

# **September 2024 Legislative Advocate Report**

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#### **CABE Co-Sponsored Bill Update**

AB 2074 (Muratsuchi) was signed by the Governor on September 29<sup>th</sup>. This important legislation would task the California Department of Education (CDE) with creating an implementation plan for the California English Learner Roadmap Policy and requires designated staff at CDE to serve as a point of reference to ensure the implementation plan created rolls out and gets to all the school districts; these staffer members would serve as a point of reference and assistance.

## Remaining Legislative Calendar

September 30 – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills.

November 5 – General Election.

November 30 – Legislature adjourns.

December 2 – Legislative 2025-26 session convenes.

January 1, 2025 – Statutes take effect.

#### **CABE Bill Update**

The following CABE-supported bills reflect the Governor's final action. Bills that are enacted into law will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

**AB 1805 (Ta)** – Would require that content standards incorporate the landmark desegregation case, *Mendez v. Westminster,* when they are revised. This bill was signed by the Governor on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**AB 1821 (Ramos)** – Would ensure California's history is accurately taught, including its treatment of Native Americans with respect to teaching about Spanish missions as well as the Gold Rush Era. The bill signed by the Governor on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

AB 1947 (L. Rivas) – Would increase the number of allowable staff training days for California State Preschool Program contractors from two to six days, allow professional development hours conducted during regular hours of operation to be considered a day of operation for reimbursement purposes, and require one training day to be focused on supporting dual language learners (DLL) if a contractor enrolls at least 25 percent of DLLs and provides at least three days of staff training.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Governor issued the following veto message: "I appreciate the author's commitment to ensuring that dual language learners are provided a culturally appropriate and equitable educational experience. Our preschool, childcare, and development workforce plays a key role in the academic future of such learners, and I agree with the

author that it is important to provide our educators with the training to support these children. This is why the Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the Department of Education, is continuing its work to develop a single childcare and development rate reimbursement structure that will include a new methodology to address some of these very same issues. These new requirements are better considered in a holistic manner as a part of the rate reform process."

**SB 1391 (Rubio**) – Would strengthen the educator workforce by requiring the Cradle-to-Career Teacher Training and Retention dashboard to provide critical data on teacher grant programs, along with teacher training pipelines that will help foster a more diverse and equitable teach workforce in California. The Governor vetoed this bill on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Growth Expands into the Fall**

The California <u>Department of Finance</u> (DOF) issued its <u>September Finance Bulletin</u> today, indicating continued U.S. real GDP growth at 3% in the second quarter of 2024, which was recently revised up from 2.8% due to an increase in personal consumption.

General Fund agency cash receipts continue to outperform Budget Act forecasts by 5.5%, totaling \$710 million due to higher sales tax, as well as personal income tax. Overall personal income tax cash receipts equaled \$332 million, which was 4.1% above the August forecast and \$2.1 billion overall since April. Corporation tax cash receipts were \$1 million below the August forecast but are \$1.9 billion cumulatively higher since April. Sales and use tax receipts equaled \$435 million, 12.1%, above the August forecast and cumulatively totaled \$133 million since April.

This information is important to process because it means that the overall budget shortfall could be reduced by at least \$4 billion by the time the Governor's January budget proposal is introduced. Currently, the budget shortfall is estimated to be somewhere between \$28-30 billion.