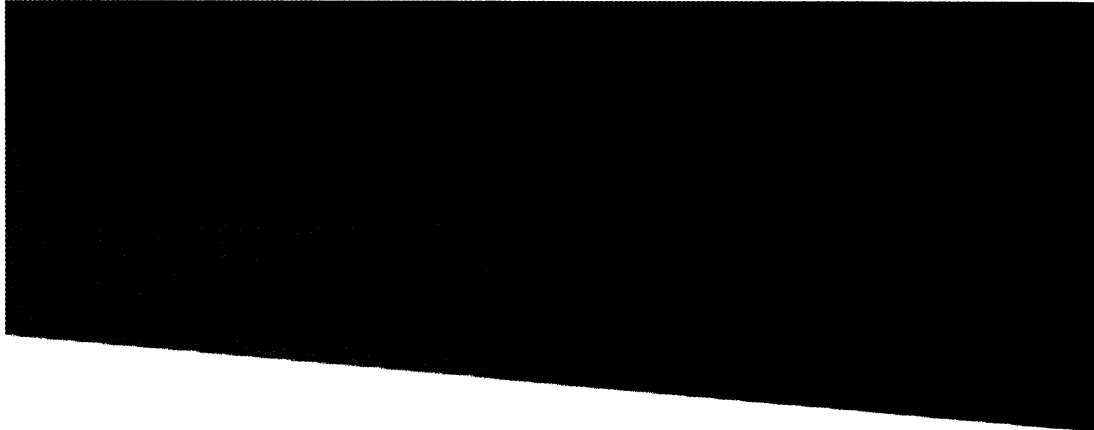


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CAHSEE graduation requirement may be suspended through 2018.

SB 172 passes Legislature, sent to Governor

Senate Bill 172 (Liu – D, La Cañada-Flintridge), which suspends passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) as a requirement for high school graduation through the 2017-18 school year, passed the Senate and was sent to Gov. Brown prior to the end of the 2015 session. The Governor is expected to sign the legislation by the Oct. 11 deadline.

SB 172 exempts any student beginning with the 2003-04 school year from the CAHSEE graduation requirement, and provides that school districts shall issue a diploma to any student who has met all other state and local requirements for graduation from grade 12.

The suspension of the requirement through 2018 provides the State Board of Education with the opportunity to re-evaluate whether a high school exit exam should remain a requirement for graduation moving forward, and if it does, what that test would look like. The current version of the CAHSEE had not been updated to align with the new state standards.

Once SB 172 is signed, it will take effect on Jan. 1, 2016. At that time, school districts and county offices of education should be prepared to issue diplomas to students from 2003-04 to 2015 who have met all other graduation requirements but have not passed the CAHSEE.

A separate bill, SB 725 (Hancock – D, Oakland) was signed in August and specifically exempted the class of 2015 from the CAHSEE requirements. That legislation was prompted by the cancellation of the July offering of the test. Districts and county offices should already be issuing diplomas to students from the class of 2015.

No offerings of the CAHSEE are scheduled for the 2015-16 school year or beyond, following the May decision by the State Board of Education not to renew the contract for administration of the test.

CSBA supports both SB 172 and SB 725.

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