: Reporting

LOCATION: SENATE

The bill requires every mandated reporter who has knowledge of suspected child abuse or neglect to make a report.

Note: According to the author of the bill, there is currently confusion

SUMMARY: *concerning the duty of mandated reporters to report child abuse when more than one mandated reporter knows of the abuse. Current law permits them to agree on which one of them will make the report, which creates the potential of a report in fact not being made.*

CA AB 951

AUTHOR: Medina (D)

TITLE: Educational Rights of Homeless Children

LAST AMEND: 04/10/2013

COMMITTEE: Assembly Education Committee

HEARING: 05/01/2013 1:30 pm, Room 4202

AB 951, as a condition of receiving a grant funded by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, would require the State Department of Education to require a local educational agency that applies for a grant to designate a local educational agency liaison to train its school administrators and certified and classified staff at least once a year regarding the educational rights of homeless children and youth, as specified.

SUMMARY: once a year regarding the educational rights of homeless children and youth, as specified.

The bill would require the designated liaison to provide notice to homeless families at schools and in the community of the educational rights of homeless children and youth and to facilitate access to school services including, but not limited to, transportation services.

Position: Support

CA AB 1089

AUTHOR: Calderon I (D)

TITLE: Foster Care

LAST AMEND: 04/18/2013

COMMITTEE: Assembly Human Services Committee

HEARING: 04/30/2013 1:30 pm, Room 437

SUMMARY:

The bill specifies the transfer procedures that would apply when children who have an order for foster care, are awaiting foster care placement, or are placed in out-of-home care, and other consumers of regional center services and supports, transfer between regional centers or local education agencies, or from a local education agency to a catchment agency where there are no services. Provides that these consumers shall has the right to receive comparable early intervention services. The bill would require the sending regional center to notify the receiving regional center of the relocation, as specified. The bill also provides that center consumers would be entitled to a copy of their records.

CA AB 1178

AUTHOR: Bocanegra (D)
TITLE: Pupil Instruction: Promise Neighborhood Initiative
LAST AMEND: 04/23/2013
COMMITTEE: Assembly Education Committee
HEARING: 05/01/2013 1:30 pm, Room 4202

SUMMARY: This bill would express findings and declarations of the Legislature about, among other things, the educational, cultural, and health needs of California’s most distressed communities. The bill would establish the California Promise Neighborhood Initiative to develop a system of 40 California promise neighborhoods throughout the state to support children’s development. The bill would require the CDE to designate the 40 California promise neighborhoods by January 1, 2016, and would specify that the promise neighborhoods would be selected from areas that voluntarily apply. The bill would require promise neighborhoods to undergo performance reviews every 3 years.

CA AB 1216

AUTHOR: Campos (D)
TITLE: Pupil Discipline: Bullying
LOCATION: Assembly Education Committee

SUMMARY: AB 1612 provides that a pupil who engages in one or more acts of bullying is, at the option of his or her parent or legal guardian, subject either to suspension or expulsion or the alternatives specified in existing law or to attendance at a class designed to prevent and eradicate bullying, conducted by the school district in which the pupil is enrolled.

Position: Watch

CA AB 1231

AUTHOR: Perez V (D)
TITLE: Regional Centers: Telehealth and Teledentistry
LAST AMEND: 04/24/2013
COMMITTEE: Assembly Health Committee

HEARING: 04/30/2013 1:30 pm, Room 4202

SUMMARY: The bill promotes the use of technology and telehealth for the delivery of regional center services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. The bill requires the providers of telehealth and teledentistry services in relation to regional centers for the developmentally disabled to maintain the privacy and security of all confidential consumer information. Provides that a provision of a service through the use of telehealth and telemedicine shall be voluntary and may be discontinued at the request of the consumer.

CA AB 1283

AUTHOR: Bonilla (D)

TITLE: Homeless Youth: Service Providers

LOCATION: Assembly Human Services Committee

The federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 establishes a state advisory group that is required to fulfill certain duties relating to runaway and homeless youth, including, among other things, developing a directory of service providers and studying the feasibility and establishment of a statewide referral system for runaway and

SUMMARY: homeless youth.

AB 1283 would require the state advisory group to study the feasibility of the establishment of an Internet Web site for runaway and homeless youth that would include a directory of service providers and the rights of homeless and runaway youth.

CA AB 1338

AUTHOR: Buchanan (D)

TITLE: School Employees: Child Abuse: Reporting

LAST AMEND: 04/11/2013

COMMITTEE: Assembly Appropriations Committee

HEARING: 05/01/2013 9:00 am, Room 4202

SUMMARY: Requires the governing board of each school district and county office of education, and the governing body of each charter school, to adopt a policy on the reporting of child abuse and the responsibilities of mandated reporters. Requires the governing body of each school district, charter school, and county office of education to adopt a policy on the reporting of child abuse and the responsibilities of mandated reporters. Requires those entities to review the mandated reporting requirements of school employees with all school personnel within the first 6 weeks of each school year.

Position: Support

CA AB 1372

AUTHOR: Bonilla (D)

TITLE: Health Insurance: Developmental Disorder or Autism

LOCATION: Assembly Health Committee

SUMMARY: Extends the operation of existing law that provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance and requires health insurance policies to provide benefits for specified conditions, including coverage for behavioral health treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism. Under existing law, these provisions become inoperative on July 1, 2014. AB 1372 extends them until July 1, 2016.

CA SB 330

AUTHOR: Padilla (D)

TITLE: Comprehensive Health Education Plans: Approval

LAST AMEND: 04/01/2013

COMMITTEE: Senate Education Committee

HEARING: 05/01/2013 9:00 am, Burton Hearing Room (4203)

SUMMARY: SB 330 requires, during the next revision of Health Framework for California Public Schools, the creation of a distinct category on mental health instruction so that pupils are knowledgeable about all aspects of mental health. The bill requires the convening of stakeholder groups in the mental health fields to provide input for the development of such instruction in the comprehensive health education plans. The bill would require the department to review information and programs from other states and countries. The bill also authorizes, with the 2013-14 school year, a school district to provide pupils in any grades mental health instruction.

Position: Support

CA SB 364

AUTHOR: Steinberg (D)

TITLE: Mental Health

LAST AMEND: 04/15/2013

COMMITTEE: Senate Judiciary Committee

HEARING: 04/30/2013 1:30 pm, Room 112

SUMMARY: SB 364 encourages each county mental health department to post on its Internet Web site a list of ambulatory services for persons with mental health disorders and substance abuse in the county that may be accessed by providers and consumers of mental health services. Requires a county health director to develop procedures for the county's designation and training of professionals who will be designated to perform functions relating to a 72-hour treatment and evaluation process.

Position: Watch

CA SB 367

AUTHOR: Block (D)
TITLE: Developmental Services: Regional Centers
LAST AMEND: 04/11/2013

LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee

The bill requires each regional center's governing board, as a condition of its contract, to require the center's Executive Director, or his or her designee, to provide an annual report on the center's efforts to address issues of inequity in access to services that includes specified information

SUMMARY: including a description of the utilization of various regional center services, broken down annually by ethnic and other demographic data. The bill requires the board to require the regional center to post information released in the annual report on its Internet Web site, when possible.

CA SB 561

AUTHOR: Fuller (R)
TITLE: Pupil Discipline: Expelled Students: Mental Evaluation

LOCATION: Senate Education Committee

Existing law requires that a pupil expelled from school for any of several specified offenses is prohibited from enrolling in any other school or school district during the period of expulsion unless the school he or she enrolls in is a county community school, a juvenile court school, or a community day school.

SUMMARY: SB 651 would further require that a pupil expelled from school for any of these offenses undergo a mental health evaluation conducted by a licensed clinical psychologist in order to enroll in one of these schools.

Position: Watch

CA SB 577

AUTHOR: Pavley (D)
TITLE: Autism Services: Pilot Program: Employment
LAST AMEND: 04/15/2013
COMMITTEE: Senate Appropriations Committee
HEARING: 05/06/2013 11:00 am, Burton Hearing Room (4203)

SB 577 would require the State Department of Developmental Services to establish a pilot program for young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities to help them find pathways to financial independence through work. The bill would require the pilot program to develop and implement a new model for providing employment services to these individuals and to create financial incentives for employment service providers, as specified, among other requirements.

SUMMARY: The bill pilot program would be operative until July 1, 2018. The bill would require the State Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Finance to establish, on or before July 1, 2014, the Employment Growth Fund for these purposes. The fund would consist of moneys appropriated by the Legislature from cost savings resulting from the reduced amount of support payments made to persons with autism and developmental disabilities who earn wages from gainful employment attained as a result of their participation in the pilot program.

CA SB 578

AUTHOR: Wyland (R)

TITLE: Marriage and Family Therapists: Unprofessional Conduct

LAST AMEND: 04/25/2013

LOCATION: Senate Third Reading File

SUMMARY: SB 585 amends the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Act. The bill would specify that unprofessional conduct includes engaging in a dual relationship with a client that is likely to impair his or her professional judgment or lead to exploitation of the client. The bill describes a dual relationship as a separate and distinct relationship between a marriage and family therapist and his or her client that occurs simultaneously with the therapeutic relationship or following the termination of the therapeutic relationship. The bill would require, if a dual relationship occurs and cannot be avoided, a marriage and family therapist to take professional precautions, including documentation of the dual relationship, to ensure that his or her judgment is not impaired and that the client is not exploited. The bill would specify that a violation of those provisions would not be a crime.

CA SB 585

AUTHOR: Steinberg (D)

TITLE: Mental Health: Mental Health Services Fund

LAST AMEND: 04/02/2013

COMMITTEE: Senate Appropriations Committee

HEARING: 05/06/2013 11:00 am, Burton Hearing Room (4203)

SUMMARY: SB 585 establishes the Mental Health Services fund to fund specified county mental health programs, including programs funded under the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act (Act). The Act establishes service standards that require that a service planning and delivery process provides for services that are client directed and employ psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery principles.

CA SB 664

AUTHOR: Yee (D)
TITLE: Laura's Law
LAST AMEND: 04/11/2013
LOCATION: Senate Third Reading File

SUMMARY: Existing law, known as Laura's Law, regulates designated assisted outpatient treatment services, which a county may choose to provide for its residents. To implement the program, the county board of supervisors is required to, by resolution, authorize the program and make a finding that no voluntary mental health program serving adults, and no children's mental health program, may be reduced as a result of the program's implementation. In a county where assisted outpatient treatment services are available, a person is authorized to receive specific mental health services pursuant to an order if requisite criteria are met, as specified.

SB 664 would no longer require a county to authorize the program by resolution and make those findings to implement the program. This bill would authorize a county to limit the number of persons to whom it provides assisted outpatient treatment services.
