

MVLA

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Legislative Update
May 9, 2022

Senate Bill (SB) 1229, (Mike McGuire (D-North Coast)) The bill, which will add **10,000 mental health professionals** to support schools and youth throughout the state.

This bill stemmed from a need for youth mental health supports as we emerge from two years of a global pandemic that has affected every community but often hit hardest in communities of color, leaving some of the most vulnerable students with additional trauma and disproportionate gaps in learning, engagement, and development. SB 1229 passed out of Senate Education Committee and will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee in May.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2794, (Mike Gipson (D-Carson). AB 2794 would distribute resources to provide **crisis intervention and de-escalation training**.

“...we need to train adults in the types of de-escalation methods that keep our students from falling victim to the school-to-prison pipeline.”

The bill passed out of the Assembly Education Committee and will be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2774, (Assemblymember Akilah Weber (D-San Diego).) The bill provides **resources and direct services to close the achievement gap for Black students** throughout California. The bill passed unanimously on Wednesday and will be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The following additional bills are currently on their way to the Appropriations Committee or still on the Floor:

- **AB 2465** – Bonta (D-Oakland): Provides multifaceted strategy including family and community **literacy, biliteracy, digital tools, and library access** to support a student's ability to learn to read.
- **AB 2088** – Cooper (D-Elk Grove): Provides state funding to high schools to administer a **paid internship program** for students. The state would also provide criteria for high-quality internship opportunities.

- **AB 2694** – Rubio (D-Baldwin Park): Supports the **induction of 45,000 new teachers currently teaching under waiver** provided by executive order but who would still need to complete the Teaching Performance Assessment and/or the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment.
- **SB 364** – Skinner (D-Berkeley): **Provides 2.5 school meals to students per day**, and provides new infrastructure grants for school sites.
- **AB 1703** – Ramos (D-Highland): Encourages local educational agencies (LEAs) and charter schools to **form California Indian Education Task Forces to develop curricular materials** on the history, culture, and government of local tribes, and requires the Task Forces to submit a report of findings to the CDE.
- **SB 830** – Portantino (D-La Cañada Flintridge): Uses “average daily membership” (**enrollment**) instead of **average daily attendance (ADA)** to calculate state funding for LEAs and county offices of education.