



Legislative Update

December 16, 2019

AB 218 (Gonzalez D) Damages: childhood sexual assault: statute of limitations.

Status: 2019 - Signed by the governor

Summary: This bill extends the statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse claims against public and private entities, including school districts. It creates a three-year window for claims to be filed indefinitely, and changes the standard for an entity to “know about the allegation and failed to respond,” to now the entity “***knew about the allegation or failed to respond.***”

AB 1322 (Berman D) School-based health programs.

Status: 2019 - Vetoed by the governor.

Summary: This bill would require the State Department of Education to, no later than July 1, 2020, **establish a school-based Health Unit** for the purpose of administering current health-related programs under the purview of the State Department of Education and advising it on issues related to the delivery of schoolbased Medi-Cal services in the state.

The bill would require the unit to, among other things, provide technical assistance, outreach, and informational materials to LEAs on allowable services and on the submission of claims. The bill would authorize the unit to form advisory groups. It would require the State Department of Health Care Services to make available to the unit any information on other school-based dental, health, and mental health programs, and school-based health centers, that may receive Medi-Cal funding.

The bill would require the unit to be supported through an interagency agreement with the State Department of Health Care Services, and would authorize the unit to receive additional funds from grants and other sources.

Response: *This bill would establish a school based health unit within the California Department of Education (CDE) to administer and support school-based health programs operated by local educational agencies. In recognition that all state agencies must work together to better support our youth, the 2019 Budget Act included \$500,000 in one-time funding to support the creation of an interagency collaborative between the Department of Education, the Department of Health Care Services, and other regional and state agencies to improve the coordination and accessibility of services and supports to our students. Creating this new unit would be premature.*