

California State Senate

CAPITOL OFFICE
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 4061
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
TEL (916) 651-4020
FAX (916) 651-4920

**SENATOR
CONNIE M. LEYVA**
20TH SENATE DISTRICT

DISTRICT OFFICE
11760 CENTRAL AVE. STE. 100
CHINO, CA 91710
TEL (909) 591-7016

SENATOR.LEYVA@SENATE.CA.GOV
WWW.SENATE.CA.GOV/LEYVA

464 W. 4TH ST. STE. 454B
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401
TEL (909) 888-5360

Dear Neighbor,

As the Senator representing the 20th State Senate District, I am honored to work every day on your behalf to improve our local schools, workplaces, environment and communities. Having lived in the Inland Empire since I was a small child, I am proud to call this region home and work with you to improve our neighborhoods and quality of life.

During my first two years in office, the Governor signed several bills that I introduced which benefit California students, seniors and families. Beyond these signed bills, I am also very proud to have led efforts to strengthen career technical education, protect children from sex offenders, provide housing for women veterans, prevent teen relationship abuse, keep seniors and disabled residents in their homes, increase past due child support payments and help small businesses and communities access environmental funding. Our fight on all of these issues—and so many more—will continue in the years ahead.

As always, please contact any of my offices should you have any questions or need assistance in dealing with a state agency.

Sincerely,
CONNIE M. LEYVA
State Senator, 20th District



Senator Connie M. Leyva

CAPITOL OFFICE
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814
TEL 916.651.4020
FAX 916.651.4920

DISTRICT OFFICES
11760 Central Avenue, Suite 100
Chino, CA 91710
TEL 909.591.7016

464 W. 4th Street, Suite 454B
San Bernardino, CA 92401
TEL 909.888.5360



**SENATOR
CONNIE M. LEYVA**

**2015-2016
Legislative
Accomplishments**

TOOK EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2016

SB 426 – “Financial Security for Seniors Act”

Protects seniors who purchase fixed, deferred annuities by prohibiting companies from charging penalties on the death benefit payout when a senior passes away early. This issue can be a problem for seniors who purchase annuities to secure their financial future—and then die in the first few years after purchasing them—since the living spouse / beneficiary would then receive less than the full amount of the original investment.

SB 532 – Protecting Students’ Voices

Prioritizes the voices of California students by creating a formal and transparent process for both the establishment and removal of the student school board member position on a school district’s governing board.

SB 651 – Victim Restitution

Helps family members of victims of crimes committed by a minor to receive restitution to pay for important costs and services, such as therapy or counseling sessions. Expands the definition of a victim within state law to include family members, guardians and significant others as ‘derivative’ victims of a crime committed by a minor, making them eligible for victim restitution.

TOOK EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2017

SB 813 – “Justice for Victims Act”

Eliminates the statute of limitations on rape and ensures justice for victims and survivors of felony sexual offenses by allowing the indefinite criminal prosecution of rape, sodomy, lewd or lascivious acts, continuous sexual abuse of a child, oral copulation, and sexual penetration. According to the United States Department of Justice, only two in 100 rapists will be convicted of a felony and spend any time in prison. The other 98 percent will never be punished for their crime.

SB 1000 - Planning for healthy communities

Helps to lessen the impact of pollution and other environmental contaminants on residents in disadvantaged communities by requiring cities and counties in California to include an environmental justice element for future local General Plans.

SB 1015 - Permanently extends overtime for domestic workers

Continues the success from AB 241 (2013) by removing the 2017 sunset date and making the law’s provisions permanent. In 2013, the California Domestic Workers Coalition sponsored AB 241 to provide much needed and deserved labor protections. The legislation had a narrow focus granting rights to daily and weekly overtime for domestic workers.

SB 1398 - Protects communities from lead pipe dangers

Requires public water systems in California to gather inventories of lead pipes in use and then to provide the State Water Resources Control Board a timeline for their replacement. Lead is a neurotoxin that is extremely harmful to the human body. Even very low levels of exposure in children can cause brain and nervous system damage, slow growth and development, speech and hearing impairment and cause behavioral and learning problems.

SB 66 - Improves career technical education (CTE) at California community colleges

Increases cross-agency data collection and streamlines reporting requirements. Once students leave high school or CTE programs, it is difficult to track their success and determine if they obtain a third-party credential or certificate. Additionally, state and federally funded initiatives addressing workforce and economic development often have similar and overlapping goals but varying reporting requirements, leading to inefficient reporting and extra work for programs receiving multiple streams of funding. SB 66

addresses these two ongoing issues and improves the effectiveness of CTE programs in California.

SB 1068 - Expands educational services for homeless students

Requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to provide valuable training and informational materials to local education agencies’ homeless student liaisons. These materials will help homeless student liaisons stay informed about state and federal laws and offer support for liaisons as they provide professional development for school staff. SB 1068 will also improve the standard of services provided to homeless students by requiring the CDE to ensure that liaisons participate in professional development in accordance with federal law.

SB 970 - Recover and reuse food waste as clean energy and fuels

Specifically requires the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to consider the potential benefits of certain projects when prioritizing applicants for organic waste diversion grants and allow the department to award larger grants for large-scale regional integrated projects. This bill will help California meet its ambitious goals aimed at reducing waste and improving air quality across the state.

SB 1123 - Extends career technical education (CTE) course options for high school students

Extends until July 1, 2022, the option for students to take CTE courses to fulfill the existing graduation requirement to take a course in visual or performing arts or foreign language. This choice was first made available in 2011 with the passage of AB 1330. Motivated in part by studies that found high school students were dropping out of school because they were uninterested and disengaged by coursework, this option gives students another choice in their education in order to help them stay engaged in their classes.