

**ITEM 16**  
**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
**2015 LEGISLATION**

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The 2015-16 legislative session reconvened on January 5, 2015. Commission staff continues to monitor proposed bills for legislation that might affect the mandates process. AB 575 and AB 731 were introduced on February 24 and February 25 respectively. It does not appear that either of these bills will affect the Commission or the mandate determination process itself, but both include language to amend Government Code section 17581.6, the education block grant.

**AB 575 - Teachers: best practices teacher evaluation system.**

Introduced by Assembly member O'Donnell on February 24, 2015, and referred to the Committee on Education on March 9, 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.

**AB 731 - Maintenance of the codes.**

Introduced by Assembly member Gallagher, on February 25, 2015, this bill proposes amendments to many different code sections, described by the legislative counsel's digest as, relating to the maintenance of the codes. As of this writing, the bill has not yet been referred to committee. In section 219 of the bill, a minor change is proposed under the education block grant in Government Code section 17581.6(e)(46) to add "of" as shown below:

- (46) Uniform Complaint Procedures (03-TC-02; Chapter 1117 of the Statutes of 1982; Chapter 1514 of the Statutes of 1988; and Chapter 914 of the Statutes of 1998).

AB 731 appears to be a spot bill and may be amended in the future to propose substantive changes to Government Code section 17581.6. Commission staff will continue to monitor both bills during this legislative session.