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It was another busy week at the Capitol as the 2019-20 State Budget Conference Committee (Conference Committee) officially began its work with an overview of Budget proposals from the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO). On the policy side, the fate of several significant education bills were decided at the house-of-origin deadline, including two controversial charter school bills.

### **Budget Conference Committee Begins Its Work**

The Conference Committee officially began its work yesterday, May 30, 2019. The members appointed to the Conference Committee are tasked with reconciling the differences between the budget bills passed by the Assembly and the Senate. Differences in language or funding levels approved in the houses' State Budget plans will need to be decided by the conferees, so that the Legislature can send the 2019-20 State Budget bill to Governor Gavin Newsom by the June 15 constitutional deadline. This year's conferees are:

- Senator Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles), Chair
- Senator John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa)
- Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama)
- Senator Richard Roth (D-Riverside)
- Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)
- Assembly Member Philip Ting (D-San Francisco), Vice-Chair
- Assembly Member Chad Mayes (R-Yucca Valley)
- Assembly Member Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento)
- Assembly Member Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear Lake)
- Assembly Member Shirley Weber (D-San Diego)

It is important to note that both education budget subcommittee chairs, Senator Roth and Assembly Member McCarty, are serving as conferees.

On Thursday, the Conference Committee received an overview of the various K-12 and Higher Education proposals from representatives of the DOF and the LAO (you can find the education proposals that were reviewed [here](#)). The Conference Committee will wrap up their education overview today and will look to complete their overview of the other State Budget proposals early next week. We will continue to monitor the Conference Committee and will keep you apprised of any actions that they take as they begin to craft the 2019-20 State Budget package.

### **House-of-Origin Deadline**

Today, Friday, May 31, marks the official deadline for bills to be approved and voted out of their house of origin and on to the second house. However, both houses were able to avoid a Friday session by holding lengthy Floor sessions earlier in the week and were able to meet the deadline ahead of schedule in order for Legislators to go back to their districts without a Friday Floor session.

The fate of some of this year's most controversial charter school bills were decided this past week and two bills fell victim to the deadline. Barring any rule waivers, the following charter school bills will not be moving forward in 2019:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1506 (McCarty) would have established caps on the number of charter schools in line with the number of charter schools in existence on January 1, 2020
- Senate Bill (SB) 756 (Durazo, D-Los Angeles) would have put a moratorium on the approval of new charter schools until January 1, 2022

Neither of these bills were officially brought up for a Floor vote, signaling that the authors likely did not have the votes in their respective houses to move these bills forward. However, since we are in the first year of the two-year legislative session, these bills will potentially be revived next year.

Additionally, several other charter school bills have passed out of their house of origin and will be moving forward in the process. This includes AB 1505 (O'Donnell, D-Long Beach), which would make significant changes to the charter school authorization, renewal, and revocation process. The bill survived a tough vote on the Assembly Floor only after Assembly Member O'Donnell committed to continue to work on additional amendments to further refine the appeal process established by AB 1505 after concerns were raised by various Assembly Members. The current version of the bill allows for petitioners to appeal only to the county board of education and only for procedural violations and would no longer allow appeals be considered by the State Board of Education.

Some of the other significant education bills that will be moving forward include:

- AB 39 (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance), which would express the Legislature's intent, as of the 2020-21 fiscal year, to set new, aspirational Local Control Funding Formula per-student base grants at K-12 schools
- AB 48 (O'Donnell), which would place a \$13 billion statewide school bond on the March 2020 ballot and an unspecified amount for the November 2022 ballot that includes funding for traditional school facilities projects such as New Construction, Modernization, Career Technical Education (CTE), and Charter Schools
- AB 428 (Medina, D-Riverside), which would implement several recommendations from the California Special Education Task Force and provide support to California's students with special needs by adding funding for preschoolers to the AB 602 formula, equalizing Special Education funding rates to the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, and providing a supplemental grant to support students with greater needs
- AB 751 (O'Donnell), which would require the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve a nationally recognized high school assessment that local educational agencies and charter schools could administer,

commencing with the 2021-22 school year, in lieu of the consortium summative assessment in English language arts and mathematics for grade 11

- AB 1303 (O'Donnell), which would eliminate the K-12 Strong Workforce Program and shift the ongoing funding to the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG), augment funding to CTEIG to reach \$450 million ongoing, change the local match requirement for CTEIG to 1:1, and provide funding for regional CTE coordinators for technical assistance and support
- SB 328 (Portantino, D-La Cañada Flintridge), which would require, except for rural school districts, that the schoolday for middle schools and high schools, including those operated as charter schools, to begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively, by July 1, 2022, or the date in which a district's collective bargaining agreement that is operative on January 1, 2020, expires, whichever is later

The committee process will start anew for the above bills that have made it to the second house. We will continue to provide updates on the significant legislation that continues to move along in the legislative process.

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