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Introduction

On Thursday, July 5, 2018, the California Legislature adjourned for their Summer Recess. Legislators will return to Sacramento on Monday, August 6, 2018 to vote on bills that are still active. August 31, 2018 will be the last day of the two-year legislative session for bills to be voted out of the Legislature. The Governor will have until September 30, 2018 to sign or veto bills that make it to his desk. Below is a status report of CFT’s sponsored, co-sponsored and priority legislation.

CFT SPONSORED AND CO-SPONSORED BILLS

Prohibition on For-Profit Charter Schools, Education Management Organizations and Charter Management Organizations: Assembly Bill 406 (McCarty-D, Sacramento) would prohibit a petitioner that submits a charter petition for the establishment of a charter school or a charter school that submits a charter renewal or material revision application from operating as, or being operated by, a for-profit corporation, a for-profit educational management organization or a for-profit charter management organization.

AB 406 was voted out of the Senate Education Committee on June 20, 2018 on a unanimous vote (7-0). Consequently, the bill passed off of the Senate Floor on July 2, 2018 on a 28-7-4 vote. AB 406 will now head to the Assembly Floor for a concurrence vote on amendments.

School and Community College Employee Parental Leave: Assembly Bill 2012 (Medina, D-Riverside) would require, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the school district or community college district, a person employed in a position requiring certification qualifications and a person employed in an academic position to receive no less than 50% of his or her regular salary for the remaining portion of the 12-week period of parental leave.

AB 2012 passed out of the Senate Education Committee on June 13, 2018 with a vote of 6-0-1. The bill was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on June 13, 2018.

California School Employee Housing Assistance Grant Program: Assembly Bill 2788 (Thurmond, D-Richmond) would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the California School Employee Housing Assistance Program, a pre-development loan program, to fund the creation of affordable rental housing for school district employees.

AB 2788 passed out of the Assembly Education Committee on April 25, 2018 with a vote of 6-1. The bill was held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File on May 25, 2018.

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Base Grant Increase: Assembly Bill 2808 (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance) would establish new, higher funding targets under the Local Control Funding Formula. Specifically, this proposal would increase the LCFF base grants starting in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which would in turn increase the supplemental and concentration grant amounts proportionally per current law. These increases would be funded over time using the natural growth in Proposition 98 funds.
Specifically, this bill would increase LCFF base grant targets as follows:

- From $6,845 to $11,799 for average daily attendance (ADA) in grades K-3
- From $6,947 to $11,975 for ADA in grades 4-6
- From $7,154 to $12,332 for ADA in grades 7-8
- From $8,289 to $14,289 for ADA in grades 9-12

*AB 2808 passed off of the Assembly Floor on May 31, 2018 on a 70-3-5 vote. Subsequently, the bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee on a unanimous vote (7-0) on June 27, 2018. AB 2808 is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**Door Locks:** *Assembly Bill 3205 (O’Donnell, D-Long Beach)* would require the governing board of a school district, if the governing board of the school district applies for state funding pursuant to the Greene Act, on or after January 1, 2019, for a school modernization project for a school facility constructed before January 1, 2012, to include, as part of the modernization project, locks that allow doors to classrooms and any room with an occupancy of 5 or more persons to be locked from the inside of the room.

*AB 3205 passed off of the Assembly Floor on May 30, 2018 on a 77-0-1 vote. Subsequently, the bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee on a unanimous vote (7-0) on June 20, 2018. AB 3205 is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**Lactation Accommodations:** *Senate Bill 937 (Wiener, D-San Francisco)* would mandate that all employers provide a space with certain technical specifications for employees with a desire to express breast milk in private. This bill would also require tenant improvement projects costing at least $1 million on the interior of a building with at least 15,000 square feet of employee workspace to include lactation accommodation rooms.

*SB 937 passed out of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee on June 20, 2018 with a vote of 5-2-0. Subsequently, the bill passed out of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee on June 26, 2018 with a vote of 12-4-3. SB 937 is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

**Teacher Induction Tax Deduction:** *Senate Bill 1214 (Portantino, D-La Cañada Flintridge)* would, for each taxable year beginning on January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, allow as a deduction from gross income an amount equal to the amount paid or incurred, up to $2,500, for up to three taxable years, for those new teachers who are required to pay for their teacher induction program in order to obtain their clear credential.

*SB 1214 passed off of the Senate Floor on May 30, 2018 on a 36-0-3 vote. Subsequently, the bill passed out of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on a 9-0-1 vote. SB 1214 is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

**CFT PRIORITY SUPPORT BILLS**

**Charter Schools:** *Assembly Bill 276 (Medina, D-Riverside)* would require charter schools to be subject to open meetings, public records, and conflict-of-interest laws. The bill would also allow a board member to loan emergency funding to a charter school for 0% interest or lease land to a charter school for $1 per year.
AB 276 passed out of the Senate Education Committee on June 26, 2018 on a vote of 5-1. The bill is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Part-Time Faculty Office Hours: Assembly Bill 310 (Medina, D-Riverside) would require each community college district to annually report the total part-time faculty office hours paid divided by the total part-time faculty office hours taught and to post this information on its website.

AB 310 passed out of the Senate Education Committee on April 25, 2018 unanimously (6-0). Subsequently, the bill was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File on June 25, 2018.

Classified Employees Part-Time Playground Positions: Assembly Bill 2160 (Thurmond, D-Richmond) would remove an old prohibition on part-time playground staff from being a part of the classified service in merit districts. This bill is a clean-up to last year’s bill that allowed noon duty aides to be a part of the classified service in non-merit districts.

AB 2160 passed out of the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee on June 27, 2018 on a vote of 4-1. The bill is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Prison Contracts: Taxation on Goods and Services: Assembly Bill 2303 (Thurmond, D-Richmond) would impose a 10% tax on all private, for-profit prisons for the privilege of contracting with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Department of General Services or a state prison. The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration would collect the tax each year, and collected taxes would go towards grants for preschool and after-school programs.

AB 2303 passed out of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on April 16, 2018 with a vote of 7-3. Subsequently, the bill passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 25, 2018 on a vote of 12-4-1. AB 2303 was ordered to the Assembly Floor inactive file at the request of the author on May 31, 2018.

Employment Budget Trailer Bill: Senate Bill 866 (Committee on Budget) provides that public employers must rely on the membership list provided by the union and deduct dues from those members automatically, and refer any employee who wishes to drop their membership to the union in order to verify that the employee complies with the procedures specified in the membership contract. This bill also requires employers to meet and confer with the union if the employer wishes to communicate to employees about their right to join or not join a union. If the employer and union do not come to an agreement on the language of the communication, then the employer must send a separate message from the union along with the employer’s.

SB 866 was signed by the Governor on June 27, 2018 and took effect immediately.

CFT PRIORITY OPPOSE BILL

Teacher Probationary Period: Assembly Bill 1220 (Weber, D-San Diego) would have moved the current probationary period for teachers employed by a county office of education or a school district from two years to an optional three years. In addition, AB 1220 would have required a county superintendent or the governing board of a school district, if a probationary employee
was offered a third complete consecutive school year of probationary employment, to develop an individualized improvement plan to assist in addressing the deficiencies identified in the probationary employee’s evaluation, to provide copies of all prior evaluations before the plan meeting and to provide individualized professional development consistent with the plan.

AB 1220, a two-year bill, was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Education Committee on June 27, 2018 but was pulled by the author. Therefore, the bill failed passage during the two-year legislative session.

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