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Date: March 24, 2017
To: CAFE Board Members
From: Martha Zaragoza Diaz, Lobbyist
Subject: CAFE: 2017 Bill List
Cc: Jan Gustafson Corea, Chief Executive Officer

Below are bills that will be followed by the California Association for Bilingual Education.

I. Sponsored Bills:

AB 952 (Reyes) Teachers: Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program

Amended: March 21, 2017

Status: Assembly Education Committee: Hearing-April 5, 2017

Summary: Existing law requires the commission to issue an authorization for a teacher who meets specified requirements to provide instruction to English learners. This bill, the Biliteracy Teacher Preparation Act, would establish the Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program and would require the State Department of Education to allocate funding to specified entities for purposes of providing teacher preparation and professional development services to teachers meeting certain requirements to provide instruction to English learners.

Position: Support.

AB 1142 (Medina) State Seal of Biliteracy: English Learners

Introduced: February 17, 2017

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Summary: Current law provides that the State Seal of Biliteracy certifies attainment of a high level of proficiency by a graduating high school pupil in one or more languages, in addition to English, and certifies that the graduate meets specified criteria, including, but not limited to, passing the California Standards Test in English language arts administered in grade 11 at the proficient level or above. This bill would replace that criterium with one requiring that a pupil pass the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress for English

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language arts, administered in grade 11, at the “standard met” achievement level. **Position: Support.**

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