

ITEM 7
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
2017 LEGISLATION

Budget Act of 2017, AB 97

On June 27, 2017, the Governor signed the 2017-2018 Budget Act which makes the following changes from last year's budget to reimbursement of state-mandated programs:

K-12 School Districts

According to the Legislative Analyst's Office¹, the budget includes \$601 million in additional Proposition 98-related funding, of which \$287 million would be used to pay down the K-12 mandates backlog.

The Budget Act adds \$8 million and the following mandates to the K-12 Mandate Block Grant:

- *California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Program*, (14-TC-01 and 14-TC-04)
- *Training for School Employee Mandated Reporters* (14-TC-02)

The Budget Act makes no changes to the list of suspended K-12 mandates.

Community College Districts

The Budget Act makes no changes to the list of funded or suspended mandates as compared to 2016-2017.

Local Government

The Budget Act makes no changes to the list of funded or suspended mandates as compared to 2016-2017.

Commission staff continues to monitor for legislation that affects the mandates process:

AB 268 – State Mandates

AB 268 was introduced by Assembly Member Walderon on February 1, 2017. This bill proposes a technical, nonsubstantive change to Government Code section 17552, which currently addresses the process by which local agencies or school districts may claim reimbursement for state mandated costs.

AB 268 appears to be a spot bill and could be amended in the future to propose substantive changes. According to the author's office, they currently have no intent to pursue changes to the mandates process with this bill.

¹ "Overview of the Governor's Proposition 98 Budget Package"
<http://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/3530> accessed July 6, 2017.