



CA State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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2026 SCDD Positioned Bills

SCDD Sponsored Bills

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Civil Rights

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<u>SB 84 (Niello)</u> * Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims: notice of violation and opportunity to correct	ASM – Jud	Oppose	Would establish waiting periods and procedural barriers before a person with a disability who encounters an access barrier can enforce their civil rights in court or bring lawsuits.

Education

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<u>AB 1861 (Lackey)</u> Special education: complaint database	Failed in ASM Approp 5/14/26	Support	Would require the Department of Education, by January 2028, to create and maintain an online database of all complaints it receives beginning with an unspecified school year.

<p><u>SB 244 (Grayson)</u> * Public postsecondary education: disabled student services: assessments</p>	<p>ASM – Approp</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Requires the Trustees of CA State University and requests the Regents of the University of CA to cover diagnostic assessment costs for students with disabilities who seek academic accommodations in colleges.</p>
<p><u>SB 1222 (Choi)</u> Career Technical Education Technical Assistance and Equity Pilot Program Act</p>	<p>Failed in SEN Approp 5/14/26</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Creates a 3-year pilot program called the Career Technical Education (CTE) Technical Assistance and Equity Pilot Program, focused on fairness and inclusion. The CA Superintendent would choose a county office of education to run the program and pick 2 regions to get extra support. Among other things, the program would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1) share best practices for inclusive CTE programs for students with disabilities and other underserved groups ▪ 2) make easy-to-use guides for school-industry partnerships ▪ 3) help county offices in the pilot regions with training and coordination.

Health

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<p><u>AB 308 (Ramos)</u> * Mobile crisis teams or units: procedures</p>	<p>SEN – Hum Serv</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Allows the county behavioral health director to create procedures for mobile crisis response teams with a focus on the proper response to cases involving individuals with autism, behavioral health issues, or any other developmental disability.</p>

<p><u>AB 350 (Bonta)</u> * Health care coverage: fluoride treatments</p>	<p>SEN – Floor (waiting for concur amends)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Makes fluoride, including fluoride varnish, a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal program, a health care service plan contract, and/or health insurance policy for children under 21 years of age starting January 2026.</p>
<p><u>AB 1561 (Krell)</u> Medi-Cal: complex rehabilitation technology</p>	<p>Failed Deadline 4/23/26</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>It stops DHCS, who administers Medi-Cal, from requiring prior approval for repairing wheelchairs if the repair costs \$1,250 or less. Repairs or replacements wouldn't need a new doctor's prescription if the wheelchair was already approved, but the supplier must keep records of the repair work and reasons so DHCS can check later.</p>
<p><u>AB 1670 (Arambula)</u> Medi-Cal: dental services</p>	<p>Failed in ASM Approp 5/14/26</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Would make Medi-Cal pay for support services – like behavior management or helping patients get comfortable with dental care – even if no dental procedure happens at that visit. These services would be covered when a patient requires extra time, attention, staff, or preparation to safely receive dental care (for example, someone with physical, developmental, or emotional needs).</p>
<p><u>AB 1760 (Arambula)</u> Dentistry</p>	<p>SEN – Rules</p>	<p>Watch</p>	<p>Would make numerous minor changes to different parts of the Dental Practice Act including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) if someone fails one part of the exam 3 times, they have to retake the entire exam, not just that section. b) deletes references to an old licensing method (“portfolio”) that is no longer used. c) updates the rules for dentists who are already licensed elsewhere and want to get licensed in California.

<p><u>AB 2081 (Stefani)</u> Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives Waiver</p>	<p>ASM Floor- for full house vote</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Would among other things, expand the number of those served by the Medi-Cal HCBA Waiver by removing the current limit on how many people can join the program (capped at 5,000 extra slots). It would require, beginning in 2027, to ensure that the HCBA Waiver provides for an annual increase of at least 10,000 waiver slots for each waiver year.</p>
<p><u>AB 2096 (Pacheco)</u> Vocational nursing: respiratory care</p>	<p>Failed Deadline 4/23/26</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Right now, the law lets a licensed vocational nurse (LVN), working under a school nurse, help students with special needs with certain basic breathing treatments. This bill would change that and remove the rule that only LVNs (under a school nurse) can do this. Instead, it would allow other trained and qualified people – not just LVNs – to provide a specific set of basic breathing services to students with special needs, as long as specific requirements are met.</p>
<p><u>SB 363 (Wiener) *</u> Health care coverage: independent medical review.</p>	<p>ASM – Approp</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Require health care service plans or health insurers to annually report their number of denials of treatment, and hold them liable for administrative fines in specific circumstances.</p>
<p><u>SB 1226 (Ochoa-Bogh)</u> Pupil health: individuals with exceptional needs: respiratory services</p>	<p>Failed Deadline 4/23/26</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Current law lets a licensed vocational nurse (LVN), working under a school nurse, help students with special needs with certain basic breathing treatments. This bill would change that and remove the rule that only LVNs (under a school nurse) can do this. Instead, it would allow other trained and qualified people – not just LVNs – to provide a specific set of basic breathing services to students with special needs, as long as they meet certain requirements.</p>

Informal and Formal Community Supports

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<u>AB 1099 (Bryan)</u> * Developmental services: initial intake: assessment.	SEN – Approp	Support	Would streamline and expedite the eligibility process for children in foster care and those involved in the juvenile justice system suspected of having I/DD, addressing disparities in accessing regional center services.
<u>AB 1220 (Arambula)</u> * Developmental services: denials of services and notices of actions	SEN – Approp	Support	Would require a regional center to track disagreements and service denials in the individual program plan (IPP) and publicly post this data online.
<u>AB 2209 (Bains)</u> Developmental services: caregiver succession	Failed Deadline 4/23/26	Support	Requires a discussion at the IPP meeting regarding caregiver succession when the primary caregiver reaches 55 years of age, and at any time upon the request of the person served, primary caregiver, or authorized representative. Requires any caregiver succession plan to be included in the person's IPP. The person served may choose not to develop a caregiver succession plan. If a discussion about a plan occurs, it must be person-centered, guided by the person's wishes and goals, support their independence, and follow supported decision-making principles.
<u>SB 969 (Reyes)</u> Developmental services: remote services and supports	ASM – Hum Serv	Support	By July 2027, the Department of Developmental Services must identify services and supports eligible for remote delivery and develop the infrastructure to implement them, including posting guidance on its website. Regional centers would then be required to inform persons served and/or their families/representatives of the option to receive remote services if they wish.

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Safety

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SB 837 (Reyes) Disaster and emergency preparedness	ASM –Aging & Long Term Care and Emergency Mgmt.	Support	Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) programs presently must provide services to older adults and people with disabilities with technical assistance re: long term care services and supports (for example, waiver services, IHSS, and community-based adult services). This bill would require ADRC programs to offer emergency preparedness training specifically tailored for older adults and people with disabilities so they can prepare for disasters and stay safe before, during, and after emergencies.

*2 Year Bills (2025)