



2008 Education-Related Legislation

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This report contains a summary of major laws enacted by the California Legislature during the 2008 session that are of interest to K-12 schools and community colleges. Enacted bills become law on January 1, 2009, unless adopted as urgency measures with earlier effective dates noted in the report, or unless they contain delayed operative dates.

This year's report was compiled by Frank J. Fekete, former General Counsel of Schools Legal Service and Michael A. Hulsizer, Chief Deputy for Governmental Affairs of the Office of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. The report has the following features:

- All bills are listed in numerical bill order by house: Assembly and Senate
- All bills are briefly summarized in boxed text; bills needing more detailed explanation are further explained below the box
- An index at the front of the report arranges bills in subject-matter categories, with references to the pages in the report where the summaries are found.
- The chapter numbers are assigned to enacted legislation in the order they are filed with the Secretary of State's office after being signed by the Governor. The full reference is Stats. 2008, Chapter #.

The full text of all bills considered by the Legislature in the 2008 session—whether or not adopted—can be found on the Internet at www.leginfo.ca.gov/. This site also includes prior versions of the bill and various committee reports that can be of assistance in understanding legislative history and intent. The full text of all **current** California code sections can also be found at www.leginfo.ca.gov/.

You may wish to “bookmark” these sites for continued reference. You will also find them under “Legal Links” at the Schools Legal Service website at www.schoolslegalservice.org.

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