



2026 Mental Health-Related Bills Acted on by the Governor

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ACCOUNTABILITY

[AB 1581 \(Ramos, D\)](#) Pupils: data reporting: American Indian and Alaska Native pupils.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 881, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the Department of Education to, on or before July 1, 2028, and each July 1 thereafter, post, on the department's internet website, statewide aggregate educational outcome data for the prior school year for pupils who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, as specified.

[SB 1387 \(Stern, D\)](#) State agencies: collection and reporting of demographic data: Jewish identity.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 1033, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law declares that it is the policy of the state to afford all persons in public schools, regardless of specified characteristics, including race or ethnicity, equal rights and opportunities in the educational institutions of the state, and states that the purpose of related existing law is to prohibit acts that are contrary to that policy and to provide remedies. Existing law defines "race or ethnicity" to include ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic background. This bill defines ethnicity to include Jewish identity.

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ADULT EDUCATION

[SB 971 \(Choi, R\)](#) Healthy Aging Community Partnership Program.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 664, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill authorizes a local health department, area agency on aging, community college, public or private college, public or private university, or other appropriate county department, as determined by a county, to establish a Healthy Aging Community Partnership Program for older individuals designed to promote healthy aging, social engagement, and independent living in collaboration with relevant local entities, including school districts, libraries, faith institutions, and community organizations. The bill authorizes program activities to include, among other things, technology assistance, physical activity, and other community-based enrichment activities that support healthy aging and social connection.

ATHLETICS

[AB 1626](#) ([Gabriel, D](#)) Interscholastic athletics: youth sports: coaches: behavioral and mental health training.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 884, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires every high school sports coach to complete, at their own expense, a coaching education program that meets the guidelines established by the California High School Coaching Education and Training Program. This bill requires specified trainings for coaches to cover certain mental health related topics, including trauma-informed care and strategies of creating a positive team culture, as provided. The bill requires the Department of Education, on or before September 1, 2027, to identify existing training or develop a model youth athletics behavioral and mental health training, as specified, for persons who serve as coaches in youth sports organizations, both for recreational leagues and competitive or club leagues. The bill requires the department to post the training on its internet website and work with local partners to disseminate the training to appropriate youth athletic leagues, youth coaching entities, and relevant statewide organizations and associations.

[AB 1665](#) ([Pacheco, D](#)) School athletics: coaches: youth athletics behavioral and mental health training.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 886, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill adds a component on mental health training, as specified, to the list of components to be emphasized by the 1998 California High School Coaching Education and Training Program. The bill, commencing with the 2027–28 school year, requires a person who serves as a coach in an interscholastic athletic program at a high school, including a private school, that is a member of the California Interscholastic Federation to complete an initial training, and a subsequent training every two years, on mental health, as provided. The bill, commencing with the 2027–28 school year, also requires a school district, county office of education, or charter school that elects to offer an athletic program, other than an interscholastic athletic program, to ensure that the athletic program’s coaches complete an initial training, and a subsequent training every two years, that covers sudden cardiac arrest, as provided, and youth athletics behavioral and mental health training, as provided.

ATTENDANCE / TRUANCY

[AB 1763](#) ([Lee, D](#)) Pupil attendance: excused absences: religious observance.

Current Text: 09/30/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 893, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill includes observance of a holiday or ceremony of a pupil’s religion as a type of required excused absence without the requirement that the absence be requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

[AB 1766](#) ([Krell, D](#)) Health curriculum framework: human trafficking and online safety.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 894, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the Instructional Quality Commission, when the health curriculum framework is next revised on or after January 1, 2027, to consider providing for inclusion in that framework content related to human trafficking and online safety, including how to prevent human trafficking, how to prevent exploitation for labor and services, how to stay safe from sexually exploitative materials and deepfakes online, foundational digital citizenship skills, and skills-based content that builds protective factors, as provided.

AB 1792 (Rodriguez, Michelle, D) Pupil instruction: health framework: sexual health.

Current Text: 09/18/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/18/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 273, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the Instructional Quality Commission, during the next revision of the publication “Health Framework for California Public Schools,” to consider including, and recommending for adoption by the state board of education, specific content related to sexual health instruction to educate pupils about dating abuse and digital violence, as described.

AB 1943 (Gipson, D) Pupil safety: notifications: firearms.

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Status: 09/26/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 459, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires the State Department of Education, on or before July 1, 2023, to develop, and subsequently update as provided, in consultation with the Department of Justice, and provide to school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools, and, upon request, to provide to private schools, model language for the notice regarding those child access prevention and safe storage of firearms laws. This bill revises and recasts those requirements by, among other things, (A) instead requiring those local educational agencies to inform parents or guardians of each enrolled pupil of the importance of practicing secure firearm storage for all homes in which firearms are present through a notice entitled “Secure Firearm Storage Notification” that contains, among other things, a description of the risks of children accessing unsecured firearms in the home and California’s child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms, (B) requiring the Department of Education, commencing July 1, 2027, to post the model language for notice on its internet website, as specified, (C) requiring the Department of Education, on or before July 1, 2027, to provide formatting and content options for local educational agencies to post the notice on their respective internet websites and for posting other relevant information and resources about secure firearm storage using other internet-based communication options, and (D) requiring the Department of Education to encourage each local educational agency to adopt a policy and practice of providing the notice to parents, guardians, and caregivers when otherwise providing notice to parents, guardians, or caregivers of disciplinary actions or supports given related to threats against other pupils or threats of self-harm.

AB 2071 (Hoover, R) Pupil instruction: digital wellness.

Current Text: 09/10/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 186, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the Department of Education, on or before January 1, 2028, to develop a plan to expand digital wellness instruction in California public schools, as provided.

SB 1133 (Strickland, R) Pupil instruction: preventative health instruction.

Current Text: 08/22/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 08/22/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 120, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, the Ready to Learn, Ready for Health Act, requires, when the Health Education Framework for California Public Schools is next revised on or after January 1, 2027, the Instructional Quality Commission to consider including information on evidence-based preventive health instruction, including information on nutrition, food literacy, sleep, movement, stress management, and digital balance in an integrated manner that discusses these key health factors and the interrelationship and balance between them, as provided.

EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY / ONLINE EDUCATION

[AB 2246 \(Wicks, D\)](#) Online service, product, or feature: access by children.

Current Text: 09/10/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 187, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: The California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act requires a business that provides an online service, product, or feature likely to be accessed by children to comply with certain requirements, including, among other things, prohibiting the business from collecting, selling, sharing, or retaining any personal information that is not necessary to provide the online service, product, or feature, except as specified. Existing law imposes specified civil penalties upon a business that violates these provisions. This bill repeals the above-described act and instead imposes similar provisions without the above-referenced exceptions and imposes civil penalties for a violation of these provisions. The bill requires a business that provides an online product or service likely to be accessed by children to take reasonable steps to prevent specified risks of harm to children.

FACILITIES

[AB 2241 \(Boerner, D\)](#) School facilities: inclusive school playgrounds.

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Status: 09/18/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 295, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the Department of Education to curate and maintain an internet resource that demonstrates best practices for inclusive school playgrounds, as provided.

[AB 2242 \(Davies, R\)](#) Pupil safety: sextortion informational poster.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 592, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires each school district, county office of education, and charter school maintaining any combination of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, on or before the start of the 2027–28 school year, to display, at each schoolsite, as defined, in at least one men’s restroom, one women’s restroom, and one all-gender restroom used by pupils a legible poster printed in both English and a primary language other than English spoken by at least 15% of pupils enrolled at the schoolsite, that contains specified information relating to sextortion, including, among other information, an age-appropriate description of sextortion, as defined, and contact information for local, state, and federal law enforcement for purposes of reporting or seeking assistance relating to sextortion.

[SB 1140 \(Ashby, D\)](#) Pupil safety: limiting school access to unauthorized individuals.

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Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 421, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the governing board or body of a local educational agency, as defined, to ensure that the contract or contracts for any construction project, as defined, taking place during school hours include security provisions that limit access to the construction site and keep unauthorized individuals off school property.

FOSTER CARE / HOMELESSNESS

[AB 1688 \(Carrillo, D\)](#) Child abuse or neglect: reporting.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 888, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires, if a county welfare agency substantiates a report for an incident that occurred in an out-of-home placement, including, but not limited to, placement in foster or congregate care, or if a child is removed from an out-of-home placement due to abuse or neglect, a county welfare

agency to send notice, containing specified information, of the report to the attorney who represents a parent or legal guardian of the child in dependency court and, in the case of an Indian child, the tribal representative. The bill makes that requirement inapplicable to a parent whose parental rights have been terminated.

[AB 1846](#) (Stefani, D) Dependency: placement of child with relative.

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Status: 09/18/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 276, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires, if a court does not initially place a child with a relative who has been considered for placement, the court to state for the record the reasons why the placement with that relative was denied or delayed. The bill requires, except as specified, after the court conducts the dispositional hearing, the social worker to assess any relative who requests placement and who has not been previously assessed or found to be unsuitable.

[AB 2765](#) (Ahrens, D) CalFresh and CalWORKs: childhood hunger and foster youth.

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Status: 09/18/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 310, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing state law requires the Department of Social Services to ensure that all recipients subject to the federal able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) time limit are permitted to meet the work requirements through all forms of work. Existing federal law, Public Law 119-21, enacted on July 4, 2025, sets forth various changes to SNAP benefits, including the removal of an exemption from the time limit for certain former foster youth under 25 years of age, and the narrowing of an exemption for a household with a dependent under 18 years of age to instead a household with a dependent under 14 years of age. This bill specifies that an ABAWD participant includes a parent or other member of a household with responsibility for a dependent child 14 years of age or older. The bill makes various statements of legislative intent relating to, among other things, maximizing efforts to retain in the program as many eligible CalFresh recipients as possible, providing for the continuation of food benefits, mitigating harm, and streamlining the verification of exemptions for certain populations.

[SB 534](#) (Padilla, D) Dependent children: information related to family.

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Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 415, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law establishes the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, which is permitted to adjudicate children who have suffered abuse or neglect to be dependents of the court under certain circumstances, and prescribes various hearings and other procedures for these purposes. Existing law requires the county welfare department to submit reports at the first regularly scheduled review hearing after a dependent minor has attained 16 years of age and at the last regularly scheduled review hearing before a dependent minor attains 18 years of age, and at every regularly scheduled review hearing thereafter, verifying that the county welfare department has provided certain information, documents, and services to the minor or nonminor. Existing law prohibits the court from terminating dependency jurisdiction over a nonminor dependent until the county welfare department has submitted a report verifying specified information, documents, and services have been provided to the nonminor, including the nonminor's family history and placement history. This bill additionally requires the above-described assistance to include providing the minor or nonminor the last known whereabouts of their parents and siblings and the last known contact information for them. The bill requires that the minor or nonminor have the option to decline this information.

[SB 1017 \(Reyes, D\)](#) Pupils: foster youth: access to pupil records.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 998, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law prohibits a school district from permitting access to pupil records to a person without written parental consent or under judicial order except as authorized by law. Existing law requires access to those particular records relevant to the legitimate educational interests of the pupil to, among other individuals, a pupil 14 years of age or older who is both a homeless child or youth, as defined, and an unaccompanied youth, as defined. This bill additionally requires access to those particular records relevant to the legitimate educational interests of the pupil to a pupil 14 years of age or older who is a foster youth, as defined. **Sponsored by RCOE & SBCOE**

[SB 1345 \(Wahab, D\)](#) Foster children: rights of foster youth.

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Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 432, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Under this bill, a foster youth has an additional specified right to have their personal belongings transported during placement changes and other moves in a manner preserving the youth's property and dignity, including the use of suitcases, duffel bags, backpacks, and moving boxes rather than trash bags or other inappropriate receptacles.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

[AB 96 \(Jackson, D\)](#) Mental health services: peer support specialist certification.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 497, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill removes the requirement of possessing a high school diploma or equivalent degree from the requirements necessary for an applicant to receive a peer support specialist certification.

[AB 1930 \(Zbur, D\)](#) Abortion or gender-affirming health care services: subpoenas, discovery requests, or other requests for information.

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Status: 09/26/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 468, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires a person or entity that is located, headquartered, incorporated, or otherwise conducting business in California and receives, is served with, or is subject to a subpoena, discovery request, or other request for information that is part of a legal process related to a civil, criminal, regulatory, or legislative investigation regarding abortion, as defined, or gender-affirming health care services that are legally protected health care activities secured by the Constitution or laws of California to provide specified notice to the Attorney General at least seven business days prior to producing records in response to the request unless a shorter response time is required by federal law or other federal obligation, as specified. If a shorter response time is required by federal law or other federal obligation, the bill requires the responding person or entity to provide notice to the Attorney General no later than when the responsive records are produced.

[AB 1956 \(Valencia, D\)](#) Suicide prevention.

Current Text: 08/28/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 08/28/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 163, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law authorizes the State Department of Public Health to establish the Office of Suicide Prevention within the department. Existing law authorizes the office, if established, to perform certain functions, including, among others, conducting state-level assessment of regional and statewide suicide prevention policies and practices and reporting on progress to reduce rates of suicide. Existing law authorizes the Department of Public Health to establish the Office of Suicide Prevention and, if

established, to focus activities on groups with the highest risk, including youth, Native American youth, older adults, veterans, and LGBTQ people. This bill authorizes the office's activities focused on youth to pay special attention to boys.

[AB 1969](#) ([Bonta, D](#)) California Community Schools Partnership Program: Promise Neighborhoods.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 911, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, to be known as the It Takes a Village Act of 2026, (1) requires any retained funds from the California Community Schools Partnership Program to be used consistent with a specified community schools framework, as provided, and (2) authorizes a local educational agency that retains those funds to also use those funds to serve as a network lead for multiple schoolsites located in a Promise Neighborhood, as provided.

[AB 2003](#) ([Berman, D](#)) Pupil health: suicide prevention.

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Status: 07/16/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 92, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires the State Department of Education to identify an evidence-based online training program that a county office of education, school district, state special school, or charter school can use to train school staff and pupils as part of their policy on pupil suicide prevention. This bill revised and recast those provisions to require the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to develop an online training program to train school staff, pupils who are 13 years of age or older, and parents, guardians, or caregivers of pupils as part of the policy on pupil suicide prevention adopted by county offices of education, school districts, state special schools, and charter schools that serve K-12 pupils.

[AB 2233](#) ([Ta, R](#)) Behavioral health treatment plans.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 591, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill prohibits a health care service plan or health insurer from imposing restrictions on the utilization of authorized treatment hours within the treatment plan's six-month authorization period. The bill requires authorized hours to remain available for use throughout the authorization period if the use of the hours is consistent with the treatment plan and clinical guidelines, and is documented in the treatment plan and progress reports.

[AB 2429](#) ([Rubio, Blanca, D](#)) Childcare: mental health consultation services.

Current Text: 09/20/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 399, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: The Child Care and Development Services Act establishes a system of childcare and development services for children up to 13 years of age and the Early Education Act requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to, among other things, provide an inclusive and cost-effective preschool program. Under both acts, the cost to a provider agency of providing an early childhood mental health consultation service is reimbursable if certain requirements are met, including that the consultation service uses a relationship-based model that includes specified components, including that, at least twice per program year, early care- and education setting-based mental health assessments are conducted and that there is, with the consent of parents or legal guardians, at least one screening of each enrolled child for adverse childhood experiences and screening for buffering factors. This bill removes the requirement that the consultation service use a relationship-based model that includes those components to be reimbursable and instead requires that, to be reimbursable, the consultation service uses a relationship-based model that incorporates an early care and education classroom observation tool that includes measures on the classroom environment, social-emotional learning climate, and teacher and child interactions to guide the specific activities and support the consultant will provide.

[AB 2460 \(Rodriguez, Celeste, D\)](#) Pupil health: mental health: model referral protocols.

Current Text: 09/18/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/18/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 301, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the Department of Education, on or before July 1, 2027, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, to review and, as necessary, update model referral protocols to include guidance on providing equity-centered mental health supports in case of a local emergency related to immigration enforcement activities or deportations of pupils or their family members.

[AB 2562 \(Dixon, R\)](#) Alcohol or other drug recovery and treatment programs and facilities: suicide prevention.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 620, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires a licensed adult alcohol or other drug recovery or treatment facility to develop a suicide prevention plan. The bill authorizes the Department of Health Care Services to implement the above-described requirement by bulletin or all-county or all-provider letter, after stakeholder input, until regulations are promulgated.

[SB 608 \(Menjivar, D\)](#) Sexual health.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Vetoed [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/27/2026 - Vetoed by the Governor.

Summary: This bill would have 1) prohibited a local educational agency (LEA) from prohibiting a school-based health center that serves its schools from making internal and external condoms available and easily accessible to students in grades 7 to 12, inclusive; 2) required LEAs to allow condoms to be made available during specified educational or public health programs; 3) authorized the California Department of Education to monitor compliance with the California Healthy Youth Act as part of its annual compliance monitoring process; and 4) prohibited retail establishments from refusing to provide nonprescription contraception to a person solely on the basis of age.

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[SB 874 \(Weber Pierson, D\)](#) Medi-Cal: behavioral health treatment: stakeholder feedback.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 655, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the State Department of Health Care Services, by July 1, 2027, to ensure that certain individuals providing behavioral health treatment (BHT) services under Medi-Cal undergo criminal background checks. The bill requires the department to utilize existing stakeholder forums to seek stakeholder feedback and offer stakeholder comment opportunities to inform changes to coverage and billing policy for BHT services. Under the bill, stakeholder feedback would include, among other topics, clinical guidelines for the provision of BHT services, treatment plan requirements, requirements for the provision of center-based services compared to services provided elsewhere, and supervision of unlicensed and uncertified professionals, as specified.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

[AB 2624 \(Bonta, D\)](#) Privacy for immigration support services providers.

Current Text: 08/22/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 08/22/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 117, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, commencing October 1, 2027, establishes an address confidentiality program for a designated immigration support services provider, employee, or volunteer, as defined, who faces threats of violence or harassment from the public because of their affiliation with a designated immigration support services facility. This bill additionally prohibits a person, business, or association from

soliciting, selling, or trading on the internet the personal information or image of a designated immigration support services provider, employee, or volunteer with the intent described above.

SB 942 (Caballero, D) Civil detainees.

Current Text: 09/29/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/29/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 755, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, the Civil Detainees' Bill of Rights Act of 2026, clarifies that all persons housed or detained for purposes of civil immigration proceedings in California at any state, county, local, or private locked detention facility, including any county, local, or private locked detention facility in which an individual is housed or detained on behalf of, or pursuant to a contract with, the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement or the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, have the legal rights and responsibilities guaranteed all other persons by the United States Constitution and federal law and the California Constitution and state law, unless specifically limited by federal or state law or regulations.

PERSONNEL

AB 1381 (Muratsuchi, D) Education-related positions: previous employment disclosures: Commission on Teacher Credentialing: unprofessional conduct.

Current Text: 09/20/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 364, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires a person applying for a certificated or noncertificated position at a school district, county office of education, charter school, state special school or diagnostic center operated by the State Department of Education, or private school to provide that prospective employer with a complete list of every school district, county office of education, charter school, state special school or diagnostic center operated by the department, and private school that previously employed the applicant. This bill establishes that the failure by a certificated employee to provide employment history constitutes unprofessional conduct and may subject the person applying for the certificated position to adverse action by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The bill also prohibits the superintendent of a school district or county office of education, or the chief administrator of a charter or private school, from hiring a certificated or noncertificated employee without completing an applicable inquiry for employment history.

AB 1586 (Ramos, D) Opioid overdose reversal medication: school resource officers.

Current Text: 09/18/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/18/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 268, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, to be known as the School Safety and Opioid Overdose Prevention Act, and commencing with the 2027–28 school year, requires a school resource officer, as defined, to (1) upon assignment to a schoolsite, and at least every two years thereafter, complete an opioid overdose recognition and response training, as specified, and (2) report, on or before July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter until July 1, 2030, to the State Department of Public Health, among other things, the number of times the school resource officer administered an opioid antagonist, and the types of opioid antagonist received and administered, while serving at a schoolsite.

AB 1598 (Quirk-Silva, D) Behavioral sciences.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 528, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: The Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Act (LMFTA), the Educational Psychologist Practice Act (EPPA), the Clinical Social Worker Practice Act (CSWPA), and the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Act each contain varying provisions limiting their application to the practice of certain medical and other behavioral science professionals, attorneys, and certain religious personnel,

including priests, rabbis, and ministers of the gospel of any religious denomination. This bill revises and recasts those provisions to, among other things, exempt a religious official of any denomination, including those specified above and imams, when providing faith-based counseling services as part of their regular professional duties for an established and legally recognizable faith-based entity if certain criteria are met.

[AB 1803](#) ([Lowenthal, D](#)) Employment: sexual harassment training and education: anti-hate speech training.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 547, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires specified employers to, by January 1, 2021, provide at least two hours of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment to all supervisory employees and at least one hour of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment to all nonsupervisory employees in California and, after that date, once every two years. This bill additionally requires that, beginning January 1, 2028, the above-described training and education include, as a component of the training and education, anti-hate speech training, as specified.

[AB 2017](#) ([Hanev, D](#)) State holidays: Eid.

Current Text: 09/27/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 571, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Among other provisions, this bill authorizes community colleges and public schools to close on “Eid al-Fitr” and “Eid al-Adha,” as specified.

[AB 2150](#) ([Hanev, D](#)) Emergencies: personnel: training requirements: opioid overdose reversals.

Current Text: 09/20/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 384, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires an employer that requires cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification training of its employees to also require those employees to take an online video module training on the use of naloxone to increase the rate of opioid overdose reversals.

[AB 2495](#) ([Kalra, D](#)) Unlawful immigration-related practices.

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Status: 09/29/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 748, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law prohibits an employer or any other person from engaging in, or directing another person to engage in, an unfair immigration-related practice against a person for the purpose of, or with the intent of, retaliating against any person for exercising a right protected under state labor and employment laws or under a local ordinance applicable to employees, as specified. Existing law authorizes a civil action for equitable relief and damages or penalties, as specified, by an employee or other person who is the subject of an unfair immigration-related practice. This bill expands the above-described prohibition to include retaliating against any person for exercising any right under any local, state, or federal statute or regulation applicable to employees, as defined, and would prohibit preventing a person from exercising such a right. The bill also prohibits an employer or any other person from engaging in any other conduct, related to any person’s perceived immigration status, that would reasonably tend to dissuade a person from engaging in conduct that the person has a legal right to engage in under any local, state, or federal statute or regulation applicable to employees, or to induce a person to engage in conduct that the person has a legal right to abstain from under any local, state, or federal statute or regulation applicable to employees.

[AB 2563](#) ([Pacheco, D](#)) Sex discrimination: scope.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 952, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill clarifies that “sex,” as used within California antidiscrimination laws, includes gender, gender expression, gender identity, pregnancy and related conditions, and other specified traits or conditions.

[SB 903](#) ([Padilla, D](#)) Mental health professionals: artificial intelligence.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Vetoed by the Governor.

Summary: This bill would have prohibited an individual, corporation, or entity from using artificial intelligence to record or transcribe psychotherapeutic communications or sessions or to triage or screen a person for the need for psychotherapy services unless the patient or client or their authorized representative is informed that artificial intelligence will be used and the purpose of the artificial intelligence tool or system, and the patient or client or their authorized representative provides consent, as specified. The bill would have prohibited an individual, corporation, or entity from advertising or otherwise purporting to offer psychotherapy services when the services are provided through the use of companion chatbots. The bill would have prohibited an individual, corporation, or entity from allowing artificial intelligence to perform certain acts, including making therapeutic decisions or detecting emotions or mental states, as specified, without review and approval by a licensed professional.

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[SB 934](#) ([Wiener, D](#)) Sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts.

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Status: 09/26/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 469, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill defines “sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts” as any practices of a licensed mental health provider that seek, during the provision of mental health services, to direct a patient toward a predetermined sexual orientation or gender identity, as specified, and applies certain prohibitions to such efforts.

[SB 1394](#) ([Gonzalez, D](#)) State holidays: Cesar Chavez Day: Farmworkers Day.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 708, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill amends existing statutory provisions to remove references to Cesar Chavez Day and replaces them with the designation of “Farmworkers Day” for purposes of holiday schedules and employee benefits. Additionally, this bill changes Farmworkers Day from March 31 to April 10.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

[AB 1669](#) ([Pacheco, D](#)) Student health: medical leaves of absence: mental health.

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Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 370, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, commencing with the 2027–28 academic year, requires a campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges, a private postsecondary educational institution, or an independent institution of higher education to adopt a written policy to allow a student to take a voluntary medical leave of absence for a period to be determined by the postsecondary educational institution, or for a period of up to one academic year, whichever is longer.

[AB 1829 \(Fong, D\)](#) Community colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: services.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 550, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, under which each county provides cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families and individuals using federal, state, and county funds. Existing law establishes the CalWORKs Recipients Education Program (program) in the California Community Colleges under which community college districts are required to provide educational services and special services to recipients of aid under CalWORKs who are attending a community college, to the extent funding is provided in the annual Budget Act. Existing law requires special services for CalWORKs recipients to assist CalWORKs recipient students and those students transitioning off of CalWORKs in achieving long-term self-sufficiency through coordinated student services offered at a community college. Existing law authorizes those special services to include workstudy. Existing law prohibits program payments to an employer for workstudy from exceeding 75% of the wage for the workstudy positions and requires an employer to pay at least 25% of the wage for the workstudy positions. This bill adds direct aid designed to meet basic needs and services, as described, as a special service for which program funds may be used. The bill also requires special services for CalWORKs recipients to assist CalWORKs recipient students and those students transitioning off of CalWORKs in achieving economic mobility through coordinated student services offered at a community college.

[AB 1928 \(Fong, D\)](#) Sex equity: sexual harassment complaints.

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Status: 08/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 134, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires, no later than January 1, 2022, except as specified, the governing board or body of a postsecondary educational institution that receives state financial assistance to provide students with procedural protections relating to complaints of sexual harassment, including the requirement to adopt and publish on its internet website grievance procedures providing for the prompt and equitable resolution of sexual harassment complaints filed by a student against an employee or another student. Existing law requires that the grievance procedures afford both student parties the opportunity to each have a support person or adviser accompany the student party during any stage of the process. This bill instead requires that the grievance procedures afford each student party the opportunity to have a support person and an advisor accompany the student party during any stage of the process, as specified. The bill also requires the governing board or body of a postsecondary educational institution that receives state financial assistance and state student financial aid to allow each complainant or respondent of a sexual harassment complaint to have a support person, in addition to an advisor, accompany the parties of a sexual harassment complaint during the grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of sexual harassment complaints pursuant to the above-described procedural protections for students or Title IX.

[AB 1985 \(Irwin, D\)](#) Student health: athletic coaches and trainers: mental health training.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 912, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, to be known as Sarah Shulze's Law, requires each campus of the California State University, each community college of a community college district, and each private postsecondary educational institution and independent institution of higher education that receives state financial assistance, and requests each campus of the University of California, to require a person who serves as a coach or trainer in an athletic program, as a condition of the person's employment or volunteer service, to complete a student mental health training on or before July 1, 2028, and every two years thereafter. The bill requires the training, at a minimum, to cover suicide prevention education and authorizes the training to be provided by an entity that offers free, online, or other types of training courses.

[AB 2212 \(Bauer-Kahan, D\)](#) Postsecondary education: sexual harassment, harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies: student training.

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Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 388, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, commencing August 1, 2027, defines additional terms for purposes of the Equity in Higher Education Act, including, among other terms, “digitized sexually explicit material,” “sextortion,” “technology-facilitated sexual harassment,” and “affirmative consent.” The bill also revises the definitions of “sexual harassment” and “sexual exploitation,” and makes conforming changes.

[AB 2768 \(Ahrens, D\)](#) Student financial aid: waiver or deferment of fees and costs: foster youth.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 637, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the California State University, community college districts, and private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education that receive state financial assistance to, and requests the University of California to, for a student who has submitted a specified financial aid application and is a foster youth or former foster youth, as defined, upon the student’s initial enrollment at the postsecondary educational institution, either (1) waive the unpaid portion of enrollment fees and costs, or (2) defer the unpaid portion of enrollment fees and costs until the student has received an initial disbursement of the student’s financial aid award, as provided. If the postsecondary educational institution is unable to waive or defer costs related to books, supplies, materials, or equipment, the bill requires the institution to provide the student with clear information regarding available campus resources, institutional programs, or community-based assistance to help the student cover those costs. **Sponsored by RCOE**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

[SB 998 \(Gonzalez, D\)](#) Educational equity: discrimination prevention coordinators.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 670, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the Office of Civil Rights to employ a Disability Discrimination Prevention Coordinator to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The bill changes the title of the LGBTQ Discrimination Prevention Coordinator to instead be the LGBTQ+ Discrimination Prevention Coordinator. The bill requires each of the coordinators, in consultation with the State Department of Education, and under the supervision of the Government Operations Agency, to, among other things, (1) develop, consult on, and provide discrimination education to teachers, staff, governing board and body members, administrators, and other local educational agency personnel to identify and proactively prevent discrimination, as provided, (2) provide technical assistance, upon specified request, to local educational agencies to access restorative justice resources, training, and practitioners, and (3) engage with local educational agencies to ensure administrators are equipped to address conflicts at an early stage with the goal of proactively resolving incidents of discrimination, as specified.

PUPILS

[AB 302 \(Bauer-Kahan, D\)](#) Pupil and parental communication: extracurricular activities: addictive feeds.

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Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 181, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, commencing with the 2027–28 school year, prohibits a school district, county office of education, or charter school from excluding a pupil from participating in any extracurricular activity, including sports and clubs, due to the pupil not having or using addictive feeds, as defined.

[AB 1159](#) ([Addis, D](#)) Student personal information.

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Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 182, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law, the K–12 Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act (KOPIPA), generally protects the personal information of a student enrolled in a K–12 course of instruction by prescribing requirements and prohibitions applicable to an operator of an internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application with actual knowledge that the site, service, or application is used primarily for K–12 school purposes and was designed and marketed for K–12 school purposes. Existing law, the Early Learning Personal Information Protection Act (ELPIPA), generally protects the personal information of a child enrolled in a preschool or prekindergarten course of instruction by prescribing requirements and prohibitions applicable to an operator of an internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application with actual knowledge that the site, service, or application is used primarily for preschool or prekindergarten purposes and was designed and marketed for preschool and prekindergarten purposes. This bill instead applies the provisions of KOPIPA and ELPIPA to an operator, or an entity working on behalf of the operator, of an internet website, online service, online application, or mobile application with actual knowledge that the site, service, or application is used for the applicable school purposes and was designed or marketed for those purposes, as specified. The bill prohibits an operator from using covered information created or gathered by the operator’s site, service, or application to train a generative artificial intelligence system or service or develop an artificial intelligence system.

[SB 1128](#) ([Stern, D](#)) Pupils: technology-based materials: school-issued electronic devices.

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Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 191, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, commencing with the 2027–28 school year, prohibits, unless necessary under a specified circumstance, a school district, county office of education, or charter school from requiring a pupil in kindergarten, including a pupil in transitional kindergarten, to take home a school-issued electronic device, as defined, except that a local educational agency may authorize those pupils to take home a school-issued electronic device. The bill encourages local educational agencies to regularly review and update their policies related to pupils’ screen time and, in conducting that review, to solicit input from, among others, currently employed teachers and school administrators. This bill requires the State Department of Education, on or before July 1, 2027, to (1) curate and maintain on its internet website resources for age-appropriate screen time and electronic device use in schools and guidance on how to transition take-home school-issued electronic devices into dedicated classroom-based electronic devices and how to participate in e-waste recycling or buy-back programs, and (2) take into consideration when curating the resources and guidance, among other things, developmentally appropriate screen exposure time at each grade level.

SCHOOL SAFETY

[AB 1721](#) ([Muratsuchi, D](#)) Pupil safety: comprehensive school safety plans.

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Status: 09/20/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 373, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill requires the Education Commissioner, in consultation with the State Board of Education and specified stakeholders, to develop recommendations on the development and approval processes for school safety plans. The bill requires the Education Commissioner, in consultation with the stakeholders, to review existing comprehensive school safety plans and make recommendations on the development and approval processes for, and the required elements of, a comprehensive school safety plan, as provided.

MISCELLANEOUS

[AB 2 \(Lowenthal, D\)](#) Injuries to children: civil penalties.

Current Text: 09/10/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 180, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill, until January 1, 2035, makes a social media platform, as defined, liable for specified damages if the social media platform fails to exercise ordinary care or skill by causing injury to a child.

[AB 1201 \(Jackson, D\)](#) Family reunification services.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 514, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law establishes the grounds for removal of a dependent child from the custody of the child's parents or guardian, and requires the court to order the social worker to provide designated child welfare services, including family reunification services, as prescribed. Existing law provides that reunification services do not need to be provided to a parent or guardian when the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the parent or guardian of the child has been convicted of a violent felony, as defined. This bill instead makes that provision applicable only if the victim of the violent felony were either a child or someone with whom the parent or guardian had a child in common at the time of the commission of the offense.

[AB 1709 \(Lowenthal, D\)](#) Covered platforms: age restriction: e-Safety Advisory Commission.

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Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 183, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: The Protecting Our Kids from Social Media Addiction Act, prohibits an operator of an addictive internet-based service or application from providing an addictive feed, as defined, to a user unless the operator does not have actual knowledge that the user is a minor, as specified, or the operator has obtained verifiable parental consent to provide an addictive feed to the user who is a minor. Existing law, the Digital Age Assurance Act, beginning January 1, 2027, requires a person who owns, maintains, or controls a software application, as defined, to request age bracket data sent by a real-time secure application programming interface or operating system with respect to a particular user from an operating system provider or a covered application store when the application is downloaded and launched. This bill prohibits a covered platform, as defined, from providing an addictive feature, as defined, to a user who is under 16 years of age and requires a covered platform to implement reasonable measures to ensure that users under 16 years of age are not offered or provided any addictive feature on the covered platform.

[AB 1804 \(Hart, D\)](#) State parks: parks passes: libraries.

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Status: 09/29/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 815, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: The bill declares, among other things, that it is the policy of the state to ensure equitable and inclusive access to the state park system by empowering the Department of Parks and Recreation to administer programs that broaden public access to the state parks. The bill authorizes the department to work with the California State Library and individual library systems to provide park passes.

[AB 1876 \(Addis, D\)](#) Health care coverage: nondiscrimination.

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Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 903, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires health care service plans and health insurers, as specified, within 6 months after the relevant department issues specified guidance, or no later than March 1, 2025, to

require all of their staff who are in direct contact with enrollees or insureds in the delivery of care or enrollee or insured services to complete evidence-based cultural competency training for the purpose of providing trans-inclusive health care for individuals who identify as transgender, gender diverse, or intersex. This bill prohibits a subscriber, enrollee, policyholder, or insured from being excluded from enrollment or participation in, being denied the benefits of, or being subjected to discrimination by, any health care service plan or health insurer licensed in this state, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. The bill defines discrimination on the basis of sex for those purposes to include, among other things, sex characteristics, including intersex traits, pregnancy, and gender identity. The bill prohibits a health care service plan or health insurer from taking specified actions relating to providing access to health programs and activities, including denying or limiting health care services to an individual based upon the individual's sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or gender otherwise recorded. The bill prohibits a health care service plan or health insurer, in specified circumstances, from taking various actions, including denying, canceling, limiting, or refusing to issue or renew health care service plan enrollment, health insurance coverage, or other health-related coverage, or denying or limiting coverage of a claim, or imposing additional cost sharing or other limitations or restrictions on coverage, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, as specified.

[AB 1946 \(Wicks, D\)](#) Reporting mechanism: child sexual abuse material.

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Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 185, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law requires a social media platform to take certain actions with respect to child sexual abuse material on the social media platform, including requiring the platform to provide a means for a user who is a California resident to report material to the platform that the user reasonably believes is child sexual abuse material and that the reporting user is depicted in the material. Existing law also requires the social media platform to collect information reasonably sufficient to enable the platform to contact a reporting user. Existing law defines child sexual abuse material for these purposes to include obscene matter that depicts a minor personally engaging in, or personally simulating, sexual conduct. This bill revises the definition of child sexual abuse material to include an intimate visual depiction of an identifiable individual who is a minor. The bill additionally requires the above-described mechanism to be clear and conspicuous and deletes the requirement that the reporting user be depicted in the material.

[AB 1996 \(Bonta, D\)](#) California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 568, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill establishes, within the State Department of Social Services, the California Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council. The bill requires the State Department of Social Services to staff and administer the council. The bill requires the council to be cochaired by the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency and the Director of Social Services, or their designees, and specifies the membership of the council, which will include 19 members, as specified. The bill establishes the duties of the council, including the duty to determine considerations to evaluate whether a policy proposal, budget provisions, or pending legislation increases or decreases child poverty.

[AB 2247 \(Elhawary, D\)](#) Trauma Healing and Resilience Investment for Victimized and Exposed Youth Act.

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Status: 09/27/2026 - Vetoed by Governor.

Summary: This bill would have created a pilot program, the Trauma Healing and Resilience Investment for Victimized and Exposed Youth Act (T.H.R.I.V.E.), to be administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the administration of grants to the County of Los Angeles to establish and administer a program to pay for mental health and counseling services for youth survivors of gun violence, as defined, who request those services and who reside in that county.

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[AB 2249 \(Irwin, D\)](#) Cannabis: labels, packaging, and advertising.

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Status: 08/31/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 164, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: The Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) prohibits a person engaged in commercial cannabis activity, whether licensed or unlicensed, from engaging in specified advertising or marketing activities, including publishing or disseminating advertising or marketing that is attractive to children. MAUCRSA also places specified requirements on the packaging and labeling of cannabis and cannabis products, including prohibiting packages and labels from being made to be attractive to children. This bill, commencing January 1, 2028, defines “attractive to children” to mean designed or likely to appeal to individuals under 21 years of age, as specified. The bill authorizes the Department of Cannabis Control to adopt regulations to address additional packaging and labeling design elements or product characteristics that pose heightened risk to children. The bill requires the department to develop compliance assessment resources to assist licensees in self-evaluating whether packaging or labeling is attractive to children.

[AB 2378 \(Gabriel, D\)](#) California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program.

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Status: 09/26/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 463, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (CalVIP) to award grants to cities disproportionately impacted by community gun violence to fund gun violence reduction initiatives. This bill creates the Office of Community Violence Intervention within the Board of State and Community Corrections and requires the office to, among other things, advise the board on the implementation of community violence intervention and prevention policies, provide technical assistance for community violence intervention and prevention organizations and CalVIP grantees, and, on July 1, 2028, and every two years thereafter, to produce a report on community violence intervention and prevention, as specified.

[SB 557 \(Hurtado, D\)](#) Child abuse: family resource centers.

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Status: 08/24/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 125, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill defines “family resource center” to mean a family-friendly entity serving as a hub for multigenerational, family-centered, and family-strengthening support services that are provided at no cost or low cost to participants, embedded in communities, culturally sensitive, reflective of, and responsive to, community needs and interests, build communities of peer support for families, and include cross-system collaboration to assist in transforming families and communities through reciprocity, development of social connections that reduce isolation and stress, and asset development based on impact-driven and evidence-informed approaches with the goal of preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening children and families.

[SB 747 \(Wiener, D\)](#) Civil rights: deprivation of federal constitutional rights, privileges, and immunities.

Current Text: 09/29/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/29/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 752, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: This bill provides that every natural person, as defined, who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, as defined, subjects or causes to be subjected any citizen of this state or any person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the United States Constitution, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress, except as specified.

[SB 1077 \(Gonzalez, D\)](#) CalFresh: federal government shutdowns.

Current Text: 09/18/2026 - Vetoed [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/18/2026 - Vetoed by the Governor.

Summary: This bill would have, during a federal government shutdown that impacts the disbursement of CalFresh benefits, required the State Department of Social Services to maintain a clearly marked landing page on the department's website to provide the public with information on how their benefits will be impacted, including information on the status of the federal government shutdown and the availability of benefits. The bill also would have required the department, in coordination with stakeholders, to establish a strategic communications plan for use during a federal government shutdown that impacts the disbursement of CalFresh benefits that includes updates to the landing page on the department's internet website, deployment of social media posts, and emergency response briefings for local and state officials, local government agencies, community organizations, and participating retailers, as specified.

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[SB 1114 \(Cabaldon, D\)](#) Data collection: sexual orientation, gender identity, and intersex status: disclosure.

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Status: 09/26/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 471, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex Disparities Reduction Act requires the State Department of Public Health, among other specified state entities, in the course of collecting demographic data directly or by contract as to the ancestry or ethnic origin of Californians, to collect voluntary self-identification information pertaining to sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics/intersex status (SOGISC). This bill defines "information pertaining to SOGISC" to mean information pertaining to a person's sexual orientation identity, gender identity, identification as intersex, or identification as possessing sex characteristics that vary from those typically associated with a person's sex assigned at birth.

[SB 1119 \(Padilla, D\)](#) Companion chatbots: children's safety.

Current Text: 09/10/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/10/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 190, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law generally regulates artificial intelligence, including companion chatbots, as defined. Existing law requires an operator, as defined, to prevent a companion chatbot on its companion chatbot platform from engaging with users unless the operator maintains a protocol for preventing the production of suicidal ideation, suicide, or self-harm content to the user. Existing law requires an operator, for a user the operator knows is a minor, to take certain prescribed action, including disclosing to the user that the user is interacting with artificial intelligence. This bill deletes those provisions imposing requirements on an operator if the operator knows the user is a minor.

[SB 1190 \(Grove, R\)](#) Child welfare: transport escort services.

Current Text: 09/30/2026 - Chaptered [HTML](#) [PDF](#)

Status: 09/30/2026 - Approved by the Governor. Chapter 1015, Statutes of 2026.

Summary: Existing law prohibits a transport escort service from accompanying or transporting a minor to any residential facility or institution located outside the state, unless the person or persons transporting or accompanying the minor are trustline-registered childcare providers, and also requires the service to first provide the minor's parents, custodial parent, or legal guardian with specified information, including a description of the childcare provider trustline registry. This bill, the Safe Passage for Youth Act, expands those provisions to apply when accompanying or transporting a minor, without regard to whether the destination is an out-of-state residential facility or institution. The bill revises the definition of a "transport escort service" and also makes the provisions inapplicable to the transport of minors by a transportation network company, minors in the care of a community care facility, or an individual providing private childcare, casual babysitting, or domestic nanny services, if certain conditions are met.