



**Legislative Update
October 26, 2020**

Of the 428 bills that Governor Newsom received, he signed 372 and vetoed 56, giving him a 13% veto rate for the year, less than his 16.5% veto rate in 2019.

The following bills were signed into law:

AB 908 (Chapter 64, Statutes of 2020)—Pupils: Extracurricular Activities: Work Permits. This bill authorizes a school district to **extend a student’s probationary period to demonstrate satisfactory progress** through the conclusion of the 2020–21 school year for purposes of extracurricular and cocurricular activities; authorizes documentation required for purposes of student work permits to be **submitted electronically during an extended school closure**; and **prohibits a work permit from being denied based on a student’s grades, grade point average, or school attendance when the student’s school has been physically closed for an extended time.**

AB 1350 (Chapter 66/2020)—Retroactive Grant of High School Diplomas: COVID-19 Crisis. This bill authorizes a local educational agency to **retroactively grant a high school diploma to a senior in high school during the 2019–20 school year that was in good academic standing, and on track to graduate, but was unable to complete the statewide graduation requirements because of COVID-19.**

SB 1159 (Chapter 85/2020)—Workers’ Compensation: COVID-19: Critical Workers. (Previously referenced.) This bill establishes a disputable **presumption that an employee who becomes ill from COVID-19 contracted the virus at their workplace and is thus eligible for worker’s compensation** (see “[Governor Newsom Signs Workers’ Compensation and Family Leave Bills into Law](#)” in the September 2020 Fiscal Report).