

## **AB 39 (Muratsuchi)** | Education finance: LCFF funding increase

**AB 39** expresses legislative intent to increase the Local Control Funding Formula base grant targets equivalent to the national average in per-pupil funding. Funding for the bill includes future anticipated growth in Proposition 98 and specified LCFF appropriations.

AB 39 adjusts the LCFF base grant targets follows:

- » **\$13,462** for ADA in kindergarten & grades 1-3
- » **\$12,377** for ADA in grades 4-6
- » **\$12,745** for ADA in grades 7 and 8
- » **\$15,152** for ADA in grades 9-12

AB 39 is a reintroduction of **AB 2808 (Muratsuchi)** from 2018, which was held in the Assembly and not passed by the Legislature; AB 2808 was also co-sponsored by CSBA.

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## **AB 751 (O'Donnell)** | Pathways to College Act

**AB 751** would allow local education agencies the flexibility to administer an alternate assessment (such as the SAT or ACT) for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in place of the Smarter Balanced Summative Test, if the alternate test is approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Administering alternate assessments during the school day removes a barrier to college attendance for many students who may not otherwise have access to these exams or may not take them on their own. [Data from Education Week](#) shows that only 15 U.S. states will administer Smarter Balanced or similar exams in 2019 (five fewer than in 2016 and 2017), while 32 states utilize an alternate assessment.

AB 751 is a reintroduction of **AB 1951 (O'Donnell)** from 2018, which was passed by the Legislature but vetoed by Gov. Brown. AB 1951 was also co-sponsored by CSBA

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## **AB 428 (Medina, O'Donnell et al.)** | Special education

**AB 428** would remedy several long-standing deficiencies in California's special education finance system, providing resources to help students with disabilities reach their full potential. Among other things, AB 428 would equalize base special education funding rates (pursuant to AB 602) to the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, establish a funding formula within AB 602 for programs serving preschoolers with disabilities, and create a high-cost service allowance to provide additional funding for those with significant high-cost disabilities.

*AB 48 was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file on Aug. 30*

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# 2019 co-sponsored bills

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## **SCA 5 (Hill & Allen)** | School districts: parcel tax

**SCA 5** proposes to amend the California Constitution to reduce the required two-thirds voter approval threshold to 55 percent to pass school district parcel taxes. If passed by the Legislature, SCA 5 would appear on the statewide ballot in 2020.

*SCA 5 was placed on the Senate Inactive File at the request of the author in May, but can be taken off of the Inactive File and heard before the end of the 2019 legislative year, or in 2020.*

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