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SB-509 School employee and pupil training: youth mental and behavioral health: mental health education

Senate: 1st Cmt 2nd Cmt 2nd 3rd Pass Pass Veto

Assembly: 1st Cmt 2nd Cmt 2nd 3rd Pass

Bill Status	
Measure:	SB-509
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Topic:	School employee and pupil training: youth mental and behavioral health: mental health education.
31st Day in Print:	03/17/23
Title:	An act to amend Sections 49428.15 and 51210 of, and to add Section 49428.3 to, the Education Code, relating to pupil health.
House Location:	Senate
Enrolled Date:	09/15/23
Last Amended Date:	09/07/23

Type of Measure	
Active Bill - In Floor Process	
Majority Vote Required	
Non-Appropriation	
Fiscal Committee	
State-Mandated Local Program	
Non-Urgency	
Non-Tax levy	

Last 5 History Actions	
Date	Action
10/13/23	In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.
10/13/23	Vetoed by the Governor.
09/20/23	Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4:30 p.m.
09/13/23	Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 39. Noes 0. Page 2734.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.
09/11/23	In Senate. Concurrence in Assembly amendments pending.

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Governor's Veto Message
To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 509 without my signature. This bill would require local educational agencies to certify to the California Department of Education by July 1, 2027, that 100 percent of its certificated staff and at least 40 percent of its classified staff who have direct contact with students in grades 7-12 have received youth behavioral health training as specified. I share the author's goal of ensuring that school staff are equipped with the tools to recognize and offer appropriate support to students experiencing mental health challenges. However, I have concerns with some aspects of the bill as written, including the appropriate scope of the required, one-time training and the lack of an appropriate mechanism to fund the bill via the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Fund (AB 28, Chapter 231, Statutes of 2023). To address these issues, and to ensure alignment with other state investments in this area, I am directing the Department of Finance to propose language for the Legislature's consideration as part of next January's state budget proposal. For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom