



Concerned Women for America of California

# Targeted Bills List

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| Bill #, Summary, CWA's Position & Information  | Prayer Points   | Location/Status/<br>Action Item  |
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| <p><b>SB 524 – Threat to Faith-Based Youth Residential Programs</b> (Ricardo Lara, D-Long Beach) SB 524 was introduced in 2015 and languished in the Assembly inactive file until August 4, 2016 when it was brought out, amended and sent to the Assembly floor. The measure changes the oversight and regulation of private residential youth education programs (alternate boarding schools, under the bill's definition). Faith-based organizations would be forced into the broken group home/foster care licensing system. SB 524 includes specific language relative to affirming all sexual orientations and gender identities (The bill is supported by many LGBT groups.), with no religious exemption for biblical instruction on morality.</p> <p><b>Position: Oppose</b></p> <p>The bill is poorly written and will create costs not only to the state, but also families of trafficked minors. Further, there is no documented need for it. Groups like FACESS have been doing excellent work bringing healing to girls who have been horribly victimized. Find out more at <a href="http://facess.org/sb524/">facess.org/sb524/</a></p> | <p>Please pray that the Lord would protect our vulnerable youth and programs designed to help them.</p> <p>Ask that the Lord would give Gov. Brown His wisdom as he considers the fate of this any many other measures.</p> <p>“He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; <i>He</i> is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.”<br/>~Proverbs 2:7-8</p> | <p><a href="#">Passed</a> Senate in 2015</p> <p><a href="#">Passed</a> Assembly</p> <p>Assembly amendments <a href="#">concurred in</a></p> <p><b>Signed by Gov. Brown</b></p> |
| <p><b>SB 1146 – Threat to Faith-Based Colleges and Universities</b> (Ricardo Lara, D-Long Beach) AMENDED – see below. Original bill narrowed the religious exemption for faith-based colleges and universities that accept government funds, directly or indirectly (such as Cal Grants). Under the bill only ministerial and theology programs would be exempt from the state's nondiscrimination provisions with regard to religion, sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. See CWA's <a href="#">letter of opposition</a>.</p>  | <p>Please pray that Christian universities and students will be able to pursue education with a Biblical and moral standard with no limitations.</p> <p><i>We thank the Lord that He provided this reprieve!</i></p>  | <p><a href="#">Passed</a> Senate</p> <p><a href="#">Passed</a> Assembly</p> <p>Assembly amendments <a href="#">concurred in</a></p>  |

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| <p><b>Position updated from oppose to neutral following amendments.</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> SB 1146 was <a href="#">amended</a> on August 15 and 19 and the requirements schools would have been forced to follow relating to housing, accommodations, and campus life in order to accept Cal Grant students have been removed, as has the language providing for lawsuits to be brought by students. What remains are disclosure requirements, most of which the schools do not oppose. <i>This is a reprieve only and we remain watchful for the return of a similar bill next year.</i></p> | <p>“You shall teach [these words of God] diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”<br/>~Deuteronomy 6:7</p> | <p><b>Signed by Gov. Brown</b></p> |
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***The following bills are no longer active, but are listed here for your information.***

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| <p><b>AB 2081 - Health care plans – abortion coverage</b> (Grove, R-Bakersfield)<br/>Allows a health insurance plan to not have to cover abortion as a benefit. This bill would prohibit the director from denying a license, or disciplining a licensee, on the basis that the plan excludes coverage for abortions.</p> <p><b>SUPPORT.</b></p> <p><i>Background: In 2014, the California Department of Managed Health Care mandated that all California health insurance plans include elective abortion coverage, including religious organizations. Several churches have filed a lawsuit demanding that they not be required to pay for abortion in their health insurance plans.</i></p> | <p><a href="#">Failed</a> Assembly Health Committee.</p> <p>Bill is dead.</p> <p><i>Please pray for churches and other religious organizations to be protected from mandatory payment and, therefore, support for abortion coverage.</i></p>                                       |
| <p><b>AB 2134 – Clinic Notice: Abortion Pill Reversal</b> (Waldron, R-Escondido)<br/>Requires abortion facilities to post a conspicuous public notice advising clients that it may be possible to reverse the effects of the abortion pill, both in English and relevant language for Medi-Cal recipients in the area.</p> <p><b>SUPPORT.</b></p> <p><i>Background: Last year, AB 775 passed, forcing pregnancy care clinics to refer women for abortion (legal action to reverse AB 775 pending). This bill attempts to balance that attack on pregnancy care clinics.</i></p> <p>See CWA's <a href="#">letter of support</a>.</p>  | <p><a href="#">Failed</a> Assembly Health Committee.</p> <p>Bill is dead.</p> <p><i>Please pray that Abortion Pill Reversal would become common knowledge.</i></p> <p><i>Deuteronomy 30:19</i></p>   |
| <p><b>AB 2775 - Abortion clinic posting requirements</b> (Gallagher, R-Plumas Lake)<br/>Requires abortion facilities to disseminate a notice to clients providing the telephone number for a specified organization and stating that pregnancy resource centers (PRC) can provide women with services that include consultation, pregnancy tests, sexually transmitted disease or sexually transmitted infection (STD/STI) testing, ultrasound services, support groups, parenting programs, and material assistance.</p> <p><b>SUPPORT.</b></p> <p><i>Background: Last year, AB 775 passed, forcing pregnancy care clinics to refer women for abortion (legal</i></p>                         | <p><a href="#">Failed</a> Assembly Health Committee.</p> <p>Bill is dead.</p> <p><i>Please pray for protection and courage for PRC's to defy the mandate to promote abortion in their life-giving facilities; and that women would default to contacting PRC's before they</i></p> |

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| <p><i>action to reverse AB 775 pending). This bill attempts to balance that attack on pregnancy care clinics.</i></p> <p><i>See CWA's <a href="#">letter of support</a>.</i></p>  | <p><i>even think of calling Planned Parenthood.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>SB 1002 – Assisted suicide telephone number</b> (Monning, D-Carmel)<br/>         Requires the State Department of Public Health to create and maintain a toll-free telephone number for the purpose of addressing inquiries regarding the End of Life Option Act (physician-assisted suicide), which will take effect on June 9. The number must appear on the department’s Internet Web site and operate during the regular business hours of the department and be available to the public.</p> <p><b>OPPOSE.</b></p> | <p><a href="#">Passed</a> Senate Health Committee.</p> <p>To Appropriations.<br/>Held in committee.</p> <p>Bill is dead, but an assisted suicide information website by the state has been established.</p> <p><i>The value of life is disintegrating in California with the legalization and advocacy for abortion and assisted suicide. Pray that human life will be precious in the sight of all Californians and our legislators in particular.</i></p> |
| <p><b>SB 1457 – Released Time Education Credit</b> (Morrell, R-Rancho Cucamonga)<br/>         Enables school boards to allow students to spend additional time on “Released Time” studies which will, in turn, give school boards discretion to consider certain programs for elective credit toward a student’s high school graduation. This can include religious instruction.</p> <p><b>SUPPORT.</b></p> <p><i>See CWA's letter of support.</i><br/> <i>View our e-alert.</i></p>  | <p><a href="#">Failed</a> on Senate floor.</p> <p>Reconsideration granted, but author elected not to call for another vote.</p> <p><i>Pray that the CA Legislature will not remove Released Time Education completely from our public schools.</i></p>  |