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<u>AB 224</u> <u>(Bonilla)</u>	Academic Performance Index Expands the indicators that make up the API, to include high school graduation rates, rates by which students fulfill the requirements for admission to postsecondary institutions, rates by which students complete a course of study that prepares them for entry-level employment.		Re-Referred to Senate Approp. Committee	CA Ag. Teachers Asso. CA Assoc. of Leaders for Career Prep. CBEA CA Manuf. & Tech. Assoc.	School for Integrated Academics & Technology	Unk.	watch
<u>AB 250</u> <u>(Brownley)</u>	Curriculum Support and Reform Act of 2011 Contains a number of elements meant to, well, reform the standards/frameworks/instructional materials processes. The most recent round of ammendments were quite significant. They included the renaming of the Curriculum Commission to the "Instructional Quality Advisory Committee" and removing that committee from the adoption process. It also changes the adoption cycle from a 6-year to an 8-year cycle.	Bill amended to delete most references to assessment. State supt. still charged with developing recommendations for high quality assessment to replace current STAR tests.	Passed Assembly; in Senate Education Cmte.	SPI CSTA 21st Century Coaliton CABE Californians Together Several school districts and COEs	Unk.	7/6/11	Support
<u>AB 1033</u> <u>(Feuer)</u>	Academic Content Standards Authorizes the review of content standards for science, history/social scient, language arts, and math, if the state superintendent and State Board of Education find there is a need to do so, and specifies the make-up of a standards review commission to undertake the review and revision. Authorizes the state superintendent to recommend a schedule for reviewing the science and history/social science standards, and requires the State Board of Education to either adopt or reject the proposed standards.	Sponsored by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI).	Passed Assembly Ed. Cmte.; in Assy. Approp. Cmte. held under submission. Died.	SPI (sponsor) CSBA CA Language Teachers Assoc CSTA	Unk.	Unk.	Support (letter to Assy. Ed.)

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AB 1330 (Furutani)	Graduation Requirements –Career Tech. Adds requirement that students complete a course in career technical education, as an alternative to the requirement that students complete a course in visual or performing arts or foreign language, in order to graduate from high school. Includes parental notification requirements.	Amended on 6/23	Passed Assembly; to Sen. Approp. Cmte.	ACSA CSBA CFT CTA CAROPs CA Farm Bureau CA Manuf. & Tech. Assoc. CSEA	Arts for LA CA Alliance for Arts Ed. CAHPERD CA Language Teachers Assn. Californians for Justice Californians Together Ed. Trust-West Public Advocates	Unk.	watch
SB 140 (Lowenthal)	Instructional Materials--Common Core Standards Requires the Dept. of Education to develop a list before July 1, 2012 of supplemental instructional materials aligned with the common core standards in language arts and math, and also permits local district governing boards to adopt instructional materials other than those adopted by the state board if the local board determines that other materials are aligned with the common core standards and meet the needs of the students in the district.	Amended on 6/29. Added a fee to publishers submitting materials for the 8th Grade math adoption.	Passed Senate; to Assembly Ed. Cmte.	ACSA CSBA LAUSD Alturas E.S. Modoc M.S. Riverside Co. Supt. Assoc. Rowland USD Stateline E.S.	Unk.	7/6/11	watch
SB 300 (Hancock)	Science and History-Social Science Standards is a CSTA-sponsored bill that requires the review and revision of the science (and history-social science) content standards. The bill was amended in May to remove the proposed 22-member commission and give the authority to amend the out-dated science standards to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with a final up or down vote required by the State Board of Education. The bill was amended for a second time at the end of June as it moved to the Assembly Education Committee. The latest version of the bill calls for the establishment of a smaller, nine member Academic Content Standards Commission for Science. This commission would be tasked with making recommendations to the State Board of Education by January 1, 2013 to modify, revise, and update the science content standards . Currently, there is no requirement in law that the content standards ever be updated. This means that California's students will continue to lag behind other states (and nations) until our state reviews and updates our science content standards. CSTA has supported many efforts in years past to require the science standards to be reviewed and revised, but they had been vetoed by	This is a CSTA-sponsored bill. The original bill would have required an Academic Standards Commission to review and revise the science standards.	Passed Senate; Amended on 6/28 and re-referred to Assembly Approp. Cmte.	CSTA BSMARTE CSBA CFT	Unk.	Unk.	Support (sponsored bill; letter to Senate Ed.)

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SB 402 (Correa)	Integration of 21st Century Skills into Frameworks States the intent of the legislature that 21st century skills be integrated into the curriculum frameworks of core curricula, including English language arts, math, science, history-social science, visual and performing arts, and world languages.		Passed Senate; Re-Referred to Assembly Approp. Cmte.	Coalition for 21st Century Skills CSTA	Unk.	7/6/11	Support (letters to Senate Ed. & Approps.)