

ITEM 12
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
2015 LEGISLATION

The Legislative session ended September 11, 2015 and the last day for the Governor to sign bills was October 11, 2015.

AB 731 - Maintenance of the codes. Statutes 2015, Chapter 303

AB 731, which Commission staff has been tracking, does not affect the mandates process, but does include language to amend Government Code section 17581.6, the education mandates block grant. This bill was signed by the Governor and chaptered on September 21, 2015. This bill deletes *Race to the Top* and *Immunization Records – Pertussis* from the programs listed in the education block grant.

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. AB 731 was not enacted until well after that date and will not be effective until January 1, 2016 – in the middle of the fiscal year. It remains unclear what effect this bill will have on mandate reimbursement for these two programs for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.