Immigration Related Legislation Currently Pending in the 2017-2018 Session of the California Legislature

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I. State Involvement in Immigration Enforcement

1) SB-54

Lead Authors: De León (S)
Topic: Law enforcement: sharing data.
Title: An act to add Chapter 17.25 (commencing with Section 7284) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to repeal Section 11369 of the Health and Safety Code, and to add Sections 3058.10 to the Penal Code, relating to law enforcement.
House Location: Assembly
Last Amended Date: 06/19/17
Committee Location: Asm Judiciary
Hearing Date: 07/05/17
Latest Action: 06/19/17 - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Referred to Com. on JUD.
Summary: This bill would, among other things and subject to exceptions, prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies, including school police and security departments, from using resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes... The bill would require... the Attorney General... to publish model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible for use by those entities for those purposes. The bill would require all public schools, public libraries, health facilities operated by the state or a political subdivision of the state, and courthouses to implement... an equivalent policy.

2) AB-440

Lead Authors: Gipson (A)
Topic: State government: Department of Finance: report.
Title: An act to add Section 13085 to the Government Code, relating to state government.
House Location: Assembly
Last Amended Date: 03/23/17
Committee Location: Asm Local Government
Latest Action: 03/27/17 - Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Summary: Existing law grants the Department of Finance general powers of supervision over all matters concerning the financial and business policies of the state. This bill would require the department to convene a working group to create a report on the anticipated financial impact to cities if federal funding is reduced or eliminated for those cities because of being identified as a sanctuary city. The bill would require the report to be published on the department’s Internet Web site.

3) SB-244

Lead Authors: Lara (S)
Title: An act to amend Section 30 of the Business and Professions Code, to add Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1798.785) to Title 1.8 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, to amend Sections 48204.1, 49073.1, 66021.6, 66021.7, 68130.5, 69508.5, 70036, and 99155 of the Education Code, to amend Section 128371 of the Health and Safety Code, to amend Sections 12800.7 and 12801.9 of, and to add Section 13005.1 to, the Vehicle Code, and to amend Sections 204, 1905, and 14007.8 of, and to add Section 17852 to, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to privacy.
House Location: Senate
Last Amended Date: 05/26/17
Committee Location: Sen Appropriations
Committee Hearing Date: 07/11/17
**Latest Action:** 05/19/17 - Referred to Coms. on JUD. and P. & C.P.

**Summary:** This bill would require that sensitive personal information, as defined, and records containing sensitive personal information that are collected or obtained by the state, any state agency, or any subdivision of the state, including agents of the California State University and the California Community Colleges, as well as any private persons contracted to administer public services or programs or maintain data for state or local agencies, from an applicant for public services or programs be collected, recorded, or used only for the purpose of assessing eligibility for and providing those public services and programs for which the application has been submitted. The bill would provide that sensitive personal information subject to these provisions is not a public record for purposes of the California Public Records Act and would prohibit disclosure of that sensitive personal information to any other person, except as provided. This bill would also prohibit use of a driver’s license as evidence of or a basis to infer an individual’s citizenship or immigration status for any purpose.

### 4) SB-785

**Lead Authors:** Wiener (S)

**Topic:** Evidence: immigration status.

**Title:** An act to amend Section 351.2 of the Evidence Code, relating to evidence, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

**House Location:** Senate

**Last Amended Date:** 05/23/17

**Committee Location:** Sen Judiciary

**Committee Hearing Date:** 07/18/17

**Latest Action:** 05/23/17 - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

**Summary:** This bill would prohibit the inclusion of evidence of a person’s immigration status in a public court record unless the party seeking its inclusion seeks and obtains a ruling by the presiding judge at an in camera hearing that the evidence is relevant.

### 5) SB-613

**Topic:** Immigration status.

**Title:** An act to repeal Sections 1008, 4118, and 4458 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to immigration status.

**House Location:** Assembly

**Committee Hearing Date:** 07/11/17

**Latest Action:** 06/15/17 – Referred to Com. On JUD.

**Summary:** This bill would repeal several provisions that require the Division of Juvenile Justice, State Department of State Hospitals, and the State Department of Developmental Services to cooperate with the United States Bureau of Immigration in arranging for the deportation of all aliens who are confined in, admitted to, or committed to their facilities.

### 6) AB-159

**Lead Authors:** Jones-Sawyer (A)

**Topic:** State government: federal immigration policy enforcement.

**Title:** An act to amend Section 7282.5 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

**House Location:** Assembly

**Introduced Date:** 01/12/17

**Committee Location:** Asm Public Safety

**Latest Action:** 03/21/17 - In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

**Summary:** This bill would prohibit a law enforcement official from cooperating with federal immigration officials by providing information about a juvenile held in a juvenile detention facility, or by detaining a juvenile on the basis of an immigration hold after that juvenile becomes eligible for release from
custody, unless not cooperating would violate federal law and the juvenile has been convicted of specified crimes.

7) AB-1440

Lead Authors: Kalra (A)
Topic: Peace officers.
Title: An act to add Section 830.85 to the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.
House Location: Assembly
Last Amended Date: 06/14/17
Latest Action: 06/21/17 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Summary: Under existing law, federal criminal investigators and law enforcement officers are not California peace officers, but are authorized to exercise the powers of arrest of a peace officer in this state under specified circumstances, including when probable cause exists to believe that a public offense that involves immediate danger to persons or property has just occurred or is being committed. This bill would specify that United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers are not California peace officers.

8) SB-31

Lead Authors: Lara (S)
Title: An act to add Section 8310.3 to the Government Code, relating to state government, and declaring the urgency thereof to take effect immediately.
House Location: Assembly
Last Amended Date: 03/27/17
Committee Location: Asm Appropriations
Summary: This bill would prohibit a state or local agency or a public employee acting under color of law from providing or disclosing to the federal government personal information regarding a person’s religious beliefs, practices, or affiliation, as specified, when the information is sought for compiling a database of individuals based on religious belief, practice, or affiliation, national origin, or ethnicity for law enforcement or immigration purposes. The bill would also prohibit a state agency from using agency resources to assist with any government program compiling such a database, or from making state databases available in connection with an investigation or enforcement under such a program. The bill would prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies and their employees from collecting personal information on the religious beliefs, practices, or affiliation of any individual, except as part of a targeted investigation, as provided, or where necessary to provide religious accommodations.

9) AB-21

Lead Authors: Kalra (A)
Title: An act to add Article 11 (commencing with Section 66093) to Chapter 2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.
House Location: Senate
Last Amended Date: 05/30/17
Committee Location: Sen Judiciary
Latest Action: 06/14/17 – Referred to Coms. On ED. and JUD.
Summary: The bill would add...provisions that would require the Trustees of the California State University, the governing boards of community college districts, and independent institutions of higher education that are qualifying institutions for purposes of the Cal Grant Program, and would request the regents, to the fullest extent consistent with federal law, to: refrain from releasing certain
confidential information concerning students, faculty, and staff of, or other members of the communities served by these campuses; advise all students, and require each member of the faculty and staff to immediately notify the campus chancellor or president if they are advised that public or law enforcement entities are expected to enter, or have entered, the campus to execute a federal immigration order; advise all faculty and staff responding to or having contact with a representative of a public or law enforcement entity executing a federal immigration order, to promptly refer the entity or individual to the campus chancellor or president for purposes of verifying the legality of any warrant or subpoena; assign staff to serve as a point of contact for those who may be subject to immigration actions; solicit and maintain a contact list of known attorneys or legal services providers who provide pro bono legal immigration representation, and provide it free of charge to any and all students who request it; adopt and implement a policy limiting assistance with immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and state law, as specified; and ensure that certain benefits and services provided to students who qualify for exemption from nonresident tuition pursuant to a specified statute are continued in the event that they are subject to a federal immigration order.

10) AB-450

Lead Authors: Chiu (A)
Title: An act to add Sections 90.1, 90.2, 90.25, 90.8, 90.9, 98.85, and 1019.2 to the Labor Code, relating to employment regulation.
House Location: Senate
Last Amended Date: 06/21/17
Committee Location: Sen Judiciary
Latest Action: 06/28/17 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 3. Noes 1.) (June 28). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Summary: This bill would impose various requirements on public and private employers with regard to federal immigration agency immigration worksite enforcement actions. Except as otherwise provided by federal law, the bill would prohibit an employer from providing a federal immigration enforcement agent access to a place of labor without a properly executed warrant and would prohibit an employer from providing voluntary access to a federal government immigration enforcement agent to the employer’s employee records without a subpoena. The bill would require an employer to provide an employee, and the employee’s representative, a written notice containing specified information, in the language the employer normally uses to communicate employment information, of an immigration worksite enforcement action to be conducted by a federal immigration agency at the employer’s worksite, unless prohibited by federal law. The bill would require an employer to provide to an affected employee, and to the employee’s representative, a copy of the written federal immigration agency notice describing the results of an immigration worksite enforcement audit or inspection and written notice of the obligations of the employer and the affected employee arising from the action, as specified. The bill would prescribe penalties for failure to satisfy requirements and prohibitions of not less than $10,000, and not more than $25,000, for each violation, to be recoverable by the Labor Commissioner.

11) AB-946

Lead Authors: Ting (A), Gonzalez Fletcher (A)
Topic: State public retirement systems: divestiture: border wall construction companies.
Title: An act to amend Section 16642 of, and to add Section 7513.77 to, the Government Code, relating to state public retirement systems.
House Location: Assembly
Last Amended Date: 03/28/17
Committee Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement/Soc Sec
Latest Action: 04/19/17 - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
Summary: This bill would prohibit the boards of the Public Employees’ Retirement System and the State Teachers’ Retirement System from making new investments or renewing existing investments of public employee retirement funds in a border wall construction company, as defined. The bill would require the boards to
The bill would provide that it does not require a board to take any action unless the board determines in good faith that the action is consistent with the board’s fiduciary responsibilities established in the California Constitution. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

12) SB-29

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<th>Lara (S)</th>
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<td>An act to add Section 1670.9 to the Civil Code, relating to immigration.</td>
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<td>Summary: (1)</td>
<td>This bill would, commencing on January 1, 2019, prohibit a city, county, or city and county, or a local law enforcement agency from entering into, renewing, or extending the length of a contract with a private corporation, contractor, or vendor to detain immigrants in civil immigration proceedings for profit.</td>
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<td>This bill would specify that any facility that detains an immigrant pursuant to a contract with a city, county, city and county, or a local law enforcement agency is subject to the California Public Records Act.</td>
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<td>This bill would provide that an immigration detention facility operator, as defined, an agent thereof, or a person acting on its behalf, shall not deprive an immigrant detainee in civil immigration proceedings of specified rights, including access to an attorney or other authorized person, medical care, freedom from harm or harassment, or privacy. The bill would prohibit an immigration detention facility from involuntarily placing a detainee in segregated housing because of his or her actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. This bill would authorize the Attorney General or any district attorney or city attorney to bring a civil action against an immigration detention facility, an agent thereof, or a person acting on its behalf that violates a detainee’s rights, as specified.</td>
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II. Legal Protections and Remedies that Protect Immigrants from Exploitation

13) AB-1690

| Topic: | Personal rights: compensatory relief. |
| Title: | An act to amend Section 3339 of the Civil Code, to amend Section 7285 of the Government Code, to amend Section 24000 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 1171.5 of the Labor Code, relating to personal rights. |
| House Location: | Senate |
| Last Amended Date: | 05/26/17 |
| Committee Location: | Sen Judiciary |
| Latest Action: | 06/14/17 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading. |
| Summary: | This bill also would find and declare that for the purposes of enforcing consumer protection laws, a person’s immigration status is irrelevant to the issue of liability, and that no inquiry shall be permitted into a person’s immigration status, unless it is necessary in order to comply with federal immigration law. |

14) AB-493

| Lead Authors: | Jones-Sawyer (A) |
Title: An act to add Section 679.015 to the Penal Code, relating to crime.

House Location: Senate

Introduced Date: 02/13/17

Committee Location: Sen Public Safety

Last Amended Date: 06/19/17

Latest Action: 05/10/17 - Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Summary: Existing law prohibits a peace officer from detaining an individual exclusively for any actual or suspected immigration violation or reporting or turning the individual over to federal immigration authorities whenever an individual who is a victim of or witness to a hate crime, as defined, or who otherwise can give evidence in a hate crime investigation, is not charged with or convicted of committing any crime under state law. This bill would enact a prohibition similar to the one described above that would be applicable whenever an individual is a victim of or witness to a crime, or otherwise can give evidence in a criminal investigation, without regard to whether the crime is a hate crime.

15) AB-299

Lead Authors: Calderon (A)

Topic: Hiring of real property: immigration or citizenship status.

Title: An act to amend Section 1940.3 of the Civil Code, relating to hiring of real property.

House Location: Senate


Summary: Existing law prohibits any city, county, or city and county from compelling a landlord or any agent of the landlord to take any action, as specified, based on the immigration or citizenship status of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant, or prospective occupant of residential rental property. This bill would expand this prohibition to include a “public entity,” which the bill would define to include the state, as defined, a city, county, city and county, district, public authority, public agency, and any other political subdivision or public corporation in the state.

16) AB-291

Lead Authors: Chiu (A) , Bonta (A) , Gonzalez Fletcher (A) , Kalra (A)

Topic: Housing: immigration.

Title: An act to amend Section 6103.7 of the Business and Professions Code, to amend Sections 1940.2, 1940.3, and 1942.5 of, and to add Sections 1940.05, 1940.35, and 3339.10 to, the Civil Code, and to add Section 1161.4 to the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to housing.

House Location: Senate

Latest Action: 05/15/17

Committee Action Date: 05/02/17

Committee Motion: Do pass as amended.

Committee Vote Result: (PASS) »» Ayes: 7; Noes: 2; Abstain: 1;

Latest Action: 06/22/17 - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Summary: This bill would … make it a cause for suspension, disbarment, or other discipline for a member of the State Bar to report suspected immigration status or threaten to report suspected immigration status of a witness or party to a civil or administrative action or his or her family member, as defined, to a federal, state, or local agency because the witness or party exercises or has exercised a right related to the hiring of residential real property.

This bill would make it unlawful for a lessor to threaten to or actually disclose to any immigration authority, law enforcement agency, or local, state, or federal agency information regarding or relating to the immigration or citizenship status of any tenant, occupant, or other person known to the lessor to be associated with a tenant or occupant, as provided, for the purpose of, or with the intent of, harassing or intimidating a tenant or occupant, retaliating against a tenant or occupant for the exercise of his or her rights,
influencing a tenant or occupant to vacate a dwelling, or recovering possession of the dwelling, unless the lessor is complying with any legal obligation under federal law, or a subpoena, warrant, or order issued by a court. The bill would require a court to order a lessor to pay specified civil penalties in the event of a violation of these provisions to the tenant, and to issue injunctive relief to prevent the lessor from engaging in similar conduct in the future, and would require the court to notify the district attorney of the county in which the real property for hire at issue was located of a potential violation of specified laws relating to extortion. The bill would also require a court to award attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party in an action under these provisions. The bill would prohibit a tenant, occupant, or person known to the landlord to be associated with a tenant or occupant, from waiving his or her rights under these provisions. This bill would declare that the immigration or citizenship status of any person is irrelevant to any issue of liability or remedy under specified provisions of law relating to the rights of tenants, and would prohibit inquiry being made in a civil action initiated to enforce those laws into a person’s immigration or citizenship status unless 2 exceptions to that prohibition apply.

17) **AB-699**

**Lead Authors:** O'Donnell (A), Chiu (A)

**Topic:** Educational equity: immigration status.

**Title:** An act to amend Sections 200, 220, and 234.1 of, and to add Article 5.7 (commencing with Section 234.7) to Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 1 of, the Education Code, relating to educational equity.

**House Location:** Senate

**Last Amended Date:** 05/30/17

**Committee Location:** Sen Education

**Committee Hearing Date:** 05/26/17

**Latest Action:** 06/28/17 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on ED. (Ayes 4. Noes 1.) (June 27). Re-referred to Com. on ED.

**Summary:** Existing law states the policy of the State of California to afford all persons in public schools, regardless of their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other specified characteristic, equal rights and opportunities in the educational institutions of the state. Existing law prohibits discrimination on the basis of those specific characteristics in any program or activity conducted by an educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance or enrolls pupils who receive state student financial aid. Existing law requires the State Department of Education to assess whether local educational agencies have taken certain actions related to educational equity, including adopting a policy that prohibits, and adopting a process for receiving and investigating complaints of, discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on those actual or perceived specified characteristics. This bill would expressly include immigration status in the specified characteristics for purposes of those provisions.

18) **AB-1318**

**Lead Authors:** Chiu (A)

**Topic:** School safety: Safe Place to Learn Act.

**Title:** An act to amend Sections 234.1 and 234.5 of, and to add and repeal Section 234.6 of, the Education Code, relating to school safety.

**House Location:** Assembly

**Last Amended Date:** 05/03/17

**Committee Location:** Asm Appropriations

**Latest Action:** 05/26/17 - In committee: Held under submission.

**Summary:** *Existing* law, the Safe Place to Learn Act, requires the State Department of Education, as part of its regular monitoring and review of a local educational agency, to assess whether the local educational agency has, among other things, adopted a policy that prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, regardless of a student’s disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other specified characteristic, equal rights and opportunities in the
educational institutions of the state, and has publicized that policy to pupils, parents, employees, agents of the
governing board, and the general public. This bill would provide that these and related provisions apply to
school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools. This bill would also require the department to
assess whether the local educational agency has provided that information related to the support of pupils who
may face bias or bullying on the basis of actual or perceived disability, gender, gender identity, gender
expression, race, ethnicity, or national origin.

19) AB-638

Lead Authors: Caballero (A)
Topic: Immigration consultants.
Title: An act to amend and repeal Section 6126.4 of, to amend, add, and repeal Section 6126.7 of, to add
Section 22449.5 to, and to repeal and add Chapter 19.5 (commencing with Section 22440) of Division 8 of, the
Business and Professions Code, and to amend and repeal Section 8223 of the Government Code, relating to
immigration consultants.
House Location: Senate
Last Amended Date: 06/26/17
Committee Location: Sen Judiciary
Committee Hearing Date: 07/11/17
Latest Action: 06/26/17 - From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee.
Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on JUD.

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Summary: By January 1, 2019, this bill would prohibit any person, for compensation, from engaging in the
business or acting in the capacity of an immigration consultant in this state, as provided. The bill would, notwithstan
ding that prohibition, authorize specified actors to act in the capacity of an immigration consultant, including attorneys
and a person or entity authorized under federal law to represent persons before the United States Department of Homeland
Security or the United States Department of Justice. The bill would provide that attorneys and organizations accredited by
the Executive Office for Immigration Review shall be the only individuals authorized to charge clients or prospective clients a
fee for providing services associated with filing an application related to an immigration matter. The bill also would prohibit
attorneys and organizations accredited by the Executive Office for Immigration Review from participating in practices that
do or act in the capacity of an immigration consultant to do specified acts.

20) AB-578

Lead Authors: Reyes (A)
Topic: Threatening a witness: threats to report immigration status.
Title: An act to amend Section 136.1 of the Penal Code, relating to crimes.
House Location: Senate
Introduced Date: 02/14/17
Committee Location: Sen Appropriations
Committee Hearing Date: 07/10/17
Latest Action: 06/20/17 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (June
20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: This bill would include in the list of circumstances that make threatening a witness or victim a
felony a threat to report the immigration status or suspected immigration status of a crime victim or witness, or
of a victim’s or witness’ family member or relative.

III. Funding to Legal Services Providers
21) SB-6

Lead Authors: Hueso (S)
Topic: Immigrants: removal proceedings: legal services.
Title: An act to amend the heading of Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 13300) of Part 3 of Division 9 of, and to add Sections 13307, 13308, and 13309 to, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to immigrants, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.
House Location: Assembly
Last Amended Date: 03/29/17
Committee Location: Asm Judiciary
Latest Action: 06/19/17 - June 20 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.
Summary: The bill would appropriate $12,000,000 from the General Fund to the CA Department of Social Services… and would require the department to either contract with qualified nonprofit legal services organizations, or contract with a nonprofit agency to administer funding to nonprofit legal services organization subcontractors, to provide legal services to individuals in removal proceedings who are not otherwise entitled to legal representation under an existing local, state, or federal program. The bill would prohibit funds provided under one of those contracts from being used to provide legal services to an individual who has been convicted of, or who is currently appealing a conviction for, a violent felony. The bill would authorize the department to prioritize the award of contracts to qualified nonprofit legal services organizations that also receive county or city funding to provide legal services to individuals in removal proceedings and would also authorize the department to prioritize the award of contracts to qualified nonprofit legal services organizations, or contract with a nonprofit agency to administer funding to nonprofit legal services organization subcontractors, to provide legal services to deported veterans.

22) AB-386

Lead Authors: Gonzalez Fletcher (A)
Topic: Legal services for deported veterans.
Title: An act to add the heading of Article 1 (commencing with Section 13300) to Chapter 5.6 of Part 3 of Division 9 of, and to add Article 2 (commencing with Section 13400) to Chapter 5.6 of Part 3 of Division 9 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to immigrants, and making an appropriation therefor.
House Location: Senate
Last Amended Date: 05/04/17
Committee Location: Sen Judiciary
Latest Action: 06/14/17 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 4. Noes 0.) (June 13). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
Summary: This bill would require the [CA] [D]epartment [of Social Services] to either contract with a qualified nonprofit legal services organization, or contract with a nonprofit agency to administer funding to nonprofit legal services organization subcontractors, to provide legal services to deported veterans…

23) AB-3

Lead Authors: Bonta (A)
Title: An act to add Chapter 5.7 (commencing with Section 13500) to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to immigration, and making an appropriation therefor.
House Location: Assembly
Last Amended Date: 05/30/17
Committee Location: Sen Public Safety
Summary: This bill would require the [CA] [D]department of Social Services or a nonprofit organization contracting with the department, as provided, to issue requests for proposal and issue grants to qualified legal services projects, qualified support centers, or county offices of the public defender that meet specified requirements, to expand their programs in order to serve as regional legal services agencies capable of providing legal training, written materials, mentoring, and technical assistance to county offices of the public defender in this state on issues relating to the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. The bill would also require the department or contracted nonprofit organization, as provided, to issue requests for proposal and issue grants to qualified legal services projects, qualified support centers, or county offices of the public defender that meet specified requirements, that can act as a statewide resource center to the regional legal services agencies and county offices of the public defender to provide these regional legal services agencies and offices with ongoing training, written materials, mentoring, and technical assistance, and to coordinate a statewide collaborative to ensure efficient delivery of high quality legal services.

IV. Immigrant Access to State Programs and Services

24) AB 343

Lead Authors: McCarty (A)


Title: An act to add Section 68075.6 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

House Location: Senate

Latest Amended Date: 04/20/17

Committee Location: Sen Appropriations

Latest Action: 06/28/17 - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (June 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: The bill would exempt students who have been granted special immigrant visas pursuant to a specified federal statute, or are refugees admitted to the United States under a specified federal statute, and who, upon entering the United States, settled in California, from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges.

25) AB-349

Lead Authors: McCarty (A), Gonzalez Fletcher (A), Nazarian (A)


Title: An act to add Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 18980) to Chapter 4 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 to the Government Code, relating to civil service.

House Location: Senate

Latest Amended Date: 06/14/17

Committee Location: Sen Judiciary

Latest Action: 06/21/17 - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Summary: Existing provisions of the State Civil Service Act require that, whenever any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100% disabled veteran achieves a passing score on an entrance examination, he or she be ranked in the top rank of the resulting civil service eligibility list. This bill would authorize any person who assisted the United States military and was issued a specified special immigrant also to be ranked in the top of the resulting eligibility list if he or she achieves a passing score on an entrance examination.

26) SB-257

Lead Authors: Lara (S)

Topic: School admissions: pupil residency: pupils of deported parents.

Title: An act to add Section 48204.4 to the Education Code, relating to school admissions.
Immigration Related Legislation Currently Pending in the
2017-2018 Session of the California Legislature

27) AB-1622

Lead Authors: Low (A)

Topic: Student support services: Dream Resource Liaisons.

Title: An act to add Section 66021.8 to, and to add Chapter 3.67 (commencing with Section 44778) to Part 25 of Division 3 of Title 2 of, the Education Code, relating to student support services.

House Location: Assembly

Introduced Date: 02/17/17

Committee Location: Asm Appropriations

Latest Action: 05/26/17 - In committee: Held under submission.

Summary: This bill would, commencing with the 2018–19 academic year, require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request the University of California, to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses, as specified, to assist students meeting specified requirements, including undocumented students, by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. This bill would also require the governing board of a school district or county office of education that maintains any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to designate a Dream Resource Liaison at each of their respective campuses that includes any of those grades.

Summary: Existing law requires each person between 6 and 18 years of age not otherwise exempted to attend the public full-time day school or continuation school or classes in the school district where the person’s parent or legal guardian is located. Existing law provides that a pupil is deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district if the pupil satisfies one of specified requirements. Existing law authorizes a resident of a foreign country adjacent to this state, otherwise eligible for admission to a class or school of a school district, who regularly returns within a 24-hour period to the foreign country, to be admitted to a class or school by the governing board of the school district. This bill would provide that a pupil complies with the residency requirement for school attendance in a school district if he or she is a pupil whose parent or parents were residents of this state and were deported, or voluntarily departed pursuant to a specified federal law, and, if the pupil seeks admission to a class or school of a school district, requires that the pupil be admitted by the governing board of the school district if that person meets specified requirements.