

## **Common Core State Standards-Related Legislation**

### **Assembly Bill 124 (Fuentes)**

This bill, co-sponsored by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, would establish the English Language Development Standards Advisory Committee responsible for updating, revising and aligning, by August 31, 2012, the English Language Development (ELD) standards with the common core English Language Arts academic content standards recently approved by the State Board of Education (SBE). In addition, AB 124 would require SBE to either adopt or reject the revised ELD standards by September 30, 2012, and include teachers and administrators with expertise in instructing English learners in the membership of the committee.

***Laws:** An act to amend Section 60811 of, and to add and repeal Section 60811.3 of, the Education Code, relating to academic content standards.*

AB 124 was signed by the Governor on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and was chaptered by the Secretary of State as Chapter Number 605, Statutes of 2011.

### **Senate Bill 140 (Lowenthal)**

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt basic instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, and authorizes the state board to establish criteria for that purpose. Existing law requires the state board in reviewing and adopting instructional materials to use specified criteria and ensure that, in its judgment, the submitted instructional materials meet all of the specified criteria. This bill would require the State Department of Education to recommend, and the state board to approve, evaluation criteria to guide the development and review of supplemental instructional materials. The bill also would require the department, on a one-time basis, to develop a list, on or before July 1, 2012, of supplemental instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, that are aligned with the California common core academic content standards for language arts and for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 7, inclusive, that are aligned with the California common core academic content standards for mathematics. The bill would require the state board to perform specified reviews and to approve or reject all, or a portion, of the list of supplemental instructional materials proposed by the department and would authorize the state board to add an item to that list, as specified. The bill also would permit the governing board of a school district to approve supplemental instructional materials other than those approved by the state board if the governing board performs specified reviews and determines that other supplemental instructional materials are aligned with the California common core academic content standards and meet the needs of the pupils of the district. The bill would require supplemental instructional materials approved by the state board and the governing board of a school district in the subject areas of mathematics and English language arts to be reviewed by content

review experts, as specified. The bill also would require supplemental instructional materials to comply with specified social content review requirements. The bill would require the department to maintain on its Internet Web site a list of supplemental instructional materials approved by the state board. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Laws:** *An act to add and repeal Section 60605.86 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.*

SB 140 was signed by the Governor on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and was chaptered by the Secretary of State as Chapter 623, Statutes of 2011.

**Assembly Bill 250 (Brownley)**

This bill, sponsored by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, would begin a process for the development and adoption of curriculum frameworks and instructional materials that are aligned to the state's common core academic content standards. In addition, this bill would extend the operative date of the state's assessment system by one year and position the state's assessments in such a manner to give the state flexibility to adapt to changes in federal law and transition to high quality assessments that are aligned to the common core standards. Finally, this bill would create professional development training opportunities that support teachers in delivering to all pupils curriculum and instruction that is aligned to the state's common core academic standards.

**Laws:** *An act to amend Sections 33530, 33539, 60010, 60204, 60601, 60603, and 60604.5 of, to add Sections 60207 and 60208 to, and to repeal Section 60200.1 of, the Education Code, relating to instructional materials.*

AB 250 was signed by the Governor on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and was chaptered by the Secretary of State as Chapter 608, Statutes of 2011.