



September 2025 Legislative Advocate Report

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Legislature Adjourns Session

The Legislature adjourned their 2025 session on September 12th, and have left the fate of passed bills in the Governor's hands. This year, approximately 2,400 bills were introduced, with about 800 bills being passed. The Governor has until October 12th to take action on the bills awaiting his consideration. Non-urgency bills signed by the Governor will go into effect on January 1, 2026. Any urgency measures signed by the Governor will immediately go into effect.

The Legislature will resume their 2025-26 session on January 5, 2026.

Senate Pro Tempore to Transition in November

Capitol sources have confirmed that Senator Monique Limón will transition to become the next President Pro Tempore of the California State Senate on November 17th, instead of early next year. It is rumored some senators may be pushing for an even sooner transition.

Typically, it is common for many Committee Chairpersons and Committee members to shift when new leadership takes the helm. It is possible that Committees that impact CABE-priorities, like the Senate Education Committee, the Senate Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 1, may receive new leadership and members. Should this occur, the announcement may happen as the Senate progresses into the New Year.

CABE-Supported Legislation

The following includes the status of CABE-supported bills:

AB 49 (Muratsuchi): Immigration Enforcement: Would prohibit local educational agency (LEA) school officials and employees from allowing an agency conducting immigration enforcement from entering a school site for any purpose without providing valid identification and a signed and valid judicial warrant, a court order, or exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action. The measure further requires the LEA to limit access to school facilities, as prescribed by law. This measure is approved by the Governor and is now chaptered.

AB 243 (Ahrens): Student Financial Aid Dependency Status: Would require financial administrators of the California Community Colleges, California State University, or University of California, or the Student Aid Commission, to accept a sworn statement signed under penalty of perjury by a

representative of a LEA, county welfare department, or probation department as sufficient document for student aid. This measure is on the Governor's desk.

AB 419 (Connolly): Education Equity: Immigration Enforcement: Would require schools to post guidelines on educational rights related to immigration-enforcement actions in English and Spanish. CAFE is working with the author to amend the bill to ensure these materials would be translated into every language spoken at a school site, regardless of whether they have achieved 15 percent of the student population. This measure is on the Governor's desk.

AB 695 (Fong): California Community Colleges Access and Continuity for Deported Students: Would ensure community college students who have been involuntarily removed do not have to pay nonresident tuition. This important measure will assist students wishing to pursue higher education in continuing to pursue their goals. The measure is on the Governor's desk.

AB 833 (Alvarez): Teacher Exchange Program: Would require the State Board of Education's rules and regulations regarding teacher exchanges with Mexico to be reported to the Legislature, including the number of teachers participating, disaggregated by home country. The measure is on the Governor's desk.

AB 1348 (Bains): Average Daily Attendance: Immigration Enforcement Activity: Would protect school funding from declining due to immigration enforcement activities. The measure is on the Governor's desk.

AB 1454 (Rivas): Pupil Literacy: Administrative Services Credential Program Standards and Professional Development: Instructional Materials: Would support California's efforts to improve student literacy for all students through the strengthening of professional development, updating professional materials, and ensure training that incorporates evidence-based instructional strategies that will also support English Learners in language development and literacy. This measure is on the Governor's desk.

SB 98 (Pérez): Religious, race and equity, gender, and LGBTQ discrimination coordinator: This measure was gutted and amended on September 9th to include a legislative compromise to address student discrimination. Prior to the amendments, the bill previously would have required school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and postsecondary educational entities to immediately notify all pupils, parents, faculty, staff, and other school community members of the presence of immigration officers on the school site. The previous CAFE-support position was moved to a watch due to the content of the measure changing. The measure is approved by the Governor and is now chaptered.

Legislative Calendar

October 12 – Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills.
November 4 – Special Election.
January 1 – Statutes take effect.
January 5 – Legislature resumes session.
January 10 – Governor releases January budget proposal.