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Sponsored Bills Continue to Move

The three pieces of legislation sponsored and co-sponsored by CABA have moved out of the Senate and Assembly Education Committees! AB 1319 (Arambula and Bonta) is now in the Senate Education Committee and SB 594 (Rubio) is in the Assembly Education Committee. Both of these bills have not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

AB 1012 (Reyes) Bilingual Education: Bilingual and Biliteracy Support

Amended April 11, the bill expresses a commitment to providing bilingual and biliteracy opportunities for all pupils and increasing the number of bilingual teachers by appropriating a total of \$84,000,000 to be allocated for the 2020–21 fiscal year through the 2022–23 fiscal year to support the expansion of biliteracy and bilingualism opportunities for all pupils in California through certain grant programs. It would also provide funds to CSU's for the specific purpose of hiring and retaining bilingual teacher faculty for accredited bilingual teacher preparation programs.

This bill failed to get off the suspense file of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is now a 2-year bill.

The bill is co-sponsored with Californians Together, Early Edge and the Advancement Project. CABA will continue to pursue the feasibility of funding of dual language immersion, developmental bilingual and bilingual preschool programs, as called for in Proposition 58 of November 2016.

AB 1319 (Bonta) Migrant Education: Pupil Residency

Amended March 14, 2019, the bill would require local educational agencies, to allow a pupil who is a migratory child, to continue attending their school of origin, or a school within the school district of origin, as provided, regardless of any change of residence of the pupil, as specified.

There is no opposition to this bill and it is now in the Senate Education Committee waiting for a hearing date.

The bill is co-sponsored with Californians Together.

SB 594 (Rubio) EL Roadmap Initiative

Amended May 17, 2019, the bill now specifically states that this bill is to be implemented contingent upon the enactment of an appropriation for its purposes, in the Budget Act or another statute. Additionally, the bill would establish the English Learner Roadmap Initiative under the administration of the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the CCEE. The bill would require the department, in collaboration with the CCEE, to identify and select a professional organization or organizations with expertise relating to English learners and the EL Roadmap, and to work in coordination with that organization or those organizations. The bill would require the department, in collaboration with the CCEE, to establish a process, administered by the department, to select, subject to the approval of the executive director of the state board, a county office of education to serve as the lead agency to conduct specified activities required by the bill.

On May 9, 2019 the Legislative Budget Conference Committee convened for the purpose of informing its members and the public, the compromises made on budget items in which a difference existed between the Senate and Assembly proposed actions on the budget items.

CABE and the other co-sponsors of the bill (Children NOW and Californians Together) were successful in its efforts to obtain an appropriation of \$10 million dollars for the inclusion of the EL Roadmap related professional development within the broader scope of responsibilities of the 21st Century California School Leadership Academy, whose primary purpose is to provide professional development for teachers and administrators. The EL Roadmap will now have a significant part in that professional development!

Several actions are necessary to ensure the appropriation stays in the proposed budget. They are the approval by the Assembly and the Senate of the proposed legislative 2019-2020 State Budget and that Governor Newsom not “blue pencil” (eliminate) this appropriations item!

The bill is co-sponsored by CABE with Californians Together and Children NOW.

Thank you to those of you who signed letters of support for AB 1012 (Reyes) and urging the Assembly Appropriations Committee to move the bill off the suspense file and to those who sent letters of support to the Chairs of the Legislative Budget Conference Committee, requesting the support of an appropriation for SB 594 (Rubio).

This would not have been possible without your letters and your support.
Again, mil gracias!

Stay tuned for Action Alerts on AB 1319 (Arambula & Bonta) and SB 594 (Rubio)!