2021-22 Legislative Package

AB 89 - PEACE ACT

Raises the minimum standards for all new peace officers to be 21 years of age, as well as requires the California
Community Colleges (CCC), alongside advisors, to develop a framework for a modern policing degree program for
new peace officers in California.

AB 94 - Correctional Officer Mental Health

• Requires all corrections officers to receive annual mental health evaluations and be provided with information on additional resources they can voluntarily access.

AB 254 – Contraband Prevention Act

 Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to screen every person, including employees, and their personal property prior to entering state correctional facilities.

AB 295 – Free College for California Students

• Establishes a workgroup of experts to create a pilot program to provide free college to California students.

AB 331 – Organized Retail Theft

• Extends the sunset for both the crime of organized retail theft and the operation of the CHP property crimes task force.

AB 371 – E-Device Braille and Liability Protections for Pedestrians

• Ensures pedestrians are extended existing liability coverage if they are injured by a shared mobility device, such as an electronic scooter or bike (collectively e-devices), whether in use or parked inappropriately, as well as requires the addition of braille and tactile signage with raised characters for those who are blind or have visual impairments.

AB 483 - Museum Officers

• Provides peace officers status to California Science Center Museum security officers.

AB 599 – School Facility, Instructional Material, and Teacher Assignment Inspections

Updates Williams list eligibility under the Education Code by replacing references to the outdated Academic
 Performance Index (API) with the current accountability measures used under the Local Control Funding Formula.

AB 750 - Police Reporting Accountability

• Closes a loophole to ensure peace officers who make a false statement to a report-writing officer will be held accountable for filing a false police report.

AB 858 – Patient Protections from Biased or Inaccurate Medical Algorithms

 Allows healthcare workers to override a hospital's algorithm if it is in the best interest of the patient and within their scope of practice, as well as creates worker protections from employer retaliation for requesting such an override.

AB 1042 – Nursing Home Accountability

• Permits the Department of Public Health (CDPH) to seek payments from related parties (companies under common ownership or control providing services to a facility) when the facility fails to pay a penalty in full and all appeals have been exhausted.

AB 1093 – Remote Online Notaries

• Allows notary publics registered in California to provide remote online notarizations for consumers.

AB 1241 – Ban the Box Housing Act

Prohibits a landlord from conducting a criminal background check during the initial review of housing applicants.

AB 1275 - ABC Administrative Testimonies

• Improves accountability of businesses that sell alcohol to minors by aligning the testimonial standards between Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) administrative hearings and criminal proceedings for the same offense, ensuring hearings can proceed without the minor present.

AB 1347 – Ending Bail and Immigration Bond Renewal Premiums

• Eliminates the bail industry's practice of charging consumers excessive premiums through "renewal fees" and allows consumers to collect damages for any violation.

AB 1577 – The Legislative Employer-Employee Relations Act

• Grants legislative employees the right to collectively bargain, allowing legislative employees to organize and participate in unions, in order to negotiate with their employers on a number of workplace conditions such as wages, benefits, health and safety, and job training. (Co-Author).

AB 1655 – Juneteenth State Holiday Act

• Establishes June 19th as a paid holiday throughout the state to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States.

AB 1766 - California ID's For All

• Expands California Identification Card (CA ID) eligibility to all Californians, regardless of their immigration status. (*Joint Author*).

AB 1782 – Incarcerated Peoples' Welfare Fund

• Renames counties' Inmate Welfare Funds to "Incarcerated Peoples' Welfare Funds," and clarifies money deposited in the funds be spent solely for the benefit, education, and welfare of the incarcerated peoples.

AB 1803 – Ability-To-Pay Expungement Fees

• Guarantees court fees are waived if an individual petitioning for expungement would face undue financial hardship.

AB 1921 – Correctional Officers Mental Health Evaluations

 Encourages correctional officers, through a monetary bonus, to receive annual mental health evaluations conducted through the Department of Human Resources and requires that every officer be provided with information on additional mental health resources they can access.

AB 2043 - Bounty Hunter Licenses

• Increases oversight by requiring all bail fugitive recovery agents, colloquially known as bounty hunters, to become licensed by the state.

AB 2045 – Classified Positions Hiring Flexibility

• Provides hiring flexibility by establishing an optional alternative method of hiring for classified positions in K-12 and Community College local education agencies.

AB 2084 – School Bus Patrol Safety

• Allows the use of automated school bus cameras in order to enforce illegal passing violations.

AB 2102 – Fines for Illegal Cannabis Operations

• Aims to decrease the number of illegal dispensaries by increasing fines to as much as \$30,000 per day for landlords who knowingly provide unlicensed cannabis dispensaries a space.

AB 2195 - The Alternative Plea Act

• Provides prosecutors with the option to offer an alternative plea, and possibly avoid deportation, to individuals facing drug convictions.

AB 2294 – Organized Retail Theft

• Clarifies law enforcement can take a person into custody on a misdemeanor if they have been cited for theft in the past 6 months. Also, this bill renews local authority to create a diversion program for people who commit repeat theft offenses and calls for grant funding.

AB 2296 – Reparations Task Force Clean-Up

• Extends the Reparations Task Force sunset date from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024.

AB 2321 - Juvenile Room Confinement

• Closes a loophole in existing law that allows minors to be locked in rooms for indefinite amounts of time, as well as ensures minors and wards have adequate access to toilets.

AB 2383 – Ban the Box on Rental Housing Act

Prohibits a landlord from conducting a criminal background check during the initial review of housing applicants.

AB 2454 – Labor Bid Protests

• Promotes a more transparent public works contracting process by authorizing Joint Labor Management Committees to file bid protests on public works contracts.

AB 2595 – Parental Cannabis Use

• Protects children from being separated from their families, absent abuse and neglect, by tasking the Department of Social Services (DSS) to ensure that all regulations and guidance given to counties treats legal cannabis use the same as alcohol or legally prescribed medication.

AB 2746 – Decriminalizing License Suspensions

• Reduces racial and income-based disparities of minor traffic laws by eliminating license suspensions based solely on a failure to appear in court, and making the first two offenses an infraction for driving without a license. (Joint Author).

AB 2799 – Decriminalizing Creative Expression

• Protects against biased use of creative expression as evidence in trial by requiring courts to thoroughly evaluate the merit of creative expression, such as art and music, as evidence in a pre-trial hearing.

AB 2873 – Affordable Housing Supplier Diversity Act

 Promotes supplier diversity in the affordable housing industry by requiring that developers share data on supplier demographics.

SB 1245 – Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program

• Supports a funded pilot program for Los Angeles County to build on the statewide efforts to advance California as a "Reproductive Freedom" State. (Co-Author).

SB 1373 – Los Angeles Redevelopment Agency Extension

 Gives an additional two years to remaining property owned by a former redevelopment agency within the complex urban areas to be developed to meet their highest and best use and provide community and public benefits. (Co-Author).

SCA 10 – Constitutional Amendment for the Right to Abortion and Contraception

• Explicitly provides for Californians' fundamental constitutional right to reproductive freedom, including access to abortion and contraception. (*Principal Co-Author*).

Resolutions

ACR 190 – Juneteenth

• Recognizes June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth, and urges the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that Black individuals have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality.

HR 12 – Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action

• Recognizes the first week of February as Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action; a week for educators, school staff, and pupils to uplift and affirm Black youth, and teach about the many achievements and contributions Black individuals have made throughout history and to their community.

HR 101 – Equitable Grading

• Encourages school districts to adopt local policies and best practices before a failing grade is assigned to a student.

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