

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

To date, 1464 bills have been introduced. CCASAPE has analyzed 229 bills. Of these bills, 187 address issues of concern to CCASAPE members.

The following bills have been selected from the bills being tracked by CCASAPE and are summarized for your information:

- AB70** Revises existing law regarding compensation of school board members to increase the monthly salary not to exceed \$2,000. **CCASAPE supports this bill.**
- AB78** Requires the State Board of Education to adopt a skin cancer education program for grades K-12. **While CCASAPE does not oppose this bill, we have concerns that the existing curriculum is being expanded without an increase in the school year or school day.**
- AB107** Existing law stipulates that a person who possesses a prohibited weapon is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable by not fewer than 15 days in jail and with a fine of not more than \$2000. This bill adds a knife with a blade of two inches or more to the list of prohibited weapons. **CCASAPE believes this bill must be amended to allow for flexibility for principals in dealing with students who unintentionally bring a prohibited knife to school. CCASAPE opposes this bill in its current form.**
- AB157** Provides for full day kindergarten
- AB175** This bill requires high schools to offer both classroom and behind the wheel driver education training. **This bill represents another expansion of the curriculum and for high schools not on a 4x4 block schedule will be difficult to implement. CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- AB212** This bill requires high schools to develop a 4-year plan for each 9th grade pupil in consultation with the parent; requires each high school to develop a segregated school within a school for 9th grade students and designate certain school personnel to work only with 9th grade students; requires that a uniform grading scale be developed for all public high schools; and requires that a policy be adopted that will limit the responsibilities for school counselors with regard to the school-wide testing program. **CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- AB280** This bill provides a \$2,000 salary increase for each licensed teacher in Nevada. **CCASAPE supports this bill as long as it applies to other education personnel.**
- AB324** This bill requires that a school district pay a subsidy for retiree health care for those retirees who do not enroll in the state health insurance program. The subsidy would be paid at the same rate as the retirees who elect to go into the state health insurance program. **CCASAPE supports this bill.**
- AB337** This bill includes transfer as a subject of mandatory bargaining for administrators and excludes attorneys from the definition of a school administrator. **CCASAPE supports this bill.**
- AB387** This bill requires the school principal to ensure that a student has a physical examination prior to enrollment in school. **This bill creates additional responsibilities for school principals with no additional support or resources. CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- AB459** This bill creates a teacher bill of rights. **CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- AB460** This bill extends the school year and extends the February 15 date to March 1 for notifying probationary teachers they will be non-renewed. This bill also specifies a required number of minutes for administrators conducting classroom observations and requires that the administrator identify the time spent in the classroom observation in the evaluation document. **CCASAPE supports extending the school year and changing the February 15 date to March 1. CCASAPE will seek to remove the requirement to include the amount of time the administrator must be in the classroom for evaluation purposes. CCASAPE believes that teacher evaluations should be completed with extended classroom observation time, but believes that this bill in its current form will allow teachers to contest evaluations.**
- AB472** This bill allows public funds to be spent for enrollment in private schools. **CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SB2** This bill appropriates sufficient funds to ensure that the money expended per pupil in this State meets or exceeds the most current national average. **CCASAPE supports this bill.**
- SB52** Existing law establishes the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program and provides for payment of scholarships to Nevada high school students. Sections 6 and 7 of this bill create the Millennium Teaching Scholarship Program for students who enroll in a program of teacher education that prepares a student to obtain a license with an endorsement to teach mathematics, science or special education. The student must agree to teach in a Nevada public school for at least 3 years. The student must be enrolled in a program of teacher education in special education at UNLV or in math or science at UNR. The goal is to provide 300 new special education teachers and 100 new math or science teachers each year. **CCASAPE will seek to amend this bill to allow students to attend either UNLV or UNR for special education, math and science.**
- SB57** Existing law requires the parole or probation officer who supervises a child who has been adjudicated for a sexual offense or sexually motivated act to provide notice to the superintendent of the school district in which the child resides. If the victim of the sexual offense or sexually motivated act attends a public or private school in this State, the notification must include the name of the victim. This bill

requires the parole or probation officer to obtain the written consent of the parent or guardian of the victim before including the name of the victim in the notification. **CCASAPE will seek to amend to ensure the principal is notified when both the victim and the offender attend the same school. CCASAPE opposes this bill in its present form.**

- SB97** This bill limits salaries of school administrators to one and one-half times the salary of the highest paid principal in the district. This restriction applies to administrators who are employed to provide services at the district or regional level rather than the school level. This restriction applies only to contracts and agreements that are executed or renewed on or after July 1, 2007. **The administrative salary schedule for administrators in the CCSD does not provide for a one and one-half times differential in salary between the highest paid principal and a regional or district administrator. CCASAPE opposes this bill because it provides legislative-infringement on the collective bargaining process and will make it difficult to recruit future superintendent candidates.**
- SB110** This bill reduces the number of required examinations administered to students. **CCASAPE supports this bill.**
- SB123** This bill makes significant changes to how members of the public may access the public records of a public or governmental agency. **CCASAPE has a concern with this bill due to a provision which may allow confidential information to be released to the public. CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SB143** This bill requires each elementary school designated as needs improvement to provide a parent report card on the involvement of the parent in the education of the pupil. This bill also requires a parent signature on the currently required code of honor. **This bill places additional responsibilities on school administrators. Additionally, it will create a difficult working relationship between the school and the parent. CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SB166** This bill increases the salaries of certain employees who hold national certification. **CCASAPE will seek to amend this bill to include those professional-technical employees whose professions require them to hold national certification.**
- SB223** This bill directs the Legislative Commission to appoint an interim committee to conduct a study to develop a plan for the deconsolidation of the CCSD. **CCASAPE believes that smaller classes and smaller schools should be the focus of the legislature - not deconsolidation of the CCSD. CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SB238** Governor Gibbon's empowerment bill.
- SB245** This bill requires the parent of a student who is temporarily removed from the classroom to pay a reasonable fee for the alternative placement. **CCASAPE is concerned that this bill will place additional responsibilities on school administrators and will not be enforceable. CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SB286** This Bob Beers bill will allow teachers to carry a concealed firearm while on school property. **CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SB304** Democrats' empowerment bill. No additional funding is provided.
- SB305** This bill creates a system of voucher schools. Additionally, this bill authorizes the board of county commissioners or the governing body of a city to veto matters passed by the board of school trustees. **CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SB313** This bill authorizes the principal of a school to provide permission for a child to enroll in kindergarten if the child will be 5 years of age on or before December 31 of the school year. **CCASAPE is concerned that this will place additional responsibilities on the principal to decide who is and who is not developmentally and socially ready for enrollment. CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SB354** This bill defines the scope of authority of school police officers, including authority to issue traffic citations on any public street near any public school. **CCASAPE is opposed to school police officers issuing traffic citations and will seek to amend this bill. If school police officers are doing Metro's work, they will not be performing their duties on campus.**
- SB397** This is a CCSD bill that has changed significantly from the original CCSD bill draft. This bill requires principals to impose administrative sanctions similar to those of the juvenile court system on habitual truants. This bill requires that the parent of the habitual truant may not renew his vehicle registration if the principal notifies the DMV that the fines imposed against the parent are not paid. This bill requires the principal to impose the administrative sanctions and fines, notify the DMV regarding the driver's license, as well as, collect the driver's license if it is suspended. Parents may request a hearing before the principal. The principal's written decision is subject to judicial review in district court. **CCASAPE is concerned that the work of the school principal continues to increase. CCASAPE opposes this bill.**
- SJR7** This bill, formerly known as the TASC Initiative, limits state spending to the rate of inflation and the rate of growth. **CCASAPE opposes this bill.**

The full text of these bills can be found at www.leg.state.nv.us within the 2007 session information. It is suggested that CCASAPE members take the time to become familiar with proposed legislation and contact legislators to convince them of the need to increase funding for K-12 education and to not pass legislation which would be harmful to administrators and education. Email addresses and other information may also be found at www.leg.state.nv.us.