

Final LAC Report June 2021

Measure	Author	Topic	Brief Summary	Position	Advocate	Position Date (LAC)
AB 31	Lackey R	Office of the Child Protection Ombudsperson.	Would establish the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsperson, with the intent to provide all California children with similar protections. The bill would require the State Child Protection Ombudsperson to be appointed by the Governor. The bill would specify the duties of the office, including investigating specified child deaths caused by abuse or neglect. The bill would also provide for the operation of a toll-free telephone hotline to receive complaints related to child welfare.	Support	Shayne Silva	June 2021
AB 123	Gonzalez, Lorena D	Paid family leave: weekly benefit amount.	This bill increases the wage replacement rate for paid family leave (PFL) claims to 90% of worker's highest quarterly earnings in the past 18 months.	Support	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
AB 126	Garcia, Eduardo D	Special education programs: Family Empowerment Centers on Disability.	Requires the establishment of additional Family Empowerment Centers on Disability, establishes increased funding levels awarded to each center, establishes new requirements for data collection and reporting to the California Department of Education and states intent to provide \$20 million in one-time funding to Family Empowerment Centers and Family Resource Centers to support families of students with disabilities, whose education has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, this bill:	Support	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
AB 417	McCarty D	Rising Scholars Network: justice-involved students.	AB 417 would establish the CA Community College Rising Scholars Network to provide support services for justice-involved students. This program would encourage the enrollment and success of justice-involved students.	Support	Donna Artukovic	June 2021
AB 479	Grayson D	Family daycare homes: secondary licensees.	AB 479 authorizes a person to apply to be a family child care secondary licensee for a primary licensee and requires that a secondary licensee to meet all licensure requirements applicable to a licensee except the requirement to reside in the home in which the family child care home is operated.	Watch	Kathleen Fay	June 2021
AB 498	Quirk-Silva D	Teachers: Computer Science Access Initiative.	Would establish the Computer Science Access Initiative which would award grants for the purpose of increasing the number of teachers trained to teach computer science.	Support	Donna Artukovic	June 2021
AB 563	Berman D	School-based health programs.	Would require the State Department of Education to establish an Office of School-Based Health Programs for the purpose of administering current health-related programs under the purview of the State Department of Education and advising it on issues related to the delivery of school-based Medi-Cal services in the state. The bill would require the office to, among other things, provide technical assistance, outreach, and informational materials to LEAs on allowable services and on the submission of claims.	Support	Shayne Silva	June 2021
AB 568	Rivas, Robert D	Early learning and care.	Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that, through greater data transparency and accountability, addresses the suspension and	Support	Kathleen Fay	June 2021

			expulsion of African American and Hispanic children in early learning and care settings at disproportionate rates and inequitable access to high-quality early learning and care.			
AB 573	Carrillo D	Youth Mental Health Boards.	Would establish the California Youth Mental Health Board within the California Health and Human Services Agency to advise the Governor and Legislature on the challenges facing youth with mental health needs and determine opportunities for improvement. The board would be comprised of people 15-23, half of whom must be consumers of mental health services or have family members who have used mental health services.	Support	Shayne Silva	June 2021
AB 610	Kalra D	School safety: mandatory notifications.	AB 610 will eliminate the mandatory requirement that schools notify law enforcement for certain student behavior such as an assault or minor possession of cannabis or alcohol. Involving law enforcement in the response to common child and adolescent school related misbehavior contributes to racial inequities in academic achievement and the school-to-prison pipeline. A student's interaction with law enforcement decreases their likelihood of completing high school while increasing the likelihood that they will have contact with the criminal legal system. By restoring flexibility to educators to decide when law enforcement should be notified, AB 610 will protect students from unnecessary contact with the criminal legal system, decrease school related law enforcement referrals and arrests, and keep students in school.	Support	Kathy Rabun	June 2021
AB 856	Maienschein D	Pupil health: COVID-19 Youth Health Information Act.	Would enact the COVID-19 Youth Health Information Act. The act would require the State Department of Education to post on its internet website information related to the safe return of pupils to exercise and physical activity.	Support	Shayne Silva	June 2021
AB 932	Levine D	Cradle-to-Career Grant Program.	Establishes a statewide Cradle-to-Career Grant Program to administer public and private funds appropriated to address child poverty and achievement gaps among California children	Support	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
AB 966	Burke D	Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program: appropriation.	This bill will allocate \$300 million for the Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program to ensure our youngest pupils have safe spaces to learn.	Support	Donna Artukovic	June 2021
AB 1176	Garcia, Eduardo D	Communications: universal broadband service: California Connect Fund.	This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to administer the California Connect Program to ensure high-speed broadband service is available to every household in the state at affordable rates.	Support	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
AB 1200	Ting D	Plant-based food packaging: cookware: hazardous chemicals.	Prohibits, commencing on January 1, 2023, the sale of food packaging that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); requires, commencing on January 1, 2024, cookware manufacturers to label their product if it contains an intentionally added chemical on specified lists; and prohibits, commencing on January 1, 2024, a manufacturer from making a claim that cookware is free of a chemical, unless no individual chemical from that chemical class is intentionally added to the cookware.	Support	Kathy Rabun	June 2021
AB 1223	Levine D	Firearms and ammunition: excise tax.	Tax on firearms and ammunition for a fund to be used for gun violence prevention programs, gun violence prevention education and gun violence prevention research.	Support	Kathy Rabun	June 2021

AB 1316	O'Donnell D	School accountability: financial and performance audits: charter schools: contracts.	Establishes new requirements for nonclassroom based charter schools in the areas of auditing and accounting standards, the funding determination process, adding requirements to the contracting process, Independent Study (IS) program requirements, required teacher to pupil ratios, limiting authorization of NCB charters by small districts, and adding specificity to the authorizer oversight process, as specified.	Support	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
AB 1425	Gipson D	California Advanced Services Fund: Broadband Public Housing Account.	This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission to make grants to ensure every resident of public housing has “connectivity” to high-speed internet.	Support	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
AB 1560	Daly D	Distance learning: pupil access: computing devices and broadband internet service.	Requires that the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) collect information about pupils' access to computing devices and residential broadband service, and authorizes the Department of Technology (DOT) to enter into a sponsored service agreement on behalf of a local educational agency (LEA) with a broadband service provider for providing free or reduced-cost residential broadband service to eligible pupils. Participating LEAs shall provide the broadband service provider with information on eligible pupil households.	Watch	Kathleen Fay	June 2021
SB 28	Caballero D	Rural Broadband and Digital Infrastructure Video Competition Reform Act of 2021.	This bill would expand the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to regulate cable video franchises, require the CPUC to consult with local governments regarding franchise violations, require the CPUC to evaluate a franchisee's service obligations, and require the California Department of Technology (CDT) to compile an inventory of state-owned resources that may be available for use in the deployment of broadband.	Support	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
SB 354	Skinner D	Foster youth: relative placement.	Children do better when they are living with family members or relatives rather than in institutional or non-familial foster care settings. Children in California's foster care system are disproportionately from Black and brown families. America's history of mass incarceration has led to children of system-impacted families facing many barriers to being reunited with their parents or relatives. SB 354 seeks to remove barriers to relative placement in the Resource Family Approval process by creating more opportunities for children to be housed with relative caregivers regardless of a prior criminal conviction, provided that the conviction is not believed to endanger the child. It also repeals a provision that allows a parent to be denied custody of a child based solely on the parent's prior conviction.	Support	Kathleen Fay	June 2021
SB 523	Leyva D	Health care coverage: contraceptives.	The Contraceptive Equity Act of 2021 and seeks to expand and modernize birth control access in California, and ensure greater contraceptive equity statewide, regardless of an individual's gender or insurance coverage status. The COVID-19 public health emergency illuminated structural inequities that disproportionately affect youth, low-income people and communities of color in accessing birth control services. This bill will modernize and expand our contraceptive equity laws to reduce barriers to contraceptive care, improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes, and create greater health equity. Birth control is essential health care; this bill should enable all Californians to equally access the method that is right for them, regardless of their income, insurance status or where they work.	Support	Kathleen Fay	June 2021
SB 540	Limón D	Pupil instruction:	This bill would require the State Department of Education to administer a grant	Support	Donna	June 2021

		improving pupil success: grant program.	program to provide additional targeted assistance to 10 low-performing school districts with identified opportunity gaps among their pupils, including, but not limited to, opportunity gaps for pupils of color and pupils from low-income backgrounds, to help those school districts close their opportunity gaps		Artukovic	
SB 593	Glazer D	School accountability: independent study, educational enrichment activities, oversight, and audit requirements.	This bill requires the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) to offer auditors of non-classroom based (NCB) charter schools training on the review of charter school financial documents, and prohibits any individual from auditing a NCB charter school before receiving the training.	Watch	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
SB 693	Stern D	Pupil instruction: genocide education: the Holocaust.	Would establish the Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education to, among other things, establish best practices for, and promote implementation of, education on genocide, including the Holocaust, and submit an annual report to the Legislature, as specified. The bill would strongly encourage school districts and charter schools with pupils in grades 4 to 12, inclusive, to integrate the best practices into instruction on genocide, including the Holocaust, that meets existing academic content standards and the history-social science curriculum framework for these pupils. The bill would require the department to conduct a study on the manner in which the instruction is offered to assess the impact of the instruction.	Support	Carol Kocivar	June 2021
SB 735	Rubio D	Vehicles: speed safety cameras.	Would authorize a local authority to use a traffic speed safety system, as defined, to enforce speed limits in a school zone. The bill would prescribe requirements for the operation of a traffic speed safety system, including, among other things, notice to the public, issuance of citations, and confidentiality of data. The bill would create an administrative proceeding for persons to pay or contest a citation captured by a traffic speed safety system and a procedure to appeal an adverse decision. The bill would impose a civil penalty for a violation. The bill would require the use of the online adjudicatory tool to determine a person's ability to pay that penalty and require that fees be collected pursuant to the process created in the pilot program described above.	Watch	Kathy Rabun	June 2021
S966	Markey	Climate Change Education Act	To require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a Climate Change Education Program, and for other purposes.	Support	Derby Pattengill	June 2021
HR 794, S938	Blumenauer, Sanders	Climate Emergency Act of 2021	A bill to require the President to declare a national climate emergency under the National Emergencies Act, and for other purposes.	Support	Derby Pattengill	June 2021

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