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Legislative Updates from
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Desk Item

Asm. Patrick Ahrens' Legislative Update

AB 243 (On Governor's Desk)

- AB 243 would reduce barriers to our higher education institutions for youth who are involved in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems.

Specifically, it will require higher education institutions to accept an attestation from a local education agency, county probation department, or welfare department as proof of financial independence for the purposes of admissions or financial aid applications.

AB 461 (Signed by Governor)

- AB 461, the More Help Not Less Act of 2025, repeals the criminal misdemeanor offense for parents of students who are chronically truant, which pushed struggling families further into hardship.

AB 1314 (Signed by Governor)

- AB 1314 supports foster youth as they're transitioning out of the foster care system. AB 1314 reduces bureaucratic barriers to housing homeless foster youth by standardizing transitional housing contracts.

AB 1326 (On Governor's Desk)

- AB 1326 would establish a legal right to wear a health mask in public places. Based on a legislative idea submitted by a constituent.

AB 1332 (On Governor's Desk)

- AB 1332 seeks to support seriously ill patients in California, including those battling advanced cancers, dementia, epilepsy, severe autism and rare genetic syndromes. For some of these patients, medicinal cannabis is a key part of their care and comfort.
- Unfortunately, as the recreational cannabis market has grown, retailers have stopped carrying many medicinal products because they are not profitable. This has limited patient access.
- AB 1332 would provide a narrow authorization for a cannabis outdoor cultivation microbusinesses to ship medicinal cannabis products directly to that patient's home.

Two-year bills

- AB 529: This bill would authorize the board to continue waiving any provision of the Pharmacy Law for up to 120 days after the termination of a declared emergency.
- AB 635: This bill mandates the Department of Housing and Community Development refer the most serious, harmful, and economically significant alleged violations of the Mobilehome Residency Protection Program to the Attorney General.

- AB 1203: This bill requires the department and the Office of Community Partnerships to include a statewide “water-wise” designation in the Save Our Water Campaign for businesses in the CII sector that meet or exceed best management practices for water use.

Other Updates

- Head Start funding
- District Office resources