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**CA State Legislature**

1. [**AB 21**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Keyword?q=disability) **(**[**Gipson**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/451) **D ) Peace officers: training** 1/26/2023-Referred to Com. on PUB. S

Current law requires specified categories of law enforcement officers to meet training standards pursuant to courses of training certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Current law requires POST to require field training officers who are instructors for the field training program to have at least 8 hours of crisis intervention behavioral health training to better train new peace officers on how to effectively interact with persons with mental illness or intellectual disability. This bill would require the commission to revise that training to include instruction on how to effectively interact with persons with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia.

1. [**AB 5**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Keyword?q=disability) **([Zbur](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/468) D ) The Safe and Supportive Schools Program** 12/6/2022-From printer. May be heard in committee January 5.

Existing law in California provides all people in public schools with equal rights and opportunities, regardless of their disability, gender, nationality, etc. This bill states the intent of the Legislature to make sure teachers and certificated employees in schools operated by a school district or county office of education or charter schools have the skills and training to better assist LGBTQ+ pupils and make schools safe for everyone. It will create a timeline for implementation of cultural competency training programs developed by the State Department of Education.

1. [**AB 48**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Run/53528) **(**[**Aguiar-Curry**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/430) **D ) Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent Protection Act of 2023.** 1/26/2023-Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and JUD.

Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, including skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities, by the State Department of Public Health. Current law requires skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities to have written policies regarding the rights of patients. This bill would add to these rights the right of every resident to receive the information that is material to an individual’s informed consent decision concerning whether to accept or refuse the administration of psychotherapeutic drugs, as specified. This bill would also add the right to be free from psychotherapeutic drugs used for the purpose of resident discipline, convenience, or chemical restraint, except in an emergency that threatens to cause immediate injury to the resident or others.

1. [**AB 222**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Run/53528) **([Arambula](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/464) D ) Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup.**  2/2/2023-Referred to Com. on JUD.

The California Fair Employment and Housing Act establishes the Civil Rights Department within the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency under the direction of the Director of Civil Rights. Current law sets forth the powers and duties of the department, which include receiving, investigating, conciliating, mediating, and prosecuting complaints alleging unlawful practices or violations of specified civil rights provisions, including those based on a mental or physical disability, as defined. This bill would require the department to convene a workgroup to make recommendations to the Legislature for the development of accessibility and antidiscrimination laws for people with disabilities, as defined. The bill would require membership of the workgroup to include interested parties and stakeholders that reflect the diversity of the state, including, among other groups, individuals who have personal experience with a disability.

1. [**AB 248**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Run) **(**[**Mathis**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/439) **R ) Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.**

2/2/2023-Referred to Com. on HUM. S.

Current law includes the terms “mentally retarded persons,” “mentally retarded children,” and “retardation.” This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions to eliminate this obsolete terminology. The bill would repeal obsolete provisions of law.

1. [**AB 339**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Run) **(**[**Irwin**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/442) **D ) Qualified ABLE Program.**  1/31/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 2.

Under the ABLE Act, an eligible individual for a taxable year is an individual entitled to specified benefits based on blindness or disability or for whom there is a disability certification filed with the Secretary of the Treasury, and such blindness or disability occurred before the date on which the individual attained 26 years of age, or, on and after January 1, 2026, 46 years of age. Current law establishes the Qualified ABLE Program, administered by the California ABLE Act Board, in this state for purposes of implementing the federal ABLE Act, and provides the same definition for “eligible individual.” This bill would, commencing January 1, 2026, revise the definition of “eligible individual” under the Qualified ABLE Program by increasing the age limit for when an eligible individual’s blindness or disability occurred to 46 years of age to conform with federal ABLE Act.

1. [**AB 385**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Run) **(**[**Ta**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/453) **R ) Alzheimer’s disease: public awareness campaign.** 2/3/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 5

Current law requires the State Department of Public Health to provide, or contract for the provision of, public and professional education on Alzheimer’s disease for consumers, caregivers, and health care providers. This bill would require the department to implement a public awareness campaign, as specified, and include education for unpaid caregivers.

1. [**AB 447**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Run) **([Arambula](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/464) D ) Public postsecondary education: students with disabilities: inclusive college pilot programs.**

2/7/2023-From printer. May be heard in committee March 9.

Would require the California State University, and request the University of California, to establish pilot programs to establish and maintain inclusive college programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at 4-year public postsecondary educational institutions, as provided.

1. [**ACR 11**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Run) **(**[**Wicks**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/306) **D ) National Caregivers Day.** 2/7/2023-From printer.

This measure would recognize February 17, 2023, as National Caregivers Day in California.

1. [**SB 271**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Reports/Run) **(**[**Dodd**](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/23/Member/Index/258) **D ) Powered wheelchairs: right to repair.**

2/1/2023-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 3.

Would require an original manufacturer, as defined, of a powered wheelchair to provide documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, and tools used to inspect, diagnose, maintain, and repair the wheelchair to an owner or an independent repair provider for the purposes of providing service on the equipment in the state, on fair and reasonable terms and costs, as defined. The bill would also require an original manufacturer, for a powered wheelchair that contains an electronic security lock or other security-related function, to provide any documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, or tools needed to reset the lock or function when disabled in the course of providing services, as specified.

**CA State Budget**

1. Gov’s FY 2023-24 Budget Proposal
   1. Visit <https://ebudget.ca.gov/>
      1. The Governor's proposed spending plan will go to the California Legislature to review through budget subcommittee hearings beginning in February through May.
      2. The Governor will release, as required by law, an updated or revised version of his proposed 2023-2024 State Budget, including any new or withdrawn budget proposals - known as the "May Revise".

**U.S. Congress**

1. The 118th Congress opened on January 3, 2023. New legislation of interest to the SILC will be added here after discussion at the C&C meetings.

**SILC Watchlist (items remaining from previous years)**

1. H.R. 1 (Sarbanes) For the People Act of 2021

Status: 3/11/2021 Received in the Senate. Passed in the House on 3/3/2021. Co-sponsors: 222 (42 California). *Idle in Senate since 3/3/21.*

Includes several areas of democracy reform, including voting rights, election security, and voting accessibility. There is a concern about the requirement for voter-verified paper ballots, which is an issue for individuals with disabilities.

1. H.R. 77 (Calvert) ACCESS Act (ADA Compliance for Customer Entry to Stores and Services Act)

Status: 3/1/2021 Referred to House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Co-sponsors: 2 (0 California). *Idle in House since 3/1/21*

Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop a program to educate state and local governments and property owners on strategies for promoting access to public accommodations. Authorizes an aggrieved person, after taking specified actions, to commence a civil action based on the failure to remove an architectural barrier to access an existing public accommodation.

1. H.R. 1697 (Langevin) Disability Access to Transportation Act

Status: 3/10/2021 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. Co-sponsors 9 (1 California). House - *03/10/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit*

Would establish a one-stop paratransit pilot program that would allow people with disabilities an additional stop, as part of an ongoing paratransit trip, to take care of errands. This program would receive $375 million in funding over 5 years. It would also require the Department of Transportation to set up procedures to allow individuals to submit discrimination complaints by phone, mail-in form, or online to the Federal Transit Administration.

1. H.R. 1909 (Castro)/ S. 747 (Padilla) Citizenship for Essential Workers Act

Status: 5/18/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. Co-sponsors 77 (20 California). S. 747 Status: 5/12/2021 Hearings held in Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety. Co-sponsors 18 (0 California. *Idle*

Establishes a mechanism for eligible aliens who worked as essential workers during the declared COVID-19 pandemic to apply for and obtain permanent resident status. Also narrows certain grounds for deportability and inadmissibility.

1. H.R. 6860 (Clarke)/S. 3417 (Bennet) Latonya Reeves Freedom Act of 2022

Status: 2/28/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. Co-sponsors 152 (33 California) S. 3417 Status: 12/16/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Co-sponsors 14 (0 California) *Idle*

Nondiscrimination for individuals with disabilities to obtain community-based services and have access to long-term services, who would otherwise qualify for institutional placement. Government entities must ensure sufficient availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing that is not a disability-specific residential setting or a setting where services are tied to tenancy.

1. S. 4764 (Murray) Reproductive Health Care Accessibility Act

Status: 8/3/2022 Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Co-sponsors 11 (0 California). *Idle*

Would eliminate barriers to sexual and reproductive health care for people with disabilities by increasing funding for: education and training programs for existing reproductive health care professionals, recruitment of staff with disabilities in the healthcare workforce, increased sexual and reproductive health care education programs for people with disabilities, establish new technical assistance center to provide recommendations and best practices to serve people with disabilities, and direct the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a study to analyze reproductive health care for people with disabilities.