

INTERIM POSITIONS

Between State Council meetings, bills are amended that may result in a change of CTA's position. The legislative advocate, committee chair and consultant will work together to process an interim position change. After that, the STL chair validates that CTA policy matches the recommended position. The recommended change of position is then sent to the CTA President or other executive officer for approval. At its next meeting, the CTA Board must also reaffirm and officially ratify the position. The interim position is effective until the next State Council meeting when both STL members and State Council ratify interim positions.

PROCESSING CTA-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Requests for CTA-sponsored legislation are currently processed only at the June and October State Council meetings. Necessary forms for submission of sponsored legislation are on the committee consultants' laptop computer. (Refer to the CTA policy handbook: "GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION" for more details on the specific requirements and procedures associated with sponsored legislation.)

WEB UPDATES

The CTA website provides up-to-date bill status information at www.cta.org. Log in and select **Legislation** under the **Issues and Action** tab. The links allow you to search and access current information on any measure including bill status, location, bill summary, CTA position, prime committee, all amended versions of the bill, legislative committee analyses, committee and floor votes, bill history, Governor's chapter or veto message and a link to the author's web page and contact information.

The California State Senate and Assembly also provide bill status information on their web sites at www.sen.ca.gov or www.assembly.ca.gov.

NOTE:

If a standing or legislative subcommittee believes a bill is inappropriately assigned, they must immediately notify their legislative advocate. The advocate will confer with other legislative advocate(s) and the State Legislation Committee consultant(s) on the subject matter of the bill to ensure it is transferred to the proper committee. In some cases, the bill's subject matter may overlap with other policy committees or the bill contains additional provisions impacting other policy committees. In these cases, CTA/GR designates a prime policy committee and secondary committee(s). The secondary committee(s) consultant receives a copy of the bill and its amendments. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRIMARY COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN A SIGNATURE FROM THE SECONDARY COMMITTEE(S)'S CHAIR ON THE "POSITION RECOMMENDATION FORM" PRIOR TO PRESENTATION AT THE STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE (STL). The signature does not represent concurrence with the primary committee's recommendation, nor is concurrence necessary, but simply verifies that the secondary committee(s) is aware of the position taken on the legislation).



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STATE COUNCIL PROCESSING LEGISLATION Road Map

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- 1 Bill Introduction at the State Capitol.
- 2 All education-related bills are screened to a **primary** CTA State Council Standing Committee and reviewed by legislative advocates for accurate committee assignment, who then recommend a "position" of Support, Oppose, Watch, Co-Sponsor, Sponsor and No Position.
- 3 Legislative advocates communicate their recommended bill position to their legislative subcommittee consultants. This is only a recommendation, based on CTA policy and political implications. The subcommittee consultant(s) review the bill and discuss with legislative advocates any issues related to the bill before State Council meets. (See Note on back panel.)
- 4 Legislative subcommittee members receive **electronic copies** of all legislative bills prior to each State Council meeting via **email**, which contains links to access the bill language and other information.
- 5 State Council policy committees utilize "legislative subcommittees" to evaluate their assigned legislation. Each legislative subcommittee is assigned a liaison from the State Legislation Committee (STL) who will work with the legislative subcommittee to assist in identifying policies to support their position on the legislation.
- 6 Legislative subcommittee consultants utilize a "Recommendation for Position on Legislation" form to report their recommendation for presentation to the STL on Saturday afternoon.
- 7 Legislative subcommittee recommendations to STL must include CTA policy citations, including handbook page number, policy title, paragraph, sentence number and the actual policy. (If there is no policy, the STL will not approve the position. New policy can be offered requiring immediate action and a 2/3rd vote of Council.)
- 8 **Two** rationales are required. The rationales **must not** be a restatement of current CTA policy, but rather, specific real-life examples describing the positive or negative consequences to school employees, students, school communities, etc. if the statutory change(s) in the bill were implemented.
- 9 legislative subcommittees are assigned "presentation" times to the STL – rotated at each Council meeting – to ensure equitable opportunities to present early vs. later at the Saturday STL committee meeting.
- 10 Every bill is examined by STL to ensure that policy exists to support the recommended position. One consultant from each committee must attend the presentation to help answer questions or provide background if necessary.
- 11 On Sunday, the chair of STL will present all approved legislative positions to the entire membership of State Council for their approval and ratification.

