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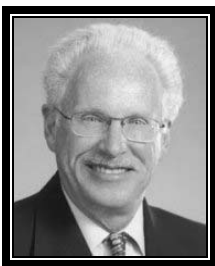
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2004 Legislative Program

Foster a motivated and accountable workforce of education professionals

Professional teaching More than 40,000 of California's 300,000 K-12 teachers do not have full state credentials. Expanded Peer Assistance and Review programs will ensure support for beginning teachers, help new teachers learn their craft and assist all teachers in becoming career teachers.

Professional development Institutionalized ongoing staff development helps teachers, paraprofessionals and other classified to learn with and from each other. Teachers need relevant data from the state-required tests and adequate time to digest the information so they can modify and adjust instruction. Instructional aides need professional development to meet requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act and to advance their careers.

No contracting out Non-teaching personnel are important for student success, and when institutions cut school staff to contract out, accountability decreases. Research has shown that many contracting out programs enjoy short-term savings at the expense of higher long-term costs. Additionally, contracting out disrupts school stability, demoralizes staff, and leaves districts vulnerable to being held financially hostage in later years.

The CFT is sponsoring:

AB 2559 (Diaz, D-San Jose) combines K-12 Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment and Peer Assistance and Review funding into a block grant.



Died in Senate Appropriations Committee

The union supports:

- Legislation to reduce reliance on emergency permit teachers.

- Reasonable state and national efforts to ensure that every child has a highly qualified teacher and paraprofessional.
- Efforts to reduce class size in special education classrooms.
- Efforts to promote career ladders for paraprofessionals and internships to develop credentialed teachers.
- Efforts to provide adequate credentialed nursing staff on school sites.
- Keeping education work in the hands of district employees.

Shape and fund schools to focus on student achievement

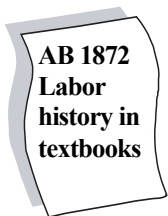
Smaller schools Research has shown that students perform best, and teachers are most effective, in smaller schools. Under-performing schools and students need the extra attention and resources that human-scale schools provide to raise their levels of achievement. Biases toward larger schools should be eliminated through incentives in bond measures and by other means.

Under-performing schools Across-the-board cuts hit those most in need hardest. Cuts should be tailored to protect those most in need of resources to boost student achievement. Before any sanctions are imposed under the auspices of the No Child Left Behind Act, the union will seek appropriate measures, such as legislative guidelines and regulations, which will mandate formal negotiations and agreement on bargainable issues.

Standards and testing Students and schools cannot legitimately be held accountable for the new standards until all teachers have the means to teach to the standards and that the assessments measure the standards. Alignment of curriculum, standards and testing must rank as California's top priority, especially with accountability stakes so high under recent changes.

Safe and secure schools Student achievement suffers when discipline breaks down. Students must face tough, specific consequences for bringing drugs or weapons to school, or assaulting or threatening another student or school employee. School security cannot be compromised despite the state's budget deficit.

Education for adults These programs, whether offered in K–12 districts or by community colleges, offer some adults a second chance, and recent immigrants a first chance, at practical education. Yet, in the aftermath of Proposition 13, legislators built a separate funding system based on then-existing inadequate levels. These programs need adequate funding so adults can meet their educational goals.

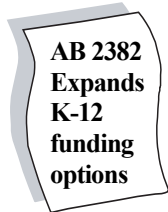


The CFT is sponsoring:

AB 1872 (Nakano, D-Torrance) requires the State Board of Education to include materials on California labor history in state-adopted texts for social science, history and civics.

Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee

AB 2382 (Mullin, D-South San Francisco) allows K–12 school districts with declining enrollments to use an average of the past two years of Average Daily Attendance (ADA) to calculate base revenue limit funding.



Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee

The union supports:

- Incentives to encourage the building of small schools and small learning communities.
- Efforts to direct more resources to help our most needy schools and students.
- Delaying implementation of the STAR testing program or successor testing programs until all other education programs have been fully funded. (AB 356, Hancock, D-Berkeley)
- Shaping assessment based on standards and aligned with the curriculum, supporting all efforts to reduce the high-stakes nature of the current K–12 testing system.
- Accommodations for special education students taking the high school exit exam.
- Funding adult education programs adequately.

Reform California budget process to emphasize structural reform

Tax reform Today's budget crisis, though similar to the shortfall in the early 1990s, is much more challenging because of California's failure to address structural reform. Recent California budgets have included roughly \$7.5 billion annually in tax cuts that the state can no longer afford to continue if it is to adequately fund public services. To maintain education funding, CFT supports several revenue enhancement bills.

The union supports:

- Reinstating the 10 percent and 11 percent personal income tax brackets for high-income taxpayers and increasing the alternate minimum tax rate to 8.5 percent for taxable years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2005, and before Jan. 1, 2010. The California Tax Reform association estimates passage of this bill would bring the state an additional \$2.5 billion annually. (AB 1815, Chan, D-Oakland)
- Reassessing nonresidential property when it changes hands and imposing significant penalties for failure to notify the Board of Equalization within 60 days of a transaction. The California Tax Reform Association estimates passage of this bill would bring in \$1 to \$3 billion annually. (SB 17, Escutia, D-Norwalk)
- Requiring all nonresidential property, that is not used for permanent or long-term commercial agricultural production, to be assessed at market value on an annual basis. (ACA 16, Hancock, D-Berkeley)
- Shifting school funding from a formula-driven model to one based on need.
- Maintaining current child care funding in the budget and resisting efforts to shift child care from the purview of the California Department of Education.

Promote employee rights and enhance job benefits

Workplace rights for all Restricting work freedoms has a chilling effect on the classroom and on job performance. All education workers have a right to due process in all aspects of their professional lives, and to basic health care benefits.

Pay equity for part-time faculty Community college instructors need additional state budget dollars to help equalize pay and benefits and to provide office hours for faculty who work part-time. Historical neglect that cannot be corrected in a single year means that these line items must be maintained through the difficult negotiations that lie ahead.

UC lecturers The University of California has consistently undervalued AFT-represented lecturers, who provide much of the undergraduate education at the University of California, failing to take seriously its responsibility to negotiate a fair contract. Now that the contract has been ratified, the union will monitor fair enforcement of that contract.

The union supports:

- Efforts to ensure that all Californians have access to quality health care.
- Efforts to promote fair, professional negotiations at the University of California.
- Maintaining designated funding for community college part-time salary equity, health benefits and office hours.

Stop growth of the contingent workforce in education

Part-time faculty Colleges and universities are increasing their reliance on part-time faculty at an alarming rate. No employer should be able to deny security of employment by using the simple device of classifying workers as “temporary” year after year.

Part-time classified At all levels of the public education system, classified employees should be compensated appropriately, and no district administration should be allowed to circumvent payment of health or retirement benefits by continuously employing people just below the threshold necessary for benefits.

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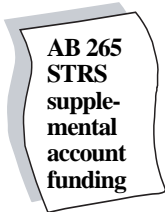
- Efforts to ensure that all educational employees have due process.
- Securing professional qualifications and salaries for the workforce caring for California’s children.
- Efforts to prevent contracting out in all education.
- Efforts to develop and implement fair and equitable staffing ratios for classified employees.

Ensure adequate teacher and classified employee retirement

Protect retirement funds In past years, governors and legislators have sought to use funds from the State Teachers’ Retirement System and Public Employees’ Retirement System as a solution to budget shortfalls. Some of these attempts have conflicted with law, thereby jeopardizing union members’ retirement funds. If the state’s current fiscal difficulties dictate the use of retirement funds, the union will ensure that any use of retirement funds is done according to law.

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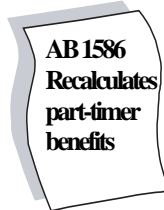
AB 265 (Mullin, D-South San Francisco) increases contributions to the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account beginning in fiscal year 2004–05 through 2010–11 to offset reduced contributions in 2003–04. This is an urgency measure.



Died in Senate Appropriations Committee

AB 419 (Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee) serves as the clean-up legislation for SB 1580 (Chapter 1049, Statutes of 2002, the CFT-sponsored law that provided for the election of active teachers to the STRS Board), among other things, allows Cash Balance Benefit Program participants to vote in all the board elections, specifies that candidates must run for the seat in which they accrued the most service during the prior year; extends reimbursement provisions, and makes elected board members subject to the Political Reform Act. This is an urgency measure.

Chapter 11, Statutes of 2004



AB 1586 (Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee) permits the recalculation of benefits paid to adult education and part-time community college employees who were members of the STRS Defined Benefit Program prior to July 1, 1996.

Chapter 442, Statutes of 2004

SB 1137 (Burton, D-San Francisco) requires the member of the STRS Board who represents retired members of the system, be elected by retirees of the system rather than appointed by the governor.



Vetoed by the Governor

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2004 Bills Signed by the Governor

AB 72	<p>Author: Bates, Patricia (R)</p> <p>Position: Watch</p> <p>Summary: Requires referral services to remove any childcare facility from a referral list if the facility is on probation or has a revocation or temporary suspension order against it.</p>
AB 419	<p>Author: Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, (A)</p> <p>Position: Sponsor</p> <p>Summary: Serves as the clean-up legislation for SB 1580 (Chapter 1049, Statutes of 2002, the CFT-sponsored law that provided for the election of active teachers to the STRS Board). Among other things, the bill allows Cash Balance Benefit Program participants to vote in all the board elections; specifies that candidates must run for the seat in which they accrued the most service during the prior school year; extends reimbursement provisions and subjects elected Board members to the Political Reform Act. This was an urgency measure.</p>
AB 891	<p>Author: Runner, Sharon (R)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Includes the offense of continuous sexual abuse of a child within the definition of sex offense. (A sex offense is grounds for suspension or possible termination of a school employee who is convicted of this type of sex offense.)</p>
AB 1175	<p>Author: Koretz, Paul (D)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Removes the sunset provision from the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights and Tolerance Education Act of 2003, allowing the program to become permanent.</p>
AB 1417	<p>Author: Pacheco, Robert (R)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Urgency Bill. Allows districts to apply a portion of maintenance funds toward supplementing budget cuts in Partnership for Excellence funding. Restores language inadvertently left out of the budget about allocation of money toward part-time faculty equity.</p>
AB 1465	<p>Author: Chan, Wilma (D)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Creates a pilot program for incentives for small schools and learning environments from bond funds approved after 2004.</p>
AB 1586	<p>Author: Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, (A)</p> <p>Position: Sponsor</p> <p>Summary: Permits the recalculation of benefits paid to adult education and part-time community college employees who were members of the STRS Defined Benefit Program prior to July 1, 1996.</p>

AB 1852	Author: Mullin, Gene (D) Position: Support Summary: Makes several changes to the STRS Defined Benefit Program. Specifically, the bill expands eligibility for the partial lump-sum benefits; eliminates the one-year prohibition on STRS- covered employment for members who receive a retirement incentive benefit, and extends the five-year prohibition on reemployment to members who work for a community college or county office of education.
AB 2066	Author: Steinberg, Darrell (D) Position: Watch Summary: Provides additional funding to program improvement schools and districts under the No Child Left Behind Act, and revises provisions of the High Priority Schools Grant Program.
AB 2233	Author: Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, (A) Position: Watch Summary: Makes a variety of technical and conforming changes to the STRS law.
AB 2407	Author: Bermudez, Rudy (D) Position: Oppose Summary: Authorizes a school district or county office of education to establish an extended-day kindergarten program.
AB 2412	Author: Yee, Leland (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires the Employment Development Department to conduct a study about its internal procedures for granting unemployment insurance benefits to community college part-time faculty (temporary employees) and to report the findings to the legislature by January 1, 2005.
AB 2477	Author: Liu, Carol (D) Position: Support Summary: Urges college textbook publishers to take actions aimed at reducing the amounts that students currently pay for textbooks. Requires California's public higher education system to encourage faculty members, when assigning textbooks, to give preference to practices that are less costly to students. Encourages campuses to provide opportunities for students to purchase used textbooks.
AB 2554	Author: Pavley, Fran (D) Position: Support Summary: Modifies the exemptions to the STRS post-retirement earnings limitation for certain teaching positions.
AB 2680	Author: Negrete Mcleod, Gloria (D) Position: Support If Amended Summary: Expands the geographic area in which STRS may locate its headquarters facility within the Sacramento metropolitan area to include eastern Yolo County.
AB 2727	Author: Daucher, Lynn (R) Position: Watch Summary: Contains cleanup provisions to SB 550, a Williams case Conference Committee bill, by specifying that the uniform complaint process may be used to lodge complaints about the condition of school facilities.

AB 2756	Author: Daucher, Lynn (R) Position: Watch Summary: Specifies new requirements for oversight of district budgets by county offices.
AB 2900	Author: Laird, John (D) Position: Support Summary: Amends various antidiscrimination provisions of current law to bring them into conformity with the Fair Employment and Housing Act, providing a single antidiscrimination standard in state law.
AB 3076	Author: Mullin, Gene (D) Position: Watch Summary: Excludes as of July 1, 2005, community college faculty members from mandatory membership in the STRS Defined Benefit Program so long as they are classified as temporary employees.
SB 6	Author: Alpert, Dede (D) Position: Watch Summary: Williams settlement on facilities.
SB 102	Author: Burton, John (D) Position: Support Summary: Allows up to two-tenths of one year of unused sick leave to count toward qualifying for one-year final compensation, longevity bonus and other State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) benefits.
SB 177	Author: Hollingsworth, Dennis (R) Position: Watch Summary: Amended to contain provisions governing sale of surplus property and use of funds for two districts.
SB 1101	Author: Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, (S) Position: Watch Summary: This bill suspends the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee for the 2004-05 fiscal year.
SB 1138	Author: Hollingsworth, Dennis (R) Position: Support Summary: Authorizes any school district to adopt a 4-day school week subject to agreement by the exclusive representative.
SB 1161	Author: Alpert, Dede (D) Position: Support Summary: Establishes the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006, authorizing \$600 million in bonds to finance library construction and renovation, subject to voter approval.
SB 1415	Author: Brulte, James (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Requires each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University to adopt, and encourages each campus of the University of California and private postsecondary institutions to adopt, a common course numbering system.

SB 1448	Author:	Alpert, Dede (D)
	Position:	Watch
	Summary:	Extends the sunset of the STAR program to 2011. This bill will become a vehicle for making changes in the state assessment system.
SB 1658	Author:	Karnette, Betty (D)
	Position:	Support
	Summary:	Provides for alignment between the Education code and the requirements of NCLB with regard to emergency permits.
SB 1765	Author:	Sher, Byron (D)
	Position:	Support
	Summary:	Requires each pharmaceutical company to establish a specific annual dollar limit on gifts, promotional materials, or items or activities that a pharmaceutical company may give to an individual medical or health care professional.
SB 1809	Author:	Dunn, Joseph (D)
	Position:	Support
	Summary:	Repeals certain provisions in SB 796 (Chapter, 906, Statutes of 2003) while strengthening the enforcement state labor laws and preserving a worker's private right of action in the courts system.

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2004 Resolutions

(No Governor's signature required)

ACR 193	Author: Liu, Carol (D)
	Position: Oppose Unless Amended
	Summary: Declares that the Legislature is committed to access to higher education for all qualified Californians, to high-quality teaching and programs of excellence on the campuses of California's public community colleges and universities, to educational equity through a diverse and representative student body and faculty, and to cost-effectiveness in institutional operations in serving students.
SJR 24	Author: Ortiz, Deborah (D)
	Position: Support
	Summary: Asks Congress to recognize the problems caused by direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs by pharmaceutical companies and to regulate consumer advertising of prescription drugs.

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2004 Bills Vetoed by the Governor

AB 242	Author: Liu, Carol (D) Position: Watch Summary: Changes provisions about K-12 emergency permits and signals legislative intent to change various higher education provisions addressing faculty and administrative employment.
AB 712	Author: Steinberg, Darrell (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires a financial study of what preschool for all eligible students would cost if fully implemented and the creation of a workforce development commission.
AB 745	Author: Goldberg, Jackie (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires a county superintendent of schools, the governing board of a school district with 10 or more full- time employees, and the governing board of a community college district, to annually report all compensation received for certain administrative, certificated, and classified personnel.
AB 858	Author: Goldberg, Jackie (D) Position: Support Summary: Prohibits all public schools from using the term Redskins for schools, athletic team names, mascots or nicknames.
AB 1650	Author: Simitian, Joe (D) Position: Watch Summary: Consolidates the funding for many staff development programs into the Teacher Support and Development Act of 2003 to provide flexible professional development block grants to school districts.
AB 1846	Author: Goldberg, Jackie (D) Position: Support Summary: Designates the Superintendent of Public Instruction as the state education agency for distribution of federal education funds.
AB 1860	Author: Reyes, Sarah (D) Position: Watch Summary: Among other things requires that only parents of students eligible to enroll in a charter school, or teachers employed in the district in which the charter school will be located may sign a petition for establishment of a charter. Also provides that a school may not convert to a charter in order to avoid state sanctions.
AB 1897	Author: Reyes, Sarah (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires the governing board of a school district with one or more high schools to appoint to its membership one voting pupil member, who must be a high school student.

AB 1918	Author: Montanez, Cindy (D) Position: Support Summary: Allows a school employee, in a school district that is not subject to disability compensation laws, to use up to six weeks of the five-month period during which the employee receives differential pay to take time off work to care for a seriously ill child, spouse, parent, domestic partner, or to bond with a new child.
AB 1957	Author: Frommer, Dario (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires the State Board of Pharmacy to establish a Web site to facilitate the safe purchase by California residents of prescription drugs at reduced prices, including information on Canadian pharmacies.
AB 1988	Author: Hancock, Loni (D) Position: Support Summary: Prohibits schools from serving irradiated foods.
AB 2370	Author: Goldberg, Jackie (D) Position: Watch Summary: Permits a teacher in grades 6 thru 12 to solicit pupil evaluations of his or her courses, and would prohibit certain actions from being taken against a teacher or pupil as a result of a pupil evaluation.
AB 2373	Author: Goldberg, Jackie (D) Position: Watch Summary: Requires the California Quality Education Commission to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report that analyzes a school funding model that allows a school district to allocate funds to each school in its district based on a weighted per pupil formula.
AB 2387	Author: Firebaugh, Marco Antonio (D) Position: Support Summary: Allows the University of California and the California State University to consider culture, race, ethnicity, national origin, geography, and income, along with other relevant factors in admissions, so long as no preference is given.
AB 2416	Author: Goldberg, Jackie (D) Position: Support Summary: Allows districts to determine which supplemental materials meet the State Board of Education's criteria for scientific soundness and standards alignment.
AB 2435	Author: Wiggins, Patricia (D) Position: Watch Summary: Encourages school districts to include instruction on personal finances.
AB 2455	Author: Canciamilla, Joe (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires the state board to provide publishers and manufacturers with a price range for instructional materials.
AB 2596	Author: Liu, Carol (D) Position: Watch Summary: Makes changes to reporting on the School Accountability Report Card.

AB 2678	Author: Koretz, Paul (D) Position: Watch Summary: Encourages community colleges, the California State University, and the University of California to set up a textbook rental library service for the students at each of their campuses.
AB 2686	Author: Jackson, Hannah-Beth (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires schools to post information on the nutritional content of school lunches and to limit the amount of fat in the food.
AB 2776	Author: Bates, Patricia (R) Position: Support Summary: Requires the Quality Education Commission to examine the advantages and disadvantages of apportioning funds to school districts on the basis of enrollment.
AB 2832	Author: Lieber, Sally (D) Position: Support Summary: Raises the minimum wage to \$7.25 as of January 1, 2005, and \$7.75 as of January 1, 2006, requiring the Industrial Welfare Commission to adopt consistent minimum wage orders without convening wage boards.
AB 3010	Author: Laird, John (D) Position: Watch Summary: Alters Field Act requirements for community college buildings designed to be used to house classes of the California State University or the University of California in addition to community college classes, and buildings constructed after January 1, 2005. Allows those buildings to be constructed either according to the Field Act or according to the California Building Standards Code.
SB 76	Author: Denham, Jeff (R) Position: Support Summary: Allows waivers for attendance apportionments (ADA) for inschool suspension supervised by a non-certificated employee.
SB 427	Author: Dunn, Joseph (D) Position: Support Summary: Establishes a Commission on the 1930's "Repatriation" Program to gather facts regarding, and conduct a study of, the unconstitutional removal and coerced emigration of United States citizens and legal residents of Mexican descent, between 1929 and 1944.
SB 905	Author: Chesbro, Wesley (D) Position: Watch Summary: Eliminates current restrictions on summer concurrent enrollment of high school students in community colleges.
SB 1137	Author: Burton, John (D) Position: Sponsor Summary: Requires the member of the STRS Board who represents retired members of the system, be elected by retirees of the system rather than appointed by the Governor.

SB 1144	Author: Burton, John (D) Position: Support Summary: Provides that the manufacturers and suppliers of prescription drugs with whom the State is authorized to contract include Canadian sources and requires that all contracts include appropriate safeguards, oversight and regulatory requirements.
SB 1149	Author: Ortiz, Deborah (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires development and dissemination of information identifying pharmacies in Canada that meet recognized standards for the safe acquisition, shipment, handling, and dispensing of dangerous drugs to California residents.
SB 1309	Author: Karnette, Betty (D) Position: Support Summary: Provides that the allocation of statewide authorized adult education average daily attendance would be modified.
SB 1331	Author: Alpert, Dede (D) Position: Watch Summary: Requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University, and requests the Regents of the University of California and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities to, provide annual reports to the Legislature and the Governor, by October 1 of each year, to become part of the state accountability record.
SB 1333	Author: Perata, Don (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires that, for purposes of Medi-Cal, the State negotiate contracts with drug manufacturers that result in drug prices that are the same as or less than the lowest price given to any federal, state, or local government.
SB 1343	Author: Escutia, Martha (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires the State Department of Education to develop a master plan for infant and toddler care in consultation and collaboration with a task force.
SB 1380	Author: Escutia, Martha (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires the state board to annually solicit recommendations from school districts regarding the adoption of instructional materials and requires the state board to adopt instructional materials recommended by a school district unless the state board makes written factual findings that the instructional materials lack certain criteria.
SB 1419	Author: Vasconcellos, John (D) Position: Watch Summary: Establishes the Opportunities for Teaching and Learning Index as part of the Public School Performance Accountability Program.

SB 1442	Author: Ducheny, Denise (D) Position: Support Summary: Establishes the Joint Commission on Adult Education and states legislative intent to require the equalization of community college noncredit full- time equivalent student apportionment rates with apportionment rates per average daily attendance offered by school districts.
SB 1817	Author: Scott, Jack (D) Position: Watch Summary: Gives greater authority to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to reorganize the community college Chancellor's Office.
SB 1841	Author: Bowen, Debra (D) Position: Support Summary: Prohibits employers from secretly monitoring employee electronic mail or other computer records, mail, and files, without first advising the employee of the employer's workplace privacy and monitoring policy.

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2004 Bills Died in the Legislature

AB 46	<p>Author: Simitian, Joe (D)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Prohibits any university or college located in California from using a social security number as a student identifier and prohibits any employer from requiring an employee to use his or her social security number for any purpose other than taxes.</p>
AB 56	<p>Author: Steinberg, Darrell (D)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Master Plan bill on preschool teacher qualifications and organization. (Bill contents transferred to AB 712)</p>
AB 153	<p>Author: Calderon, Ron (D)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Requires the public colleges and universities to establish procedures and forms that California residents exempt from paying nonresident tuition to apply for, and participate in, all student aid programs to the full extent permitted by federal law.</p>
AB 212	<p>Author: Maze, Bill (R)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Authorizes school and community college districts to offer teachers retirement credit for an additional two or four years of service.</p>
AB 265	<p>Author: Mullin, Gene (D)</p> <p>Position: Sponsor</p> <p>Summary: Increases contributions to the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account beginning in fiscal year 2004- 05 through 2010-11 to offset reduced contributions in 2003-04. This is an urgency measure.</p>
AB 303	<p>Author: Reyes, Sarah (D)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Requires the University of California Regents and their administrative staff to restrict their yearly raises to no more than they grant their bargaining units.</p>
AB 356	<p>Author: Hancock, Loni (D)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Eliminates monetary rewards from the Public School Accountability Act, eliminates STAR testing for Grade 2, and postpones the effective date of requiring the High School Exit Exam as a condition of graduation.</p>
AB 921	<p>Author: Firebaugh, Marco Antonio (D)</p> <p>Position: Support</p> <p>Summary: Requires publishers and manufacturers that submit instructional materials for review and adoption by the state board to pay a fee to fund the expenses of the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission.</p>

AB 1412	Author: Wolk, Lois (D) Position: Support Summary: Addresses conflicts of interest at the Board of Equalization by providing that a contribution exceeding \$249 by any committee sponsored by a party to or participant in a BOE proceeding would disqualify the recipient board member or the Controller from participating in the proceeding.
AB 1527	Author: Frommer, Dario (D) Position: Watch Summary: Declares the intent of the legislature to increase the number of Californians who have affordable health care coverage.
AB 1646	Author: Benoit, John (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Repeals Senate Bill 1419 (Chapter 84, Statutes of 2002) that provides protections against outsourcing and would, instead, authorize K-14 districts, CSU and UC to outsource for any noninstructional services.
AB 1815	Author: Chan, Wilma (D) Position: Support Summary: Reinstates the 10% and 11% personal income tax brackets for high income taxpayers and increases the alternate minimum tax rate to 8.5% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2009.
AB 1819	Author: La Malfa, Doug (R) Position: Watch Summary: Changes requirements and policies for high school students enrolling in community college classes.
AB 1849	Author: Nation, Joe (D) Position: Watch Summary: 1) Requires the State Department of Education to pay license fees for child care centers, 2) repeals provision allowing the reimbursement rate to include administrative costs, 3) allows up to 4 reimbursed days for staff training.
AB 1872	Author: Nakano, George (D) Position: Sponsor Summary: Requires instructional materials adopted by the state board for social science, history, or civics to contain information on California's labor history.
AB 1879	Author: Reyes, Sarah (D) Position: Watch Summary: Makes technical changes to charter school law. When fully developed, will deal with Department of Education issues on charter schools.
AB 1967	Author: Leno, Mark (D) Position: Support Summary: Provides that marriage is a personal relation arising out of a civil contract between 2 persons.

AB 1993	Author: Mullin, Gene (D) Position: Support Summary: Authorizes a pilot program in San Mateo County to use up to 4 of the required 180 days of instruction, without loss of average daily attendance funding, for staff development. Additionally requires each participating school to establish a staff development committee.
AB 2036	Author: La Suer, Jay (R) Position: Support and Seek Amendments Summary: Allows community college instructors who are concurrent members of the STRS Defined Benefit Program and PERS to use service credit in both systems to qualify for STRS benefit enhancements. (The amendments would have extended applicability to K-12 teachers.)
AB 2130	Author: Wyland, Mark (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to conduct an annual analysis of the STAR test results of those schools that in the previous year ranked below the 50th percentile on the API.
AB 2131	Author: Pacheco, Robert (R) Position: Watch Summary: Deletes the exception of the intended split of Proposition 98 funds for the 1992–93 to 2002–03 fiscal years. Requires the Legislature to provide community colleges with 10.93 percent of Proposition 98 revenues.
AB 2153	Author: Daucher, Lynn (R) Position: Watch Summary: Rolls current add-ons to school district revenue limits into the base revenue limit. Current add-ons include Meals for Needy Pupils, continuation high schools, Necessary Small Schools, and longer instructional day and year incentives.
AB 2154	Author: Daucher, Lynn (R) Position: Watch Summary: Exempts school employees from full compensation for the duration of compulsory leave of absence for drug offenses if the employee has the charges expunged by entering a drug diversion program.
AB 2177	Author: Jackson, Hannah-Beth (D) Position: Oppose Summary: Requires each community college that operates a nursing education program to develop and adopt selective admissions criteria for applicants to that program.
AB 2178	Author: Simitian, Joe (D) Position: Support If Amended Summary: Addresses equalization, specifying that \$110 million for K-12 and \$80 million for the community colleges be distributed and reallocated for equalization.
AB 2232	Author: Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, (A) Position: Support Summary: Changes the divisor used in the calculation to convert accumulated unused sick leave to service credit for members of the Defined Benefit Program by requiring the divisor reflect the appropriate minimum full- time equivalent for each class of employees.

AB 2239	Author: Runner, Sharon (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Exempts from the classified service full-time and part-time students employed part time in a community college.
AB 2278	Author: Dymally, Mervyn (D) Position: Watch Summary: States legislative intent that the community college allocation method should be based exclusively on full-time enrollment (FTE) and that state funding be consistent with the national average of state financial support given to community colleges.
AB 2320	Author: Bates, Patricia (R) Position: Watch Summary: Legislative intent to address issues regarding the Unemployment Fund.
AB 2322	Author: Bates, Patricia (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Authorizes any worker to opt out of making contributions to, and receiving benefits from, the family temporary disability insurance program and would prohibit the director from increasing the rate of worker contributions for workers who have opted out of the program.
AB 2326	Author: Corbett, Ellen (D) Position: Watch Summary: Requires an annually updated report card on safety, effectiveness, and cost of prescription drugs to be posted on the Department of Health Care's web site.
AB 2327	Author: Chan, Wilma (D) Position: Oppose Summary: Requires the State Department of Education to incorporate exercises and activities related to nutrition and physical activity into the reading, English language arts, history/social science, science, and mathematics instructional materials criteria for frameworks.
AB 2382	Author: Mullin, Gene (D) Position: Sponsor Summary: Allows districts in declining enrollment to use the greater of the current year or the average of the past three years Average Daily Attendance for state funding.
AB 2415	Author: Benoit, John (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Repeals provisions of existing law that establish limits on school districts and community college districts relating to personal service contracts and contracts for food services management consulting.
AB 2472	Author: Wolk, Lois (D) Position: Support Summary: Creates the California Tax Court that would replace the State Board of Equalization as the forum that would hear and determine appeals from taxpayers with respect to sales and use tax determinations, insurance tax determinations, personal income tax deficiency assessments, and corporation tax deficiency assessments.

AB 2535	Author: Steinberg, Darrell (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires an annual appropriation in the Budget Act of no less than \$175,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing instructional materials.
AB 2559	Author: Diaz, Manny (D) Position: Sponsor Summary: Establishes a joint teacher/administrator committee to annually evaluate professional development programs and make recommendations to the local board for improvement.
AB 2569	Author: Yee, Leland (D) Position: Oppose Summary: Establishes the Comprehensive Pupil Learning Support System to provide each pupil with a support system. Districts are required to develop an action plan to accomplish the goals of the program. Needs to be amended to become a resolution.
AB 2574	Author: Diaz, Manny (D) Position: Watch Summary: Expresses intent to enact legislation that will develop a framework of policy principles for governing boards, the Legislature, and the administration to follow when taking action on the fees or fee policies in California's public higher education system.
AB 2675	Author: Goldberg, Jackie (D) Position: Watch Summary: Establishes the Student Achievement Grant Program to require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allow school districts the option of receiving funding for specified existing categorical education programs through a block grant.
AB 2728	Author: Strickland, Tony (R) Position: Watch Summary: Provides that only the electors of the City of Camarillo are eligible to vote on a proposition relating to the unification of schools in the City of Camarillo in 2005.
AB 2730	Author: Dymally, Mervyn (D) Position: Support Summary: Defines eligibility for unemployment insurance and clarifies that an individual is not considered to have a reasonable assurance of employment unless the employee has a written offer of continued employment from the school district, signed by both parties.
AB 2753	Author: Corbett, Ellen (D) Position: Support Summary: Serves as the vehicle for clean-up legislation for Assembly Bill 1207 (Chapter 313, Statutes of 2003), the law that created the new STRS retirement incentive programs. The bill provides that any STRS member granted retirement under AB 1207 provisions would forfeit that credit if he or she is reemployed within one year after retirement by the school district, community college district or county office of education from which he or she retired. Additionally, the bill applies a post-retirement income limit to a retired member who receives the "golden handshake" and performs STRS covered service within one year after retirement from any district.

AB 2764	Author: Bates, Patricia (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Establishes a pilot program that would authorize the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, or the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to authorize no more than 10 campuses within their respective segments to approve and administer one charter school each.
AB 2765	Author: Bates, Patricia (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Requires the K-12 pupil data system to provide for a determination of the value added to pupil achievement by programs or courses as individual pupils progress through successive years of schooling.
AB 2781	Author: Benoit, John (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Deletes the restriction on the number of charter schools that are authorized to operate in California each year.
AB 2824	Author: Runner, Sharon (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Collapses a number of categorical programs into a general purpose add-on to school district revenue limits.
AB 2825	Author: Firebaugh, Marco Antonio (D) Position: Support Summary: Revises provisions of the community college apportionment formula relating to the relationship between certain demographic changes in the statewide population and the attendance level in particular community college districts.
AB 2833	Author: Plescia, George (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Provides that California State University and University of California-eligible students who are not admitted could complete lower division requirements at a community college and be guaranteed a seat for upper division work. These students would have all community college fees waived and be entitled to counseling services to ensure that they are informed of the necessary courses needed to transfer to a four-year university.
AB 2860	Author: Pavley, Fran (D) Position: Watch Summary: Changes the age of kindergarten admission to age 5 on September 1.
AB 2863	Author: Pavley, Fran (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires each school, on or before January 1, 2007, to develop an indoor air quality management plan that includes measures to achieve full compliance with regulations for ventilation and moisture intrusion adopted by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board. Further requires each K-12 governing board to review and approve the plan.
AB 2889	Author: Laird, John (D) Position: Support Summary: Makes employers responsible for acts of non-employees regarding harassment in the workplace if the employer knew or should have known of the conduct.

AB 2903	Author: Campbell, John (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Increases state employee contributions to PERS by one percent and subjects new state hires to a mandatory second tier. This is an urgency measure.
AB 2912	Author: Goldberg, Jackie (D) Position: Watch Summary: Regulates sign language interpreters, requiring a qualified interpreter to fulfill certain continuing education requirements, and follow other regulations relating to paid interpreting.
AB 2970	Author: Pavley, Fran (D) Position: Support Summary: Allows school districts to change the age of admission to Kindergarten to 5 years on September 1.
AB 2992	Author: McCarthy, Kevin (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Repeals provisions of existing law that establish limits on school districts and community college districts relating to personal service contracts and contracts for food services management consulting.
ACA 1	Author: Longville, John (D) Position: Support Summary: Excludes appropriations made in the State Budget from the 2/3-vote requirement. Also provides that, despite the constitutional requirements of a 2/3-vote for urgency statutes and statutes increasing state tax revenues, a bill making changes in law to implement an enacted State Budget may be passed by a majority vote in each house, and take effect immediately.
ACA 2	Author: Maldonado, Abel (R) Position: Support Summary: Requires that, if a budget is not passed by midnight on June 15, members of the legislature forfeit any salary or reimbursement for travel and expenses from June 16 until the date a budget is passed.
ACA 4	Author: Simitian, Joe (D) Position: Support Summary: Changes the passage requirement for parcel taxes in school districts, community college districts, or county offices of education to 55%, rather than the present 2/3 requirement.
ACA 6	Author: Campbell, John (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Limits the growth of state expenditures to the prior year amount plus an adjustment based on COLA and population. The excess funds are to be split between a reserve account, education and tax rebates.
ACA 16	Author: Hancock, Loni (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires all nonresidential property not used for permanent or long-term commercial agricultural production to be annually assessed at market value.

ACA 24	Author: Dutra, John A. (D) Position: Oppose Summary: Eliminates a constitutional provision that allows the suspension of all or part of the annual transfer of money from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund, as enacted by Proposition 42 of March 2002.
ACA 28	Author: McCarthy, Kevin (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Expands outsourcing authority for the Governor and any chief executive of a civil service appointing power relating to governmental functions and activities.
ACR 9	Author: Dymally, Mervyn (D) Position: Watch Summary: Establishes the Joint Committee for the Revision of the Education code relating to community Colleges.
SB 17	Author: Escutia, Martha (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires a person or entity that obtains a controlling or majority ownership interest in a legal entity to file a change in ownership statement with the Board of Equalization within 60 days of the transactions. Additionally, the bill imposes significant penalties for failure to notify the Board.
SB 525	Author: Karnette, Betty (D) Position: Watch Summary: Establishes the School Safety and Violence Prevention Act with funds from two categorical programs, establishes a supplemental instruction block grant, and makes several pupil discipline mandates permissive.
SB 823	Author: Karnette, Betty (D) Position: Support Summary: States that it is a state priority to provide adequate funds that will enable each adult education provider to give priority to courses in basic education, English as a second language, and vocational training.
SB 921	Author: Kuehl, Sheila (D) Position: Support Summary: Establishes the California Health Care System to be administered by the newly created Health Care Agency under the control of an elected Health Care Commissioner.
SB 1221	Author: Morrow, Bill (R) Position: Watch Summary: Amended to require a school to provide a pupil's parent or guardian with a separate notice that the student may seek confidential medical services without permission from the parent or guardian.
SB 1270	Author: Ortiz, Deborah (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires a joint plan by the Governor and Legislature to allocate excess revenue for Health and Human services.

SB 1329	Author: Denham, Jeff (R) Position: Support Summary: Express the intent of the Legislature that, when an increase in the tuition or mandatory systemwide fees charged to students attending public postsecondary institutions in this state is enacted, there be a waiting period of at least 90 days between the adoption of the increase and the time at which the student is assessed the increased amount, and no increase in tuition or mandatory systemwide fees exceed 10% of the previous fee or tuition levels in any calendar year.
SB 1335	Author: Morrow, Bill (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Requests the Regents of the University of California , and direct the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, to develop guidelines and implement an Academic Bill of Rights.
SB 1337	Author: Morrow, Bill (R) Position: Watch Summary: Makes nonsubstantive changes to current law related to outsourcing of public school services.
SB 1354	Author: Escutia, Martha (D) Position: Support Summary: Changes carryover provisions for state income tax credits, providing that the aggregate amount of all eligible carryover credits may not reduce a corporation's "net tax" by more than 50% for taxable years beginning January 1, 2004.
SB 1377	Author: Morrow, Bill (R) Position: Oppose Summary: States the intent of the Legislature to modify existing law governing personal services contracting for all noninstructional services currently or customarily performed by classified employees of school districts and community college districts.
SB 1416	Author: Vasconcellos, John (D) Position: Watch Summary: Amended to intent language requiring a study of ways to authorize a district to choose to receive school funding using a weighted student formula.
SB 1420	Author: Vasconcellos, John (D) Position: Watch Summary: Conditions the receipt of State School Fund funds on the requirement that a school district and county superintendent of schools maintain minimum school conditions.
SB 1421	Author: Vasconcellos, John (D) Position: Oppose Summary: Requires a pupil to complete coursework in parenting skills and education, which is required in Grades 7 or 8, prior to receiving a diploma of graduation from high school.
SB 1432	Author: Burton, John (D) Position: Support Summary: Extends negotiable reemployment rights for part-time community college faculty to include the right of first refusal.

SB 1463	Author: Scott, Jack (D) Position: Watch Summary: Codifies the K-12/Community College split.
SB 1503	Author: McClintock, Tom (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Eliminates the waiver of nonresident tuition for students without legal immigration status (the AB 540 benefit).
SB 1510	Author: Alpert, Dede (D) Position: Watch Summary: Establishes a pupil retention block grant, school safety block grant, teacher credentialing block grant, professional development block grant, targeted instructional improvement block grant, economic impact aid block grant, and instructional materials block grant.
SB 1531	Author: Knight, William J. (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Removes the cap on the number of charter schools that can be authorized each year.
SB 1588	Author: Poochigian, Charles (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Authorizes any current or retired faculty member employed, or previously employed, by a campus of the California State University or the California Community Colleges to volunteer to teach, without compensation.
SB 1602	Author: Committee on Public Employment and Retirement, (S) Position: Support Summary: Provides the PERS pre-retirement death benefit currently available for state members to surviving spouses of active school members, among others, whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2005.
SB 1632	Author: Figueroa, Liz (D) Position: Support Summary: Requires California public pension systems, to the extent feasible, to obtain information on compliance with, among other standards, international environmental, human rights and labor standards from a corporation if the stock of the corporation is held by the systems.
SB 1734	Author: Battin, Jim (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Eliminates the requirement in current law that every contract entered into by a state agency for the procurement or laundering of apparel include a certification from the contractor that the contract has not been produced by sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, or abusive forms of child labor.
SB 1795	Author: Alarcon, Richard (D) Position: Watch Summary: Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to form an advisory panel to develop a standards-based rigorous high school curriculum.

SB 1798	Author: Torlakson, Tom (D) Position: Oppose Summary: Requires PE teachers to complete at least 50% or 25% of professional growth hours in activities related to PE curriculum depending on the type of credential.
SB 1802	Author: McPherson, Bruce (R) Position: Watch Summary: Requires a school district, as a condition of receiving funding for supplemental instruction, to convene a pupil study team for each pupil who is retained, or at risk of being retained, between the 2nd and 3rd grades because the pupil's reading ability is unsatisfactory.
SB 1867	Author: Ashburn, Roy (R) Position: Watch Summary: Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provisions of the PERS Law.
SB 1868	Author: Ashburn, Roy (R) Position: Watch Summary: Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provisions of the PERS Law.
SB 1869	Author: Ashburn, Roy (R) Position: Watch Summary: Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provisions of the PERS Law.
SB 1870	Author: Ashburn, Roy (R) Position: Watch Summary: Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provisions of the PERS Law.
SB 1875	Author: Alpert, Dede (D) Position: Support If Amended Summary: Provides that equalization funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act not be allocated to districts until the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges develops an equalization plan that is approved by the Director of Finance.
SB 1904	Author: Florez, Dean (D) Position: Support Summary: Prohibits a bank from charging a person who does not have an account at a bank to cash a paycheck drawn on that bank.
SCA 12	Author: Scott, Jack (D) Position: Watch Summary: Allows the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and any deputy chancellors or vice chancellors of the California Community Colleges to be exempt from civil service.
SCA 15	Author: McClintock, Tom (R) Position: Oppose Summary: Authorizes the Governor to require state agencies to outsource any services if the Governor determines more favorable terms can be obtained.

CFT AND LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR November 2004 - March 2005

November 2	Election Day	
November 5-6	CFT Executive Council	Hilton, Oakland Airport
December 3-4	CCE Conference	Hilton, Oakland Airport
January 1, 2005	Legislative bills passed in 2004 become enacted.	
January 3	Legislature reconvenes	
January 7-8	CFT Executive Council	South
January 10	Budget must be submitted by Governor	
January 10	CFT Legislative Conference	State Capitol, Sacramento
January 10-11	Formula Funded Staff Conference	Sheraton Grand, Sacramento
January 22	CFT Committees	South
February 11-12	Civil Human and Women's Rights Conference	Marriott, Manhattan Beach
March 11-13	CFT Convention	Wilshire Grand, Los Angeles
March 31- April 3	AFT PSRP Conference	Hilton, Anaheim

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.

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.

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