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The first year of the legislation session ended when the California State Legislature adjourned in the early hours of September 12, 2007. Immediately prior to that adjournment, both houses of the legislature announced a special session focusing on water and health issues, to begin upon adjournment of the regular session.

The Governor acted on all bills by October 14, 2007. In addition to the special session issues, the Legislature may conduct hearings during the interim before it reconvenes January 7, 2008. However, no action on regular session bills can be taken.

CFT analyzed and took position on 163 bills. When the session ended September 11, a total of 52 bills tracked by the CFT reached the Governor. We supported 30 and opposed 3. Additionally, CFT had a Watch position on 19 bills. The Watch usually means that we opposed a given bill, worked with the author and the legislators to remove our objections and then determined that, while we could not enthusiastically support the bill, its passage into law would do no harm to our members.

## Status of Bills

	Support/ Sponsored	Oppose	Watch	Total
Signed	16	2	15	33
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>48.5%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>100%</i>
Vetoed	14	1	4	19
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>100%</i>
Two-year bills	56	32	25	113
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>100%</i>

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## CFT Sponsored Bills: Status September 21, 2007

Bill Number	Author	Summary	Introduced	1 <sup>st</sup> Policy Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	2 <sup>nd</sup> Policy Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	Comment
AB 68	Dymally	Establishes the Pupil Services Block Grant for the purpose of hiring or expanding services provided by, among others personnel, counselors, nurses, and social workers. The bill also allows funds to be used to reduce class sizes in special education classes.	X							Two-Year Bill
AB 743	Solorio	Mandates a minimum ratio of one full-time, qualified classified security employee for every 500 students in each California middle school and comprehensive high school.	X							Two-Year Bill
AB 1325	Mullin	Calls for delivery of a well-rounded K-12 education, including a full measure of social studies and the arts, both essential to the development of well-rounded human beings and citizens.	X	X						Held in Assembly Appropriations  Two-Year Bill
AB 1343	Mendoza	Requires that at least 75 percent of faculty members on each campus of every public institution of higher education will be tenured or tenure track. Also calls for all part-time and adjunct faculty to receive pay and benefits that are equal, on a pro rata basis, to those of tenured and tenure-track faculty with comparable qualifications doing comparable work.	X	X						Held in Assembly Appropriations  Two-Year Bill
AB 1379	Brownley	Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to identify additional criteria and measures by which high school students unable to pass the High School Exit Exam may receive a high school diploma.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Vetoed
AB 1463	Eng	Changes collective bargaining authority for educational employees employed by a Joint Powers Authority from the Meyer-Miller-Brown Act (MMBA) to the Educational Employees Relations Act (EERA) to protect employees who were shifted to MMBA in the early 1990s.	X	X	X					Held in Senate Appropriations  Two –Year Bill
AB 1649	Levine & Soto	Urges the University of California to immediately begin making Social Security or similar contributions for employees with appointments of less than 50 percent of full-time. These employees now must contribute 7.5 percent of their own paychecks as the only contribution to fund a defined contribution pension plan.	X	X						Held in Assembly Appropriations  Two-Year Bill

AJR 5	Hernandez	Requests the President and the Congress to enact the Social Security Fairness Act, which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act.	X	X	N/A	X	X	N/A	X	Res. Chapter 116, Statutes of 2007
SB 453	Negrete McLeod	Requires the personnel commission, in school and community college districts operating under the merit system for classified employees, to make an annual performance evaluation of the personnel director, and authorizes inclusion of classified employees in that process.	X	X						Held in Assembly Appropriations  Two-Year Bill

X = has passed

N/A = not applicable

## Bills Signed by the Governor

### AB 139 – Chapter 158, Statutes of 2007

Author:	Bass, Karen (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Authorizes a licensed advanced practice registered nurse qualified to perform a medical exam or a licensed physician assistant to provide a medical exam to school bus drivers who are applying for or renewing a certificate to drive. (Current law permits school bus drivers to undergo exams only by a licensed physician for this purpose.)

### AB 194 – Chapter 489, Statutes of 2007

Author:	Committee on Budget, (A)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Makes necessary and agreed to changes and modifications to the budget bills (SB 77 and SB 78) to reinstate various funds line-item vetoed by the governor. Includes \$5 million in funding to the state pre-school budget item (with clarifying language), and \$33.1 million in the community college budget for Basic Skills courses (modifies funding allocation by taking into account the number of full-time equivalent students generated in basic skills by students transitioning from high schools). Adds budget bill language requiring a report to the Legislature on annual accountability measures.

### AB 216 – Chapter 382, Statutes of 2007

Author:	Bass, Karen (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires that nonpublic, nonsectarian institutions serving special needs students use instructional materials that are adopted by the State Board of Education.

### AB 221 – Chapter 671, Statutes of 2007

Author:	Anderson, Joel (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Prohibits STRS and PERS from investing public employee retirement funds in a company with business operations in Iran. Also, the bill requires the Systems to sell or transfer any such investments, until sanctions have been revoked against Iran.

### AB 262 – Chapter 679, Statutes of 2007

Author:	Coto, Joe (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Regulates credit card marketing in all three segments of California's public university system.

### AB 338 – Chapter 595, Statutes of 2007

Author:	Coto, Joe (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Increases the aggregate limit of temporary disability benefits from 104 weeks to 156 weeks for an injury occurring on or after January 1, 2008.

### AB 469 – Chapter 133, Statutes of 2007

Author:	Horton, Shirley (R)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Changes the technical requirements for a teaching credential and requires application processing within 50 days.

<b>AB 554 – Chapter 318, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Hernandez, Ed (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Allows all public employers in California to contract with PERS to invest monies that are set aside by these employers to prefund the future cost of their retiree health benefits and other post-employment benefits.
<b>AB 757 – Chapter 323, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, (A)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Makes a number of technical changes to the laws governing STRS.
<b>AB 766 – Chapter 23, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Walters, Mimi (R)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Provides immunity for charter schools when accidents occur during a field trip.
<b>AB 1194 - Chapter 21, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Karnette, Betty (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Specifies that employees have the right to represent themselves in employment relations with the public school employer until an exclusive representative is chosen.
<b>AB 1316 - Chapter 332, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Bass, Karen (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Allows members of the STRS Defined Benefit Program who apply for disability to receive a service retirement allowance during the determination of eligibility period.
<b>AB 1317 - Chapter 333, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Mullin, Gene (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Expands the list of positions under which PERS and STRS boards have authority to set compensation and terms and conditions of employment to include the general counsel.
<b>AB 1432 - Chapter 513, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Soto, Nell (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Conforms the laws governing STRS to federal law.
<b>AB 1548 - Chapter 574, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Solorio, Jose (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Addresses the increasing cost of college textbooks by requiring transparency in college textbook prices by prohibiting a public postsecondary education institution from buying, selling or allowing the sale on its campus of a textbook unless and until the publisher of that textbook posts information about edition changes, bundling of additional materials, any inducements to faculty to use a particular text, and other information specified in the bill.

<b>AB 1559 - Chapter 712, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Berryhill, Tom (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires community college districts to adopt and implement merit-based admissions policies for associate degree nursing (ADN) programs if there are more applicants seeking enrollment than can reasonably be accommodated.
<b>SB 52 – Chapter 520, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to develop an authorized subject list for the career technical credential.
<b>SB 77 - Chapter 171, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Ducheny, Denise (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Budget Bill: Reflects the budget adopted by the Budget Conference Committee on June 29, 2007
<b>SB 78 - Chapter 172, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Ducheny, Denise (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Budget Bill: Contains major amendments to the Budget Bill, SB 77, reflecting outcomes of July 2007 budget negotiations.
<b>SB 80 - Chapter 174, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, (S)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Budget Bill: SB 80 is the Education Budget Trailer Bill.
<b>SB 86 - Chapter 179, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, (S)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Budget Bill: This budget trailer bill contains some policy direction on education mandates.
<b>SB 112 - Chapter 191, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Makes it easier for school districts to hire retired teachers as mentors by exempting them from re-taking the basic skills test if they have previously passed it, or substituting a passing score on other standardized exams equivalent to the basic skills test, have a credential issued prior to 1983, and exempting them from the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment program if they have 5 years of experience.
<b>SB 166 - Chapter 461, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Negrete McLeod, Gloria (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires the Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Homeland Security, to develop emergency preparedness standards and guidelines to assist community college districts and campuses in the event of a natural disaster, hazardous condition, or terrorist activity on or around campuses.

<b>SB 190 - Chapter 523, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Yee, Leland (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires discussion of and action by the Regents of the University of California about executive compensation to occur in open, public meetings.
<b>SB 193 - Chapter 554, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires, among other things, that paraprofessionals participating in the California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program receive a certificate of clearance from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing prior to participating in the program.
<b>SB 196 - Chapter 73, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Machado, Mike (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Allows districts to issue district intern credentials to employees providing instruction to students with mild and moderate disabilities. Current law sunsetted this provision in 2008.
<b>SB 219 - Chapter 731, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Steinberg, Darrell (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires revision of the Academic Performance Index to include drop out data and the scores of students referred to an alternative education program. Also establishes an advisory committee to consider multiple measures of school success.
<b>SB 280 - Chapter 345, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires out-of-state teachers who obtain a teaching certificate in California to meet the basic skills proficiency requirement within one year from the date of issuance of the certificate.
<b>SB 283 - Chapter 35, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Maldonado, Abel (R)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Clarifies the organization responsible for providing the Governor a list of names of potential student members to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, replacing the reference to California Student Association of Community Colleges with the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.
<b>SB 405 - Chapter 732, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Steinberg, Darrell (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Adds additional criteria to the Middle and High School Supplemental Counseling Program regarding academic goals and curriculum.
<b>SB 614 - Chapter 471, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Simitian, Joe (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Extends the use of the design-build process to all community college districts. Additionally, authorizes school districts and community colleges to use design-build for projects exceeding \$2.5 million, rather than the current \$10 million floor.

<b>SB 854 - Chapter 481, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Ridley-Thomas, Mark (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires California public postsecondary institutions to make voter registration available to students via the Internet or distribute voter registration forms to students at the beginning of each academic term.
<b>SB 901 - Chapter 901, Statutes of 2007</b>	
Author:	Padilla, Alex (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Extends to June 30, 2009, the sunset date of various STRS laws allowing certain teachers to concomitantly work full-time after retirement and receive their full STRS benefit.

**Resolutions**  
(No Governor's signature required.)

<b>AJR 5</b>	
Author:	Hernandez, Ed (D)
Position:	Co-Sponsor
Summary:	Requests the President and the Congress to enact the Social Security Fairness Act, which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act.
<b>SCR 52</b>	
Author:	Yee, Leland (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Urges the Regents of the University of California to provide joint governance for the University of California Retirement Plan by including an equal number of trustees representing the University and the faculty and staff plan participants.

## Bills Vetoed by the Governor

<b>AB 8</b>	
Author:	Nunez, Fabian (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Establishes the California Cooperative Health Insurance Purchasing Program to enable workers and others to have health insurance.
<b>AB 43</b>	
Author:	Leno, Mark (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Provides that marriage is a personal relationship arising out of a civil contract between two persons.
<b>AB 72</b>	
Author:	Dymally, Mervyn (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires Grade 7-12 social science instruction to include instruction on the role of Filipinos in World War II.
<b>AB 144</b>	
Author:	Coto, Joe (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Authorizes the Franklin-McKinley School District to offer the mathematics portion of the exit exam to 8th grade students once yearly at the same time it is offered to 10th graders. If a student passes the exam in 8th grade, the student will be deemed to have passed the exam for purposes of graduation from high school.
<b>AB 183</b>	
Author:	Coto, Joe (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires school districts with at least one high school to report specified voter registration efforts.
<b>AB 400</b>	
Author:	Nunez, Fabian (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires graduation rates, completion of college preparatory courses and completion of career technical courses to be incorporated into the Academic Performance Index.
<b>AB 537</b>	
Author:	Swanson, Sandre (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Expands family definitions in the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) allowing workers to take job-protected leave to care for family members outside the immediate family, for example, adult children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, and parents- in-law.
<b>AB 666</b>	
Author:	Karnette, Betty (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Extends the incentive grant program for home economics and career technical programs.

<b>AB 1043</b>	
Author:	Swanson, Sandre (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Would prevent employers headquartered outside California from evading the state's worker protection laws, and assure adequate access to an in-state forum for all workers to bring a labor or employment dispute. Currently, some employers may be exempt from California laws governing employment relationships by requiring employees to sign, as a condition of employment, a contract stating disputes arising from California employees will be decided in another state.
<b>AB 1164</b>	
Author:	De Leon, Kevin (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Authorizes collective bargaining for family child care providers.
<b>AB 1281</b>	
Author:	Soto, Nell (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Among other provisions, requires charter petitions to show that they have the capacity to educate students with special needs.
<b>AB 1379</b>	
Author:	Brownley, Julia (D)
Position:	Co-Sponsor
Summary:	Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to identify additional criteria and measures by which high school students unable to pass the High School Exit Exam may receive a high school diploma.
<b>SB 123</b>	
Author:	Romero, Gloria (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Allows students with disabilities to receive a high school diploma by either passing the exit exam with approved modifications or accommodations or completing a standardized evidence-based assessment.
<b>SB 284</b>	
Author:	Lowenthal, Alan (D)
Position:	Neutral
Summary:	Prohibits a person from representing him/herself as a certified athletic trainer unless he/she is registered as one by a specified athletic training organization.
<b>SB 727</b>	
Author:	Kuehl, Sheila (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Expands the scope of the family temporary disability program to include grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, and siblings within the definition of "family member," and makes conforming and clarifying changes in provisions relating to family temporary disability compensation.

<b>SB 832</b>	
Author:	Corbett, Ellen (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Addresses the increasing cost of college texts by requiring transparency in college textbook prices by prohibiting a public postsecondary education institution from buying, selling or allowing the sale on its campus of a textbook unless and until the publisher of that textbook posts information about edition changes, bundling of additional materials, any inducements to faculty to use a particular text, and other information specified in the bill.
<b>SB 836</b>	
Author:	Kuehl, Sheila (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Includes "familial status" as an additional basis, under the Fair Employment and Housing Act, upon which the right to seek, obtain, and hold employment cannot be denied.
<b>SB 936</b>	
Author:	Perata, Don (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Restores some permanent disability benefits lost by injured workers due to the recent changes in worker's compensation statutes and regulations.
<b>SB 942</b>	
Author:	Migden, Carole (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Removes impediments to eligibility for supplemental job displacement (retraining) benefits, and changes the return-to-work process to ensure that injured workers who are physically able to go back to work are not wrongfully kept off the job.

## Two-Year Bills

<b>AB 16</b>	
Author:	Hernandez, Ed (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Amendments have deleted the original language. The new language deals generally with immunization procedures and regulations.
<b>AB 36</b>	
Author:	Niello, Roger (R)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Imposes criminal penalties on, among others, STRS and PERS members and persons who assist them who make false material statements or representations in order to obtain pension benefits. Also, the bill makes it a crime for a person to accept a pension payment with the knowledge that he/she is not entitled to the benefits.
<b>AB 50</b>	
Author:	Soto, Nell (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Revises the Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Program to expand the school site staff to among other personnel, classified staff, eligible to participate in the home visits and community meetings.
<b>AB 68</b>	
Author:	Dymally, Mervyn (D)
Position:	Co-Sponsor
Summary:	Establishes the Pupil Services Block Grant for the purpose of hiring or expanding services provided by, among other personnel, counselors, nurses, and social workers. The bill also allows funds to be used to reduce class sizes in special education classes.
<b>AB 73</b>	
Author:	Dymally, Mervyn (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Changes the methods used for calculating school attendance and apportionments to school districts from average daily attendance to monthly active enrollment.
<b>AB 90</b>	
Author:	Lieu, Ted (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Prohibits food containing transfat from being made available to students during school hours and the use of artificial transfat in food preparation.
<b>AB 100</b>	
Author:	Mullin, Gene (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	November 2008 school bond of \$9.1 billion.
<b>AB 127</b>	
Author:	Beall, Jim (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop a method for distributing resources to schools based on the specific needs of the students and would allow funding to follow the student who moves within a school district.

<b>AB 131</b>	
Author:	Beall, Jim (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Extends the availability of the Supplemental School Counseling Program to county offices of education. (Currently the program is available to middle and high schools.)
<b>AB 137</b>	
Author:	DeVore, Chuck (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Provides that a K-12 school employee or classified community college employee who is a knowing member or financial supporter of an extremist terror network may be dismissed from his/her employment. Also, the bill prohibits a teacher from teaching untruths about extremist terror networks.
<b>AB 146</b>	
Author:	Smyth, Cameron (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Breaks up the Los Angeles Unified School District into districts of no more than 50,000 students.
<b>AB 173</b>	
Author:	Dymally, Mervyn (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Removes dropout prevention and recovery from the Pupil Retention Block Grant and establishes separate programmatic requirements.
<b>AB 175</b>	
Author:	Price, Curren (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Delineates a formula for providing an annual increase in the amount of a Cal-Grant.
<b>AB 178</b>	
Author:	Coto, Joe (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Establishes a program of grants of \$100 per pupil to high schools that agree to enroll all pupils in college preparatory coursework, including career tech. The state grant amount is \$1 million.
<b>AB 179</b>	
Author:	De Leon, Kevin (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires the Superintendent to calculate a minimum revenue limit for a school district using the average of revenue limits statewide and to increase that limit for a district using a weighted-student formula based on the number of students in the district who are economically disadvantaged, classified as English language learners, are individuals with exceptional needs, or any combination.
<b>AB 245</b>	
Author:	DeVore, Chuck (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Allows individuals in California to contribute pre-tax dollars to Health Savings Accounts established in conformity to federal law.

<b>AB 284</b>	
Author:	Smyth, Cameron (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Adds criteria to the review of career technical courses which could result in some high school courses being discontinued if they do not meet the criteria. (Currently the criteria and process of termination apply to regional occupation centers.)
<b>AB 286</b>	
Author:	Cook, Paul (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Eliminates the waiver of nonresident tuition for students without legal immigration status (the AB 540 benefit).
<b>AB 313</b>	
Author:	Benoit, John (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires the State Department of Social Services to establish a licensed child day care facility rating system based upon the facilities history with respect to quality of care and child safety.
<b>AB 333</b>	
Author:	Hancock, Loni (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract with a county office of education to convene an advisory committee to assist in developing an online database selection and purchasing process.
<b>AB 366</b>	
Author:	Wolk, Lois (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Allows districts in declining enrollment to receive an additional amount in the third year of decline.
<b>AB 415</b>	
Author:	Karnette, Betty (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Authorizes adult education programs to allow high school students to attend adult education classes for purposes of passing the California High School Exit Exam and specifies that such students to not count against the adult education cap.
<b>AB 477</b>	
Author:	Levine, Lloyd (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Defines the term "dropout."
<b>AB 507</b>	
Author:	De La Torre, Hector (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage to be available on the Internet.
<b>AB 519</b>	
Author:	Portantino, Anthony (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires a plan to include data on dropouts in the Academic Performance Index.

<b>AB 545</b>	
Author:	Walters, Mimi (R)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Allows PERS investigators increased access to information maintained by the Employment Development Department or by workers' compensation insurers with respect to an investigation of benefit eligibility or unlawful application for, or receipt of, PERS disability retirement benefits.
<b>AB 562</b>	
Author:	Walters, Mimi (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Authorizes insurance providers to offer a plan for covering catastrophic loss with a high deductible.
<b>AB 571</b>	
Author:	Jones, Dave (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires universal access to pre- school by 2011, and teaching competencies and professional development for preschool teachers.
<b>AB 584</b>	
Author:	Swanson, Sandre (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Authorizes a school district to establish an alternative education program for dropouts at an existing facility or contract with a non- profit organization to provide the center.
<b>AB 589</b>	
Author:	Levine, Lloyd (D)
Position:	Oppose Unless Amended
Summary:	Establishes a Statewide Task Force on teen dating and sexual violence and requires districts to hire personnel, train teachers, and collect data on the subject.
<b>AB 591</b>	
Author:	Dymally, Mervyn (D)
Position:	No Position
Summary:	Redefines and classifies "part-time" faculty as "non-tenure track faculty," deleting the Sixty Percent Law, which limits the teaching load of part-time faculty in a single district to 60 percent of a full teaching load. The bill further requires districts to reduce the pay differential between full- and part-time faculty by 50 percent each year until salaries and benefits in the new non-tenure track category are equal, a pro-rata basis, to full time salaries. Requires that one-half of all full-time hires be chosen from an undefined pool of part-time faculty, and requires that part- timers teaching at least 40 percent be offered the same health benefits as full-time faculty.
<b>AB 599</b>	
Author:	Mullin, Gene (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Changes the school funding formula to allocate funds by grade span with a weighting formula for each span.
<b>AB 618</b>	
Author:	Karnette, Betty (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to withhold an amount equal to half the annual salary of the district or county superintendent from the next state funding apportionment if the district or county office does not pay their employees on time.

<b>AB 683</b>	
Author:	Runner, Sharon (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Raises the age of admission to kindergarten from December to September, over a four year period. Makes this change contingent upon Proposition 98 receiving a fixed percentage of state revenue and increases the per student allotment to compensate for the loss of revenue.
<b>AB 708</b>	
Author:	Huff, Robert (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires the Department of Public Health to develop and implement a program of abstinence education.
<b>AB 743</b>	
Author:	Solorio, Jose (D)
Position:	Sponsor
Summary:	Mandates a minimum ratio of one full- time, qualified classified security employee for every 500 students in each California middle school and comprehensive high school.
<b>AB 750</b>	
Author:	Carter, Wilmer (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Makes the teacher performance assessment contingent on a budget appropriation.
<b>AB 789</b>	
Author:	Mullin, Gene (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Increases contributions to the purchasing power fund commencing in fiscal year 2010-2011 through 2014-2015 to offset reduced contributions in 2003-2004. (Substantive amendments are expected.)
<b>AB 810</b>	
Author:	Lieu, Ted (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Authorizes suspension of a school site administrator's credential for one year if the administrator does not comply with statutory provisions governing school safety plans.
<b>AB 835</b>	
Author:	Krekorian, Paul (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Allows declining enrollment districts to use averaging over several years as a method of softening the effects of declining enrollment.
<b>AB 883</b>	
Author:	Dymally, Mervyn (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Authorizes a pilot program to extend the Assumption Program for Loans in Education to middle school teachers and interns who teach in high priority neighborhoods.

<b>AB 906</b>	
Author:	Eng, Mike (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires the community college Chancellor to conduct random audits of five community colleges each year to encourage compliance with the 50 percent law, a provision that requires each community college district to expend 50 percent of the district's current expense of education on the salaries of classroom instructors.
<b>AB 939</b>	
Author:	Soto, Nell (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Authorizes tutoring for students who have not passed the high school exit exam.
<b>AB 1027</b>	
Author:	Caballero, Anna Marie (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Authorizes a school district to use up to 25 percent of the funds for the Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program for instruction and training that has not been adopted or approved by the State Board.
<b>AB 1038</b>	
Author:	Feuer, Mike (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Prohibits student fees from rising by more than 7 percent from one fiscal year to the next at the University of California and at the California State University. Expresses legislative intent that, beginning in the 2008-09 fiscal year, student fees would reflect an unspecified percentage of the prior fiscal year's final average state expenditure, per student, in those institutions as student fees for the 2007-08 fiscal year represent in comparison with the state's 2005-06 fiscal year final average state expenditure per student.
<b>AB 1052</b>	
Author:	Torricono, Alberto (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Establishes a demonstration program providing career ladders for preschool teachers who teach limited-English-proficient children.
<b>AB 1059</b>	
Author:	De Leon, Kevin (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Authorizes a new loan program for preschool teachers who have a bachelor's degree and teach in a preschool in the attendance area of a lower decile school. Also, the bill adds child care center workers to the eligibility for grants for continuing education.
<b>AB 1072</b>	
Author:	Gaines, Ted (R)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Establishes the Health Care Exchange whereby employers who participate in a Section 125 cafeteria plan to purchase the benefits through the exchange.
<b>AB 1085</b>	
Author:	Richardson, Laura (D)
Position:	Support If Amended
Summary:	Requires a family member of a hearing impaired student to certify that they have completed a course in deaf communication unless no class is available or the cost is prohibitive.

<b>AB 1163</b>	
Author:	Krekorian, Paul (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Authorizes school districts to expend up to 15 percent of the adult education entitlement on distance learning programs.
<b>AB 1236</b>	
Author:	Mullin, Gene (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	1) Moves the age of Kindergarten entry to age 5 on September 1, 2008; 2) Makes Kindergarten attendance compulsory; 3) Establishes a voluntary Kindergarten Readiness program.
<b>AB 1305</b>	
Author:	Calderon, Charles (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires the governing board of each community college district, no later than December 31, 2010, to require that at least 75 percent of the hours of credit instruction in the district be taught by full-time instructors.
<b>AB 1325</b>	
Author:	Mullin, Gene (D)
Position:	Sponsor
Summary:	Calls for delivery of a well-rounded K- 12 education, including a full measure of social studies and the arts, both essential to the development of well- rounded human beings and citizens.
<b>AB 1333</b>	
Author:	Hancock, Loni (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Strongly urges the Regents of the University of California to complete and provide independent actuarial studies for public review at least 120 days before changing employer or employee contribution rates affecting the University of California Retirement System.
<b>AB 1343</b>	
Author:	Mendoza, Tony (D)
Position:	Sponsor
Summary:	Mandates that at least 75 percent of faculty members on each campus of every public institution of higher education will be tenured or tenure track. Also calls for all part- time and adjunct faculty to receive pay and benefits that are equal, on a pro rata basis, to those of tenured and tenure-track faculty with comparable qualifications doing comparable work.
<b>AB 1344</b>	
Author:	Mendoza, Tony (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires the Superintendent to annually roll over unspent funds from the state preschool program into the prekindergarten and family literacy program until all eligible children are served.
<b>AB 1353</b>	
Author:	Huff, Robert (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Reinstates state-required testing for Grade 2.

<b>AB 1403</b>	
Author:	Arambula, Juan (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Establishes a pilot program in the San Joaquin Valley to, among other things, allow the county to waive education code provisions and to oversee any accountability sanctions.
<b>AB 1409</b>	
Author:	Portantino, Anthony (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Authorizes school districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to give high school students the opportunity to enroll in advanced scholastic, career-technical, or vocational work, or other coursework at a campus of the California Community Colleges.
<b>AB 1415</b>	
Author:	Brownley, Julia (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Establishes an accountability report card for administrative services credential preparation programs.
<b>AB 1423</b>	
Author:	Davis, Mike (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires all community college district faculty salary schedules to be uniform in application and effect.
<b>AB 1454</b>	
Author:	Richardson, Laura (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Places content standard review in the hands of a content standards review panel.
<b>AB 1463</b>	
Author:	Eng, Mike (D)
Position:	Sponsor
Summary:	Changes collective bargaining authority for educational employees employed by a Joint Powers Agency from the Meyer-Miller-Brown Act (MMBA) to the Educational Employees Relations Act (EERA) to protect employees who were shifted to MMBA in the early 1990s.
<b>AB 1482</b>	
Author:	Leno, Mark (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Consolidates supplemental instruction funding into a single block grant.
<b>AB 1505</b>	
Author:	Parra, Nicole (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Changes rules pertaining to class action lawsuits, making it more difficult for workers to assert their rights when they are violated.
<b>AB 1537</b>	
Author:	Mullin, Gene (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Establishes a model civic education program.

<b>AB 1554</b>	
Author:	Jones, Dave (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires prior approval of increases in health insurance premiums by the Department of Insurance and the Department of Managed Health Care.
<b>AB 1567</b>	
Author:	Garrick, Martin (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires each school district that provides retired health and welfare benefits other than pensions to develop a long term plan that identifies the manner in which the district will fund those benefits for current and future retired employees and to include that plan in actions related to the development and review of the district's annual budget.
<b>AB 1591</b>	
Author:	Ma, Fiona (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Revises corporate taxes by allowing a corporate member of an apportioning group to elect an alternative formula to apportion income.
<b>AB 1594</b>	
Author:	Blakeslee, Sam (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Prioritizes hearings on unprofessional or immoral conduct before the Committee on Credentials.
<b>AB 1649</b>	
Author:	Levine, Lloyd (D)
Position:	Sponsor
Summary:	Urges the University of California to immediately begin making Social Security or similar contributions for employees with appointments of less than 50 percent of full-time. These employees now must contribute 7.5 percent of their own paychecks as the only contribution to fund a defined contribution pension plan.
<b>AB 1676</b>	
Author:	DeVore, Chuck (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires materials adopted by a district governing board to include the role of religious groups in American history.
<b>ACR 21</b>	
Author:	Portantino, Anthony (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Strongly urges the University of California to establish a student exchange program, or another form of academic partnership, between one or more campuses of the University of California and one or more of the institutions that are classified as Historically Black Colleges and Universities.
<b>SB 11</b>	
Author:	Migden, Carole (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Provides straight couples the option of registering as domestic partners.

<b>SB 29</b>	
Author:	Simitian, Joe (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Prohibits districts from issuing any device to a pupil that uses radio waves to transmit personal information, for the purposes of recording the attendance of a pupil at school, establishing or tracking the location of a pupil on school grounds, or both.
<b>SB 30</b>	
Author:	Simitian, Joe (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Sets requirements for identity documents that use radio waves to transmit information.
<b>SB 43</b>	
Author:	Torlakson, Tom (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue a clear credential to working professionals who pass relevant exams, complete a six to eight week pedagogy training sequence, and complete one year of classroom teaching. The bill also exempts those who receive the training from the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program.
<b>SB 48</b>	
Author:	Alquist, Elaine (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Establishes a system whereby underserved communities would have access to grocery stores selling fruits, vegetables and other high quality foods.
<b>SB 69</b>	
Author:	Runner, George (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Identical to AB 146.
<b>SB 92</b>	
Author:	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, (S)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Budget Bill: This budget trailer bill changes current law regarding statewide charter schools and appropriates \$18 million for the Charter School Facility Grant Program.
<b>SB 98</b>	
Author:	Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, (S)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Enacts the Tax Economic Stimulus Provisions of the 2007-08 Budget package. Grants a variety of tax exemptions and credits: a tax credit for motion pictures made in California, a tax exemption for jet fuel, an increase California's research and development tax credit, and an alteration calculation of payment of sales tax, allowing business taxpayers to elect the most advantageous method to file.
<b>SB 109</b>	
Author:	Runner, George (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Allows school boards to decide whether to award back pay to an employee who pleads guilty to a controlled substance offense in order to attend a drug treatment program.

<b>SB 146</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Authorizes a change from average daily attendance to average monthly enrollment to calculate revenue limits for school districts.
<b>SB 155</b>	
Author:	Maldonado, Abel (R)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Establishes a state-wide on-line instruction program with the restriction that the ratio of on-line students to teachers be no greater than the average ratio of students to teachers at the school site where the instructor is located.
<b>SB 156</b>	
Author:	Simitian, Joe (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Contains authorization for \$4 billion general obligation bonds for library construction and renovation for submission to voters at the statewide general election (November, 2008).
<b>SB 160</b>	
Author:	Cedillo, Gil (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Allows all California high school graduates to apply and compete for financial aid at California public colleges and universities without the use of the Federal Application for Student Aid.
<b>SB 199</b>	
Author:	Harman, Tom (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Authorizes a 15 percent tax credit against income and corporate taxes for taxpayers or businesses that provide qualified health insurance for employees of the taxpayer or business.
<b>SB 227</b>	
Author:	Harman, Tom (R)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires a school district to offer elective courses in community service to allow students to earn academic credit for service they provide to nonprofit organizations.
<b>SB 268</b>	
Author:	McClintock, Tom (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Eliminates the waiver of nonresident tuition for students without legal immigration status (the AB 540 benefit).
<b>SB 288</b>	
Author:	Yee, Leland (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Establishes the Comprehensive Pupil Learning Support System as a pilot program to ensure that each student will be a productive and responsible learner and citizen.

<b>SB 305</b>	
Author:	Ducheny, Denise (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires a school district to provide a limited English proficient pupil who is literate in his or her primary language or receives instruction in his or her primary language or has been enrolled in a school in the United States for no more than the time allowed under NCLB a standards-based achievement test in his or her primary language as soon as the primary language test is available.
<b>SB 309</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene an advisory committee to develop sequences of career technical courses intended to meet the subject requirements for admission to the University of California.
<b>SB 325</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Enacts the California Postsecondary Education Accountability Act of 2007, expressing legislative intent that a postsecondary education accountability reporting structure contain several prescribed elements outlined in the bill.
<b>SB 347</b>	
Author:	Cogdill, Dave (R)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Grants matriculating students at California public higher education segments enrollment fee reimbursements when the student completes specified numbers of units.
<b>SB 369</b>	
Author:	Vincent, Edward (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires the STRS Board to conduct a study of school districts that do not provide health benefits for retired teachers and to file the study with the Legislature. (Substantive amendments are expected.)
<b>SB 413</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Removes current barriers and disincentives for California Community Colleges to offer coursework in state correctional facilities.
<b>SB 453</b>	
Author:	Negrete McLeod, Gloria (D)
Position:	Sponsor
Summary:	Requires the personnel commission, in school and community college districts operating under the merit system for classified employees, to make an annual performance evaluation of the personnel commission director, and authorizes inclusion of classified employees in that process.

<b>SB 461</b>	
Author:	Ashburn, Roy (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Prohibits STRS and PERS from investing public employee retirement funds in a company with business operations in a foreign terrorist state. Also, the bill requires the Systems to sell or transfer any such investments.
<b>SB 637</b>	
Author:	Wyland, Mark (R)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Adds a section on US history and government to the High School Exit Exam.
<b>SB 672</b>	
Author:	Torlakson, Tom (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires two additional courses in career technical education for high school graduation.
<b>SB 675</b>	
Author:	Torlakson, Tom (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires the State Department of Education to provide a comprehensive plan for integrating technical skills training into the core curriculum of schools and requires districts and county offices to develop and implement a curriculum integration plan based on the report and their own needs.
<b>SB 679</b>	
Author:	Romero, Gloria (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires community schools to offer a minimum school day equal to number of minutes at the largest school district in the county with up to two hours allowed at a regional occupation center. Also requires continuation schools to offer a minimum day equal to the number of minutes in the district's comprehensive high schools with up to two hours allowed at a regional occupation center. Also establishes requirements for the state's alternative accountability system.
<b>SB 681</b>	
Author:	Torlakson, Tom (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires school districts to add an additional period to the high school instructional day.
<b>SB 750</b>	
Author:	Florez, Dean (D)
Position:	Oppose
Summary:	Requires four years of physical education in order to graduate from high school.
<b>SB 755</b>	
Author:	Alquist, Elaine (D)
Position:	Support and Seek Amendments
Summary:	Increases from \$2,000 to \$5,000 the death benefit for retired state members of PERS. (The CFT is seeking amendments to include retired school members of PERS.)

<b>SB 827</b>	
Author:	Padilla, Alex (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Requires testing of English learners listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in grades 2-12 and listening, speaking and early literacy skills in Kindergarten and Grade 1.
<b>SB 840</b>	
Author:	Kuehl, Sheila (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires the State to establish a single payer system of health care.
<b>SB 853</b>	
Author:	Ridley-Thomas, Mark (D)
Position:	Sponsor
Summary:	As introduced, the bill provided the PERS Board the discretion to authorize the Los Angeles Community College District to participate in the pre-funding of health care coverage and other post-employment benefits for annuitants. <i>(As amended on June 25, 2007, the contents of the bill were deleted and replaced with language that no longer pertained to pre-funding of health care coverage.)</i>
<b>SB 890</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Establishes a voluntary Early College Commitment Program to require school districts to undertake a variety of activities aimed at increasing high school completion rates and motivating students to take rigorous college preparatory or career technical coursework.
<b>SB 961</b>	
Author:	Scott, Jack (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Establishes a program of coaching for administrators.
<b>SB 1003</b>	
Author:	Romero, Gloria (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	Requires the State Board to solicit recommendations from school districts regarding the adoption of instructional materials.
<b>SB 1014</b>	
Author:	Kuehl, Sheila (D)
Position:	Support
Summary:	The financing portion of SB 840.
<b>SCA 3</b>	
Author:	Ridley-Thomas, Mark (D)
Position:	Watch
Summary:	Would require the legislature to provide for an independent public postsecondary education system of local community college districts as part of the public school system.

# **CFT AND LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**

## **November 2007- February 2008**

### **2007**

December 7-8      EC/K-12 Council and Conference      Marriott, Manhattan Beach

### **2008**

January 1      Legislative bills signed in 2007 become law.

January 7      Legislature Reconvenes

January 12      Community College Council, Council of Classified Employees      Marriott, Manhattan Beach

January 10      State Budget Introduced

January 24      Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the June 3, 2008 statewide ballot.

January 24-25      Leadership Conference      Crown Plaza, San Francisco

February 5      California Presidential Primary Election

February 9      Executive Council      CFT Burbank Office

February 22      Last day for bills to be introduced

February 23      CFT Committees      Hilton Oakland Airport

# Glossary of Legislative Terms

CAUCUS	Each legislator belongs to either the Republican or Democratic Caucus in his/her house of the Legislature. In addition to party caucuses, legislators may belong to other caucuses, such as the Latino Caucus, the Women's Caucus, or a regional Caucus. Caucuses may sponsor bills or take positions (often on a package of bills) on a particular issue such as child care.
CHAPTER	A bill that becomes law is given a chapter number and may be located by that number in the appropriate Code (Penal, Election, Education, etc.). Each legislative year the Chapter numbering begins with the number 1 and continues in numerical order, so all Chapters are followed by the year that the law was enacted (i.e., Chapter 75, Statutes of 1995).
CHECKLIST	The process by which a budget subcommittee approves a budget item on a policy basis, but withholds action on funding the item until revenue figures are known, usually after the May Revision to the Budget.
COMMITTEE ACTIONS	Each committee - policy or fiscal - may take one or more of several actions; take no action, pass the original or amended form of the bill, kill it by vote, hold it in committee, refer it to another committee, or send it to interim study.
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE	If a bill is amended in the second house, it goes back to the first house for concurrence in the amendments. If the first house concurs, it is sent to the Governor. If the house disagrees, the bill will be sent to a conference committee, composed of three members from each house. If both houses adopt the conference committee's report, the bill will go to the Governor.
FISCAL COMMITTEE	Each bill that contains an appropriation, or has implications for the use of State funds, is sent to the fiscal committees: Assembly Appropriations Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee. Sub-committees of the Budget Committee make recommendations to the full committee on the State Budget. The Senate and the Assembly Budget Committees may also review individual bills.
FLOOR VOTE	Roll call after a bill has been read three times and debated on the floor of a house. An ordinary bill needs a majority vote to pass (21 in the Senate, 41 in the Assembly). A bill with an urgency clause, or one with fiscal implications, requires a two-thirds votes (27 in the Senate, 54 in the Assembly).
GOVERNOR'S DESK	The Governor has 12 days (30 days at the end of each year of a two-year legislative session) after receiving a bill, to sign it into law, allow it to become law without his signature, or veto it. In bills that include appropriations, the Governor may veto or reduce the expenditures while approving the other provisions. This act is called a line item veto.

INTERIM STUDY	Recommendation by a committee that the subject matter of a bill be the subject of special hearings in the interim between sessions of the Legislature. This action kills the bill for that year.
LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	Fiscal advisor to the Legislature on each item in the proposed State Budget and on all bills before the fiscal committees. This office also analyzes the fiscal impact of ballot propositions.
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL	Chief legal advisor to the Legislature. This office drafts bills, summarizes each bill, advises legislators on the constitutionality and legality of proposed legislation, and prepares digests and indexes of codes and statutes.
POLICY COMMITTEE	Standing committees of each house that take testimony and action on bills. Each bill is assigned to a policy committee appropriate to the subject matter.
RE-CONSIDERATION	Bills which fail in committee or on the floor may be considered an additional time if reconsideration is granted. If a bill fails reconsideration vote, it is normally considered to be dead.
VETO	The Governor's action to prevent the enactment of a bill.
VETO OVERRIDE	A two-thirds vote of each house is required to override the Governor's veto.

## Handy Facts

LEGISLATURE	The two houses (Assembly and Senate) that make laws for the State.
ASSEMBLY	Lower house composed of 80 members, who serve for two-year terms. Each member may serve a maximum of three terms.
SENATE	Upper house composed of 40 members, who serve four-year terms. Each member may serve a maximum of two terms.
BILLS	Bills authored by Assembly Members are designated AB (Assembly Bills). AB/SB Bills authored by Senators are designated SB (Senate Bills). Bills are numbered consecutively by the order in which they are introduced during a given two-year session.
ACA/SCA	Constitutional amendments which will be put on the ballot at the next election, if passed by the Legislature.
ACR/SCR	Concurrent resolutions are used to adopt joint rules of the Legislature, commend people, or express legislative intent.

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