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## Current CA Legislation that Supports Education Resources and Reform

- TAKE ACTION!** Contact your state legislator TODAY and let him or her know your views on these bills. To find your legislator online, visit <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html> and type in your zip code.

### INCREASED FUNDING/EQUAL EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

**ASSEMBLY BILL 6 (CHAN)** – Reinstates a slightly higher tax rate on the wealthiest 2% of Californians, increasing state revenues by more than \$2 billion annually.

**AB 9 (COTO)** – Requires increased per-pupil spending to at least \$10,200 by 2010-2011, to be used first to reduce teacher-pupil ratios in public elementary and high schools.

**SB 1X (PERATA)** – replaces Average Daily Attendance (ADA) with Average Monthly Enrollment as the primary driver of school funding, which would increase funding for schools.

**SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 8 (SIMITIAN)** – Allows local school districts to approve a local parcel tax with a 55% majority rather than the 2/3 majority currently required.

**SENATE BILL 958 (SIMITIAN)** – Gives districts more time to adjust to declining enrollment in a way that does not unnecessarily compromise services to students.

**SB 517 (ROMERO)** – Prohibits districts from withholding diplomas from high school seniors who fail to pass the CA High School Exit Exam until all students have the minimum conditions necessary for successfully passing the Exit Exam.

### LANGUAGE ACCESS

**ASSEMBLY BILL 680 (CHAN)** – Requires the CA Department of Education to make sure all schools are following the law requiring notices sent to parents and guardians are translated if more than 15% of students speak that language at home.

### COMMUNITY CONTROL OF CURRICULUM MATERIALS

**SB 657 (ESCUZIA)** – Gives school districts greater flexibility in choosing instructional materials for use in K-8 schools.

### OPEN BUDGET PROCESS

**SB 1053 (SCOTT)** – Allows 10 school districts to pilot test of proposals to put greater budget discretion and control in the hands of local school communities and principals.

**SENATE BILL 687 (SIMITIAN)** – Requires school districts to provide information about expenditures per school site, including average teacher salaries.

### RESOURCES:

- To monitor Assembly Bills, visit: <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/defaulttext.asp>
- To monitor Senate Bills, visit <http://www.sen.ca.gov/~newsen/senate.htm>
- Go to the legislation page and type in the bill and/or legislator and you can find bills.