

CHEAC Hot Sheet #22 – 2010

July 2, 2010

Bill Number Author Subject Last Amendment	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 223/Ma <i>Public Health</i> Last amendment 6/15/10	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Repeals existing state law on the practice of tattooing, body art and piercings. Would require all body art practioners to annually register with local enforcement agencies and require these practioners to comply with specific requirements including the completion of a blood borne pathogens exposure control training program (with annual updates). Facilities are also required to have valid health permits issued annually by local enforcement agencies and must have infection prevention and control plans in place. Allows local enforcement agencies to collect fees sufficient to pay for the administration of these programs. Local enforcement agency is defined as a county or city health agency. For those jurisdictions where EH is not within the health department, the jurisdiction must designate who is the local enforcement agency (health or EH).	S-2
AB 342/Bass <i>Medi-Cal Hospitals</i> Last amendment 5/18/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires DHCS to submit a waiver to CMS to implement a demonstration project to strengthen the safety net, expand coverage and improve health outcomes.	Special Interest Bill
AB 537/Arambula <i>Nutrition</i> Amended 6/30/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Allows the State Department of Social Services, to the extent and manner allowed by federal law and regulation , to designate or assign an interested Food and Nutrition Service-authorized organization to operate an EBT acceptance system in a farmer’s market selling fresh produce beginning by 1/1/12. Does not require markets themselves to create, operate or maintain an EBT system.	S-2
AB 1225/De La Torre <i>Public Health Emergency Preparedness</i> Last amendment 1/25/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires CDPH and LHDs to establish a process when conducting infectious disease outbreak exercises to identify any deficiencies in the preparedness plans and procedures and track implementation of corrective measures.	Watch w/ Concerns

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AB 1445/Chesbro <i>Medi-Cal</i> Last amendment 6/1/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Allows reimbursement for a max of two visits to an FQHC or RHC on the same day and at the same location if the patient suddenly suffers and illness or injury subsequent to the first visit or if the patient has a medical visit and “another health visit” – meaning a face-to-face encounter with a clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, dentist, dental hygienist or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.	S-3
AB 1503/Lieu <i>EMS</i> Last amendment 6/16/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Creates a new physician and surgeon pricing policy for uninsured visits to the emergency room. Ties Maddy Fund reimbursements to these new provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns Watch
AB 1599/Beall <i>Medi-Cal Drug & Alcohol</i> Last amendment 4/13/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. Held under submission.	Establishes the Medi-Cal Alcohol and Drug Screening & Brief Intervention Services Program to allow local funds to draw down federal funds via CPE. Funding obtained to be used to provide alcohol and drug screening and brief intervention services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are pregnant women or women of childbearing age. Requires any public entity drawing down FFP to reimburse the state their costs for creating and administering the program.	S-3
AB 1602/J.Perez <i>Health Care Reform</i> Amended 6/24/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Enacts the California Patient Protection and Affordable Health Choices Act. Creates the California Health Benefit Exchange. Prohibits health insurance carriers from establishing lifetime or unreasonable annual coverage limits. Requires carriers to provide basic preventative health services. Other provisions.	Special Interest Bill
AB 1652/Jones <i>Injury Prevention</i> Last amendment 5/17/10	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Requires any person under the age of 18 or a person employed by a ski resort to wear a properly fitted and fastened snow sport helmet while on skis or a snowboard. Other provisions.	S-3
AB 1653/Jones <i>Medi-Cal Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Exempts public hospitals, specialty hospitals (as defined by OSHPD), long term care hospitals (satisfying Medicare criteria) and small, rural hospitals (as defined by OSHPD) from the Hospital Quality Assurance Fee passed last year.	S-3
AB 1701/Chesbro <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Rules Committee.	Eliminates the sunset in current statute that allows pharmacists to furnish hypodermic needles or syringes to persons without a prescription if the pharmacist is registered with the local health department as allowed under the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project.	S-2

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AB 1745/Ammiano <i>Vital Records</i> Last amendment 6/10/10	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Allows local registrars to charge an additional fee on disposition of county indigent human remains permits of up to \$8. Amendment sought: direct up to \$2 of this funding to county vital stats, at the county's option.	SIA Watch
AB 1783/Hayashi <i>Medi-Cal</i> Last amendment 6/14/10	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Adds licensed dentists to the list of Medi-Cal enrolled providers in good standing, who change their location, to file a change of location form rather than re-enroll as a provider in the Medi-Cal program.	S-3
AB 1887/Villines <i>Health Care Reform</i> Last amendment 6/10/10	<i>Location:</i> Signed by Governor. Chapter 32, Statutes of 2010.	Establishes the Federal Temporary High Risk Health Insurance Fund. Provides for open meeting exemptions for MRMIB related to contract negotiations or deliberations. Cojoined with SB 227/Alquist.	Special Interest Bill
AB 1937/Fletcher <i>Pupil Health</i> Amended 6/23/10	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Authorizes a school district to permit certain other health care practitioners, who are acting under the direction of a supervising physician or surgeon to administer certain immunizing agents, to administer an immunizing agent to a pupil whose parent has consented in writing to the administration of a vaccine, subject to specified conditions.	S-2
AB 1980/Hayashi <i>Animal Control</i> Amended 6/29/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Makes various changes to current veterinary medicine law including additional training and reporting requirements for unregistered veterinary assistants who perform radiographic equipment.	O-3
AB 2000/Hagman <i>Animal Control</i> Last amendment 6/2/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Exempts a dog owner from the rabies vaccination requirement if a licensed vet determines, on an annual basis, is currently immune compromised or has a documented medical record of a preexisting condition that may affect the dog's ability to develop antirabies antibodies.	O-3
AB 2039/Logue <i>Consolidated Contract</i> Amended 6/22/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly for concurrence.	Eliminates the sunset provision on the Placer County integrated health and human services program.	S-2

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AB 2084/Brownley <i>Child Nutrition</i> Last amendment 6/15/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 7/15/10 .	Requires licensed child care facilities to follow specific requirements on the provision of beverages to children in their care including serving only 1% or nonfat milk to children 2 or older, limit juice to one serving a day of 100% juice, serve no beverages with added sweeteners either natural or artificial and to make clean & safe drinking water available throughout the day.	S-3
AB 2093/VM Perez <i>Immunizations</i> Last amendment 5/28/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires health plans or insurers to reimburse physicians for their childhood immunization vaccine actual costs. Does not apply to Medi-Cal or HFP.	S-3
AB 2100/Coto <i>Child Health</i> Last amendment 5/12/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Rev & Tax Committee held on the Suspense File.	Imposes a tax on every sweetened beverage manufacturer who makes first sale of a sweetened beverage of a rate of \$0.01 per teaspoon of sugar placed in the beverage. Revenues collected would be deposited in the Pediatric Obesity Fund. Funds collected would be allocated to the Department of Education for a grants to eligible school districts to employ school nurses or health educators and to create a healthful diet and lifestyle plan for the school.	S-3
AB 2145/Ammiano <i>Drug & Alcohol</i> Amended 6/29/10	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Removes sunset provisions on the provision of opioid antagonists by physicians who have received training from an opioid prevention and treatment training program operated by LHJs or by an entity registered by the local LHJ. Removes Pushes out timeline for the reporting requirements on LHJs who operate or register a training program.	S-3
AB 2153/Lieu <i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Requires all licensed general acute care hospitals to assess the condition of their emergency rooms every four hours and then calculate and record a crowding score. If a hospital does not record a crowding score in level four or higher for the previous 30 days, it may assess its ER every eight hours; however, if it records a crowding score of four or higher, it must revert to the four hour schedule. Also requires hospitals to develop and implement a full-capacity protocol for each category on the crowding scale. Hospitals with emergency rooms must file these protocols with OSHPD.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2248/Hernandez <i>EMS/Maddy Fund</i> Last amendment 6/10/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires that the counties include in their annual Maddy Fund reports to the Legislature a description of how the 17% discretionary EMS account funds were disbursed for other “emergency medical services”.	Watch w/ Concerns Watch

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AB 2287/Monning <i>Healthcare Reform Workforce</i> Last amendment 5/28/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires the Health & Human Services Agency to direct its departments to apply for federal community transformation grants under federal health care reform. Requires those departments to make information regarding federal grant opportunities available under health reform available to local government agencies, local public health departments, school districts, state and local nonprofits and Indian tribes.	S-3
AB 2345/De La Torre <i>Health Care Reform</i> Amended 6/16/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies issued, amended, renewed or delivered on or after 9/23/10, to provide coverage, and impose no cost-sharing requirements, for certain preventive health services like IZs.	Special Interest Bill
AB 2456/Torricono <i>EMS</i> Amended 6/23/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Existing law allows EMSA to develop planning and implementation guidelines for emergency medical services systems. This bill adds that these regulations will now include policies and procedures applicable to all EMT personnel. Section 1797.107 of Health & Safety Code, which provides EMSA the authority to adopt, amend or repeal regulations (including regulations that include statewide EMS guidelines for the coordinated delivery of EMS in CA), is eliminated. New language would require local EMS agencies to adhere to EMSA regulations, and adds a new section that any additional policies and procedures implemented by a local EMS agency that are not in accordance with EMSA's standards are now subject to approval of the EMSA Director and the EMS Commission prior to implementation. An EMS service provider may appeal the determination made by the EMSA Director to the EMS Commission. Allows EMSA, after approval from the EMS Commission, to adopt a schedule of fees collected from certifying entities to support EMSA's costs to promulgate new regulations.	O-1
AB 2477/Jones <i>Medi-Cal</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee.	Eliminates the requirement that children on Medi-Cal file Mid-Year Status reports thereby establishing continuous eligibility.	S-2
AB 2486/Feuer <i>Public Health</i> Amended 6/29/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly for concurrence.	Allows a parent, guardian or other another adult who knowingly furnishes alcoholic beverages, at his or her residence, to a person under the age of 21 to be legally accountable for any damages, injury or death of another person resulting from the consumption of those beverages.	S-3

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AB 2515/VM Perez <i>Env. Health</i> Amended 7/1/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Authorizes DPH to develop criteria emergency regulations governing the permitted use of point-of-use treatment by public water systems in lieu of centralized treatment.	S-3
AB 2541/Portantino <i>HIV/AIDS</i> Amended 6/24/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Deletes the exemption from electronic reporting for HIV infections. Provides that health care providers and labs report cases of HIV infection to the local health officer using patient names and set guidelines regarding such reports.	S-3
AB 2705/Hall <i>Pupil Health</i> Last amendment 4/14/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. Held under submission.	Requires the an additional component of the After School Education and Safety Program to include a physical fitness element of at least 30 minutes. Requires that by the start of the 13/14 school year, for grades 1-6, required physical education instruction include at least 50% of the time spent on moderate to vigorous physical activity. Intent language to increase the flexibility of joint use policies and practices that will allow schools and communities to optimized resources, share costs, and identify creative solutions to increase access to safe places to play and exercise.	S-2
AB 2720/J Perez <i>Public Health</i> Last amendment 5/12/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Requires the State Department of Food & Agriculture, in consultation with CDPH, to provide recommendations to the Legislature regarding actions needed to promote food access in the state. Requires the Department of Food & Agriculture to coordinate efforts to maximize funding opportunities provided by the federal 2010 Healthy Food Financing Initiative. Authorizes CDPH to award grants and provide in-kind support to nonprofit corporations to encourage the sale and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.	S-3
SENATE BILLS			
SB 4/Oropeza <i>Public Health</i> Last amendment 3/11/10	<i>Location:</i> VETOED by the Governor.	Bans smoking at state parks and beaches.	S-3
SB 152/Cox <i>Medi-Cal</i> <i>Mental Health</i> Last amendment 4/14/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Would require DMH to send a reimbursement claim to the Controller for fee-for-service county mental health managed care contractors within 90 days. Interest accrues on unpaid claims and would come out of DMH's budget.	S-3

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SB 208/Steinberg <i>Medi-Cal Hospitals</i> Amended 6/22/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Requires DHCS to submit a waiver to CMS to implement a demonstration project to strengthen the safety net, expand coverage and improve health outcomes.	Special Interest Bill
SB 769/Alquist <i>Public Health</i> Amended 6/24/10	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Provides that for FY 09/10 federal funding received pursuant to the federal Supplemental Appropriations Act for state and local public health and emergency response infrastructure for pandemic flu be—subject to appropriation by the Legislature for allocation by DPH pursuant to the CDC grant agreement. Requires DPH to use funds to expand CAHAN capacity for hospitals and clinics. Urgency clause added to the bill. Extends the repeal date for provisions of this bill.	Special Interest Bill
SB 771/Alquist <i>Medi-Cal</i> Amended 6/22/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Extends the change from annual to semi-annual Medi-Cal eligibility determinations for children in the event that the enhanced FMAP in ARRA is extended. Extends Medi-Cal eligibility, to the extent FFP is available, including eligibility for EPSDT, to former foster care children under the age of 26.	S-1 Watch/Bring Back
SB 810/Leno <i>Health Care Reform</i> Last amendment 1/13/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Establishes the California Healthcare System to be administered by the newly created CA Healthcare Agency under the control of an elected Healthcare Commissioner. Makes all CA residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Requires the commissioner to seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements or legislation to allow various existing federal, state and local health care payments to be paid to the system. Creates a health insurance policy board. Allows the Healthcare Commissioner to determine city and county contributions to the program. Other provisions.	SIA
SB 882/Corbett <i>Tobacco</i> Last amendment 6/17/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Makes it unlawful to sell or otherwise furnish an electronic cigarette to a person under 18 years of age.	S-3

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SB 890/Alquist <i>Health Care Reform</i> Last amendment 6/15/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Requires health insurance policies issued, amended or renewed on or after 1/1/11, to provide coverage for medically necessary basic health care services and would prohibit those policies from imposing annual or lifetime limits on basic health care services. Other provisions.	Special Interest Bill
SB 900/Alquist <i>Health Care Reform</i> Amended 6/23/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Establishes the California Health Insurance Exchange within HHSA. Requires the exchange to implement specific functions imposed under federal HCR in a consumer-friendly manner, enter into contracts with health care service plans and health insurers seeking to offer coverage in the Exchange, and provide a choice in each region of the state between 5 levels of coverage. Authorizes expenditures from the newly created California Health Insurance Exchange Fund.	Special Interest Bill
SB 998/Liu <i>Long Term Care</i> Last amendment 4/20/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File. Held under submission.	Requires every county to establish a long-term care case management program for individuals who are Medi-Cal recipients or are applicants, or are eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal. Counties may contract with non-profit organizations for this purpose. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 1029/Yee <i>Public Health</i> Amended 6/23/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriation Committee.	Repeals existing law that established the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project that allowed a collaborative effort between LHDs and pharmacies to provide clean hypodermic needles without prescription if authorized by the county. Now, as a public health measure, allows a physician, pharmacist or pharmacist tech, without a prescription or permit, to furnish hypodermic needles and syringes for personal use. Eliminates language requiring a county's authorization to allow pharmacists to furnish needles or syringes. Increases from 10 to 30 needles or syringes an individual may possess.	S-2
SB 1054/Walters <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> Introduced.	Allows nonprofit organizations to sell or offer a used child passenger seat if 1) upon visual inspection, determines that the manufacturer's expiration date has not passed and 2) upon visual inspection, the seat is in safe, working condition.	O-3

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SB 1091/Hancock <i>Medi-Cal Jail Medical</i> Last amendment 5/4/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Subject to receipt of FFP, makes individuals awaiting adjudication in county juvenile detention facilities eligible for Medi-Cal benefits if currently enrolled (or is determined eligible) and if the county agrees to pay the state's share of Medi-Cal expenditures and administrative costs through an IGT. Provides that these individuals would have their Medi-Cal benefits continued for the first 30 days of their stay in the county juvenile detention facility or until the date of their adjudication, whichever period of time is less.	S-2
SB 1109/Cox <i>First 5</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. Failed Passage. Reconsideration Granted.	Subject to voter approval, eliminates First 5 allocations to its various accounts and directs those funds to the State General Fund for the Healthy Families Program and Medi-Cal. Abolishes both State and county First 5 commissions. Counties are directed to assume existing First 5 contracts and obligations. Takes existing unencumbered local First 5 funds and provides 50% to the county office of education and 50% to the county treasurer.	O-3
SB 1185/Maldonado <i>Animal Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee.	Allows a deduction in computing adjusted gross income, not to exceed \$250, for the costs paid or incurred during the taxable year for food and supplies purchased for an animal adopted from a qualified animal rescue organization (including county shelters).	S-3
SB 1210/Florez <i>Child Nutrition</i> Last amendment 5/5/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee on the Suspense File.	Imposes a tax on every sweetened beverage distributor at a rate of \$0.01 per teaspoon of sugar placed in bottled sweetened beverages. Revenues collected would be deposited in the Childhood Obesity Fund. <i>Amendment sought: 50% of funds collected be distributed to LHDs to provide childhood obesity prevention services.</i>	Support if Amended
SB 1236/Alquist <i>Public Hospitals Medi-Cal</i> Last amendment 6/10/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Establishes a program that allows designated public hospitals, at their option, to not comply with the requirements for the State's Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) for inpatient hospitalization as long as the designated public hospital provides the match for federal Medicaid reimbursement.	S-2
SB 1255/Padilla <i>Pupil Health</i> Amended 6/22/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committees.	Restricts the sale of electrolyte replacement beverages (sports drinks) in middle-, junior and high schools to specified times before and after school.	S-2

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SB 1399/Leno <i>Indigent Health</i> Amended 6/23/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Provides that any prisoner (with certain exceptions) who the chief medical officer determines suffers from a significant and permanent condition, disease or syndrome resulting in the prisoner being physically or cognitively debilitated or incapacitated shall be granted medical parole, if the Board of Parole Hearings determines that the conditions under which the prisoner would be released would not reasonably pose a threat to public safety. Requires that DCR to enter into MOUs with the Social Security Administration and DHCS to facilitate prerelease agreements to help inmates initiate benefits claims and pay the state share of Medi-Cal costs for inmates that have been granted medical parole. DCR shall also be required to reimburse counties for the costs associated with providing an inmate granted medical parole with a public guardian. Requires the state to assume responsibility as the payor of last resort for inmates who are granted medical parole who are not eligible for public insurance and who do not have the means to pay privately. Other provisions.	Special Interest Bill
SB 1413/Leno <i>Pupil Health</i> Amended 6/22/10	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Floor.	Prohibits school boards from entering into or renewing contracts that restrict the availability of free tap water on school campuses. Authorizes each school district to provide free tap water in school food service areas, as defined in federal regulations. Requires a school district to provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times in school food service areas by 1/1/12, with certain exceptions.	S-2
SB 1431/Simitian <i>Healthy Families Program</i> Last amendment 4/7/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Allows counties, through the County Health Initiative Matching Fund, to draw down FFP for children who due to enrollment policies enacted by MRMIB, or who are unable to enroll in HFP due to family income at 400% FPL .	S-3
SCA 29/Strickland <i>Health Care Reform</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health and Elections, Reapportionment & Constitutional Amendments Committees. Failed Passage (Health).	Prohibits the effectiveness or enforcement of a state or federal program that has an individual mandate, has guaranteed issue for health insurers, an employer mandate, creates an entity created, operated or subsidized by the government to compete with health insurers, or creates a single-payer health care system unless the program is approved by the electorate via ballot measure.	O-3

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SBX3 26/Alquist HFP Last amendment 4/16/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Rules Committee.	Would allow for the creation of a dental-only coverage option offered by the Healthy Families Program.	S-2

*2-Year Bill – A bill that has not passed out of its house of origin policy or appropriations committee by designated deadlines in the first year of a two-year legislative session. Must be then passed out of its house of origin by January 31, 2010, or it becomes a dead bill. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

Definition of Legislative Terms

Chaptered – A bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

Concurrence – The approval by the house of origin of a bill that was amended in the opposite house.

Dead Bill – A bill that has not passed out of its house of origin by the end of January of the second-year of the two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

Failed Passage – A bill that has been voted on in either a committee or assembly or senate floor and did not receive a majority vote. An urgency measure or tax increase must receive 2/3 vote on the floor.

Gut and Amend – An amended bill where the previous legislative language is removed and replaced with entirely new subject matter.

Held in Committee – Status of a bill that is heard in committee but no action is taken.

Inactive File – A bill ready for floor consideration but placed on a dormant list upon the author’s request.

Interim Study – The assignment of a bill’s subject matter to the appropriate committee for study during the period the Legislature is not in session.

Reconsideration Granted – A motion giving the opportunity to take another vote on a bill that has failed passage in a committee hearing or floor session.

Rules Committee – All bills are initially referred to this committee in each house for policy committee assignments.

Spot Bill (or intent bill) – A bill that proposes nonsubstantive changes to a code section in a particular subject area. Often used as a legislative vehicle later in the legislative session for ideas not fully fleshed out when the bill is introduced.

Suspense File – Bills meeting a certain appropriation threshold in fiscal committees are placed on the suspense file. Fiscal committees in each house hold a special hearing close to the fiscal committee deadlines (late May and August) to determine which bills will come off the suspense file and move forward. The decision on each bill is pre-determined by leadership and the committee vote is mostly a formality.

CHEAC Legislative Position Chart

S - 1 Strong Support	S - 2 Soft Support	S - 3 Discretionary Support	SIA Support if Amended
O - 1 Strong Oppose	O - 2 Soft Oppose	O - 3 Discretionary Oppose	OUA Oppose Unless Amended
WC Watch with Concerns	W - SIB Watch - Special Interest Bill	W Watch	R/BB Refer/Bring Back