

Preparing for the New Year: Student Laws for 2022

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While COVID-19 dominated the focus of new rules and protocols during 2021, the California Legislature enacted several other new laws that school districts must be ready to put in place for 2022. Following is a quick summary of these new laws, along with links to the related Client New Briefs for more details.

- **Senate Bill 14** – Students shall be excused from school when the absence is for the benefit of the student’s mental or behavioral health. This portion of Senate Bill 14 was urgency legislation and became effective when signed in October 2021. (See [2021 Client News Brief Number 34.](#))
- **Assembly Bill 516** – As of January 1, 2022, students shall be excused from school for the purpose of participating in a cultural ceremony or event. (See [2021 Client News Brief Number 34.](#))
- **Assembly Bill 27** – Districts must post on their websites information about their homeless liaisons and related information for homeless children and youth. This bill was urgency legislation and became effective in September 2021. (See [2021 Client News Brief Number 36.](#))
- **Senate Bill 400** – Districts will be required to administer a housing questionnaire to students and provide information on rights and resources for homeless children and youth. (See [2021 Client News Brief Number 36.](#))
- **Assembly Bill 132** – As part of the Post-Secondary Education Trailer Bill, school districts, county offices of education and charter schools must ensure that students complete the FAFSA form for federal student aid, complete a similar form related to the California Dream Act, or complete an opt out form. (See [2021 Client News Brief Number 47.](#))

Podcast Information

To hear a discussion about these new laws between Lozano Smith attorneys Ruth Mendyk and Joshua Whiteside, listen to Lozano Smith’s latest Podcast – [Preparing for the New Year: New Student Laws in Effect Now and in 2022 and Beyond.](#)

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