



Selected Enacted Legislation Related to Students Experiencing Homelessness, 2017

Subject Matter	Bill Number/Statute	Brief Summary
Success for Homeless youth in Higher Education Act	AB 801/EC §§66025.9, 67003.5, 69514.5, 69561, 76300, 67003.5	Requires a post-secondary “qualifying institution” of the Cal Grant Program to designate a staff member as the homeless and foster student liaison and assist homeless and foster students with in applying for financial aid and available services and inform current and prospective students about financial aid and other available assistance for homeless and foster students.
Education finance: Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund: Learning Communities for School Success Program	AB 1014/EC §§33430-33430	Establishes the Learning Communities for School Success Program for the purpose of implementing that grant program, subject to an appropriation to the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund in the annual Budget Act or another statute for the purposes of the bill Sets forth criteria to guide the department in awarding grants under the program, for which funds may be used to identify and implement evidence-based nonpunitive programs aligned with LCAPs, focusing on reduction of suspensions and chronic absenteeism and establishing partnerships. Requires the department to submit a final evaluation of the program to the Legislature on or before January 31, 2020.
Before and after school program enrollment fees; homeless and foster youth; snacks or meals	AB 1567/EC §§8482.6, 8483, 8483.1, 8483.95	Beginning July 1, 2017, programs must give first priority enrollment to pupils who are identified by the program as homeless youth or in foster care, and 2nd priority enrollment, for programs serving middle and junior high school pupils, to pupils who attend the program daily. Beginning July 1, 2017, an after or before school program must inform the parent or caregiver of a pupil of the right of homeless children and foster children to receive priority enrollment and how to request priority enrollment. Beginning July 1, 2017, the administrators of a program must allow self-certification of the pupil as a homeless youth or a foster youth, and are authorized to obtain this information through the school district liaison designated for homeless children. An after school program or a before school program is not required to charge family fees or conduct individual eligibility determinations based on need or income. Beginning July 1, 2017, a program is prohibited from charging a fee to a family for a child if the program knows that the child is a homeless youth or for a child who the program knows is in foster care.
Pupil attendance: excused absences: naturalization ceremony	AB 1593/EC §48205	Adds a pupil attending his/her naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen as another type of excused absence.
Minors: mental health treatment or counseling services	AB 1808/Health and Safety C §124260	Extends list of professional persons a minor age 12 and up can consent to outpatient mental health treatment or counseling services, if in the opinion of the attending professional person the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in those services. The list now includes a marriage and family therapist trainee, a clinical counselor trainee, a registered psychologist, a registered psychological assistant, a psychology trainee, an associate clinical social worker, and a social work intern, while working

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		under the supervision of licensed professionals. Requires the trainee/intern to notify his/her supervisor or an on-call supervisor at the site where the trainee or intern volunteers or is employed within 24 hours of treating or counseling a minor. If upon the initial assessment of the minor the trainee/intern believes that the minor is a danger to self or to others, the trainee/intern shall notify the supervisor immediately after the treatment or counseling session.
State agencies: interns and student assistants: hiring preference	AB 1840/Gov C §18220	State agencies, when hiring for internships and student assistant positions, shall give preference to a qualified applicant who is, or has been, a dependent child in foster care, a homeless youth, or a formerly incarcerated youth. The preference shall be granted to applicants who are up to 26 years of age.
Community colleges; homeless students; access to shower facilities.	AB 1995/EC §76011	Requires a community college campus that has shower facilities for student use to grant access to those facilities to any homeless student who is enrolled in coursework, has paid enrollment fees, and is in good standing with the community college district, and would require the community college to determine a plan of action to implement this requirement.
After school programs	AB 2615/EC §§8422, 8423, 8426, 8427, 8482.3, 8482.4, 8482.6, 8482.8, 8483, 8483.1, 8483.3, 8483.7, 8484.8, 8426.5	<p>Authorizes a school program participating in ASES to charge family fees, authorizes CDE to withhold or terminate grant allocations that do not comply with specified reporting requirements, and allows participating school programs to transfer program services to another schoolsite within the same LEA. Grades to be served by participating school programs may be determined by local needs, require participating school programs that charge family fees to waive or reduce the cost of these fees for pupils who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and state the intent of the Legislature that participating middle school or junior high school pupils participate in the full day of the program every day during which pupils participate, except as specified.</p> <p>(3) Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program contained within a specified federal act complement ASES. Existing law requires at least 40% of the total amount appropriated pursuant to the 21st CCLC program, except as specified, to be allocated to programs serving elementary and middle school pupils and at least 50% of the total amount appropriated, except as specified, to be allocated on a priority basis for after school grants to community learning centers serving high school pupils.</p> <p>Requires CDE to allocate those funds to each geographic region of the state.</p>
School safety; Safe Place to Learn Act	AB 2845/EC §§234.1, 234.5	Expresses legislative intent that all pupils deserve and need safe and supportive school environments in which to learn, pupils who are Muslim, Sikh, or of South Asian descent often face verbal, physical, or online harassment, all of which have significant effects on their academic achievement and mental health, and recent reports indicate that more than half of Muslim and Sikh pupils in California report that they have faced verbal threats or insults, cyberbullying, or physical assaults. Adds language to provide to

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		certificated schoolsite employees who serve pupils in any of grades 7 to 12, information on existing schoolsite and community resources related to the support of pupils who may face bias or bullying on the basis of religious affiliation, or perceived religious affiliation.
Education finance; Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund; Learning Communities for School Success Program	SB 527/EC §33430 et seq. <i>SEE ALSO AB 1014</i>	Establishes the Learning Communities for School Success Program for the purpose of implementing that grant program, subject to an appropriation to the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund. Specifies administrative duties and responsibilities of CDE for the program, including administering grants and coordinating assistance to LEAs. Sets forth criteria to guide CDE in awarding grants under the program, and specifies the purposes for which grant funds may be used. Requires CDE to submit a final evaluation of the program to the Legislature on or before January 31, 2020.
Homeless children and youth; LEA liaisons; training materials	SB 1068/EC § 48852.5	CDE shall provide informational materials to LEA liaisons for homeless children and youths regarding the educational rights of homeless children and youths under state and federal law, updates and changes to state and federal law regarding the rights of homeless students, the responsibilities of local educational agency liaisons relating to homeless children and youths, and the resources available to schools to assist homeless children and youths. CDE shall provide training materials to homeless education liaisons to assist liaisons with providing professional development and other support to school personnel providing services. These materials are intended to support liaisons in meeting the requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, as specified in Section 11432(g)(6)(A)(ix) of Title 42 of the United States Code. CDE may use and adapt informational and training materials from state or national sources when applicable and appropriate. CDE shall adopt policies and practices to ensure that homeless education liaisons participate in professional development and other technical assistance programs that are deemed appropriate by the Superintendent in accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (42 USC §11432(g)(1)(J)(iv)).
Homelessness Coordinating and Financial Council	SB 1380/WIC §§8255-8257	Requires a state agency or department that funds, implements, or administers a state program that provides housing or housing-related services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness to revise or adopt guidelines and regulations to include enumerated Housing First policies. Establishes the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to oversee the implementation of the Housing First guidelines and regulations and, among other things, to identify resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California.
California Runaway and Homeless Youth Month	SCR 160/Resolution	Recognizes the need for individuals, schools, communities, business, local governments, and the state to take action on behalf of runaway and homeless youth in California and designates November 2016 California Runaway and Homeless Youth Month.