

ITEM 10
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
2015 LEGISLATION

Commission staff continues to monitor for legislation that might affect the mandates process. AB 575 and AB 731 do not affect the mandates process, but both include language to amend Government Code section 17581.6, the education mandates block grant.

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, it was referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

AB 731 - Maintenance of the codes.

Introduced by Assembly member Gallagher, on February 25, 2015, this bill was amended July 2, 2015 then passed in the Senate August 20, 2015; passed as amended in the Assembly August 24, 2015; and enrolled August 26, 2015. If signed by the Governor, this bill would remove *Race to the Top* and *Immunization Records – Pertussis* from education block grant funding.

Government Code section 17581.6(c)(1) specifies that “A school district, county office of education, or charter school that elects to receive block grant funding pursuant to this section in a given fiscal year shall submit a letter requesting funding to the Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before August 30 of that fiscal year. But AB 731 will not be enacted until well after that date and will not be effective until January 1, 2016 – in the middle of the fiscal year. It is unclear what effect this bill would have on mandate reimbursement for these two programs for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, if signed by the Governor.