

Bullying Prevention Policy:

AB 256 (Garcia) – Pupils: Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=ab_256&sess=CUR&house=B&author=garcia

AB 256 will authorize a pupil enrolled in any of grades 4 to 12 to be suspended or expelled if the superintendent or principal of the pupil's school determines that the pupil has intentionally engaged in bullying by means of an electronic act directed against school district personnel or pupils, that is equally as severe or pervasive, whether or not the act relates to a school activity or school attendance.

AB 549 (Jones-Sawyer) – Comprehensive School Safety Plans: Adult Role on Campus Guidelines

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=ab_549&sess=CUR&house=B&author=jones-sawyer

AB 549 will require strategies and programs to include the development of clear guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of adults on the school campus. The bill would require a school and school district that elects to apply for and receive state or federal funding for the purposes of increasing campus safety to comply with certain requirements, including submitting a plan to the State Department of Education on the proposed use of the funds.

AB 1216 (Campos) – Pupil Discipline: Bullying

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=ab_1216&sess=CUR&house=B&author=campos

AB 1216 will provide that a pupil who engages in one or more acts of bullying is, at the option of his or her parent or legal guardian, subject either to suspension or expulsion or the alternatives specified in existing law or to attendance at a class designed to prevent and eradicate bullying, conducted by the school district in which the pupil is enrolled.

AB 1264 (Conway) – Comprehensive School Safety Plans: Tactical Response Plans

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=ab_1264&sess=CUR&house=B&author=conway

AB 1264 will require a comprehensive school safety plan to include a tactical response plan and protocol for teachers to provide notification of pupils identified as having a potential mental health issue that is likely to result in violence or harm to the pupil or others. The bill would revise the definition of “tactical responses to criminal incidents” to include a plan to safeguard against incidents that include a firearm, explosive, or other deadly weapon. The bill would require a school district or county office of education to publicly announce its adoption or update of a tactical response plan, but would not require the school to disclose those portions of the plan that may be kept private pursuant to existing law.

SB 49 (Lieu) – School Safety Plans

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=sb_49&sess=CUR&house=B&author=lieu

SB 49 will require specified administrators of school districts and county offices of education to provide written notification to the Superintendent of Public Instruction identifying each school within the school district or county that has not complied with the requirement to adopt, and periodically review and update, a comprehensive school safety plan. The bill would require the Superintendent to publish, on the Internet Web site of the State Department of Education, the name of each school reported as not complying with the requirements to adopt, and periodically review and update, a comprehensive school safety plan. By requiring school and local educational agency officers to perform additional duties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SB 231 (Correa) – Bullying and Peer Abuse Prevention Hotline

http://www.legislature.ca.gov/cgi-bin/port-postquery?bill_number=sb_231&sess=CUR&house=B&author=correa

SB 231 will state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a bullying and peer abuse prevention hotline. The hotline would be administered by the State Department of Education and would require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Student Mental Health Initiative of the State Department of Health Care Services and other entities deemed appropriate, to contract with an entity that has experience in hotline telephone services, behavioral health services, crisis prevention and intervention services, suicide prevention and intervention services, and with providing services in a linguistically and culturally competent manner. The bill would require the State Department of Education to recommend to school districts appropriate guidelines, best practices, and information that school districts may disseminate to pupils and their families about the existence, goals, and objectives of the California Bullying Prevention Hotline.