

ITEM 15
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
2016 LEGISLATION

The Legislature reconvened into session on January 4, 2016. New legislation must be introduced by February 19, 2016. As of this writing, there were no new bills relating to mandates.

Commission staff continues to monitor the following bill from last year's session:

AB 575 - Teachers: best practices teacher evaluation system.

Introduced by Assembly member O'Donnell on February 24, 2015, AB 575 proposes adding sections to the Education Code, relating to teacher evaluation. The bill proposes, as of July 1, 2018, to add the best practices teacher evaluation system to the state-mandated local programs supported by the block grant funding. Thus, if enacted, this bill would create a legislatively determined mandate, funded through the education block grant. Specifically, it would add the following subsection to the list of programs currently found under Government Code section 17581.6(e):

(44) The best practices teacher evaluation system described in Sections 44661 and 44662 of the Education Code.

On June 18, 2015, this bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Education.