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Existing Policies:

- <u>California Values Act (SB 54)</u> Prohibits local law enforcement agencies, ranging from sheriffs, police departments, and school police, from enforcing federal immigration laws. A KYR factsheet on this law is linked here.
- AB 699 enacted in 2017, this bill focused on protecting immigrant students in California. It mandates that schools must adopt policies to ensure that all students, regardless of immigration status, are provided with a safe and inclusive environment.
- 2024 Attorney General Guidance this updated guidance was published by California's Attorney General on Dec 2024 in accordance with AB 699. It provides guidance and model policies to assist California's K-12 schools in responding to immigration issues such as updated recommendations for schools to enhance safety and security measures.

2025 Safe Schools Policies - California:

- SB48 Safe Zones Around Schools Act (Gonzalez)
 - Bill Amendment: On 9/9/25 this bill was amended from the Safe Zones
 Around Schools Act to address the new topic of "discrimination prevention
 coordinators". Most provisions from the former Safe Zones Around Schools
 Act passed as a part of AB49 (see below for more information).
 - <u>Current version:</u> This bill requires the Office of Civil Rights to employ a
 Religious Discrimination Prevention Coordinator, a Race and Ethnicity
 Discrimination Prevention Coordinator, a Gender Discrimination Prevention
 Coordinator, and an LGBTQ Discrimination Prevention Coordinator. The bill
 requires each of the coordinators to be appointed by the Governor and
 confirmed by the Senate.
 - This bill was contingent upon the enactment of <u>AB 715</u>, which was also signed by the governor on October 7, 2025.
 - Bill status: Signed by Governor on October 7, 2025

- AB49 California Safe Haven Schools Act (Muratsuchi) co-sponsored by AAAJ and CHIRLA
 - regulates the entry of officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement into school sites, ensuring that specific protocols are followed before immigration enforcement officers can gain entry
 - prohibit schools from disclosing education records of or any information about a student or a student's family, a school employee, or a teacher to immigration enforcement officials
 - require the Attorney General, by December 1, 2025, to update those model policies to ensure that the policies align with this bill
 - require a local educational agency to update its model policy by March 1, 2026, and to make the policy available to the State Department of Education upon request
 - Applies to school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools
 - Bill status: Signed by Governor on September 20, 2025; this bill takes effect immediately as an urgency statute
- SB 98 (Pérez D) Elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education: immigration enforcement: notification
 - Seeks to enhance transparency and notification protocols regarding the presence of immigration officers on educational campuses in California. The bill requires the governing bodies of local educational agencies and institutions of higher education to notify students, their parents and guardians, teachers, staff and other campus community members who work on campus when immigration enforcement activity is confirmed on the school site or campus.
 - Applies to school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, and certain postsecondary educational entities
 - Bill status: Signed by Governor on September 20, 2025
- AB 419 (Connolly) Educational equity: immigration enforcement.
 - Requires the governing board or body of a local educational agency to post the "Know Your Educational Rights" guide developed by the Attorney General in the administrative buildings and on the website of the local educational agency and at each of its schoolsites, including in each language that the Attorney General provides.
 - Applies to school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools

- Bill status: Signed by Governor on October 12, 2025
- AB 495 Family Preparedness Plan Act of 2025 (Rodriguez) co-sponsored by Alliance for Children's Rights, CHIRLA and Public Counsel
 - <u>Expanded Caregiver Authorization:</u> revise the definition of relative to expand the type of relative who is authorized to execute a caregiver's authorization.
 - Joint Guardianship: Permits courts to appoint joint guardianship between a custodial parent and a nominated individual if the custodial parent will be temporarily unavailable due to specified circumstances, including, among other things, an immigration-related administrative action.
 - <u>Early Care and Education Provision:</u>
 - This bill prohibits licensed child care facilities from collecting information about the immigration or citizenship status of children or their family members, except where legally required.
 - It also requires facilities to report any requests for information or access to the facility by an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency to the state
 - Requires facilities to to request that parents or authorized representatives update their emergency contact information; and to first exhaust any parental instruction relating to the child's care found in the child's emergency contact information if an employee of the facility is aware that a child's parent or authorized representative is not available to care for the child
 - requires the Attorney General, by April 1, 2026, to publish model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement at facilities; requires CDSS and CDE to inform facilities of this guidance no later than July 1, 2026; and require CDSS and CDE to inform facilities of any revisions or updates to the model policies.
 - Require facilities to adopt model policies—developed by the Attorney General—limiting cooperation with immigration enforcement and to inform parents with information about how to access those model policies.
 - This bill applies to licensed child daycare facilities and license-exempt California state preschool program facilities
 - Bill status: Signed by Governor on October 12, 2025

- Other 2025 bills:
 - AB 695 by Assemblymember Mike Fong would allow community college students who get deported to keep paying in-state tuition to attend class online.
 - Bill status: Vetoed by Governor on 10/03/25
 - AB 1348 by Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains would ensure schools don't lose funding if attendance drops due to federal immigration raids.
 - Bill status: Vetoed by Governor on October 13, 2025
 - SB 307 by Sen. Sabrina Cervantes aims to ensure deported students' grades and academic standing are not impacted by their absence.
 - Bill status: Signed by Governor on October 12, 2025

Emerging Safe Schools Policies - Federal Legislation

The Protecting Sensitive Locations Act of 2025: Prohibits immigration enforcement actions within 1,000 feet of designated sensitive locations, except under exigent circumstances. These sensitive locations include: health care facilities, schools, places of worship, and more. This legislation was reintroduced in response to the Trump Administration's January 2025 rescission of the previous "protected areas" policy, which limited immigration enforcement actions in such sensitive locations since 2011.

- More information:
 - Link to the <u>Senate Bill here</u> Cosponsors by 25 members of the U.S. Senate
 - Link to the <u>House Bill here</u> Cosponsors by 77 members of the U.S. House of Representatives
 - Factsheet and Endorsements: A factsheet on the bill and list of over 650 endorsing organizations can be found here.
- Current Calls to Action:
 - **Endorsement:** If your organization would like to endorse the legislation you can join using the form here.
 - Urge Members of Congress to Cosponsor the legislation: If your Member of Congress is not represented on the list of cosponsors already, please reach out to them and urge them to support this important legislation which codifies protections for immigrants and their families!
- Status Update: The bill has not yet been scheduled for hearings, reported out of committee, or moved to floor votes in either chamber.