

Urge Assembly Rules, Appropriations to Defeat Rigid Formula Layoff Bill, SB 1285

CTA-opposed SB 1285 (Steinberg) bill is scheduled to be heard either in the Assembly Rules Committee or the Assembly Appropriations Committee as early as Monday.

Get in touch with these lawmakers at their local offices now and then contact your own Assembly member, if she or he is not on the committee.

The message is simple: SB 1285 will deprive our neediest students of their most experienced educators. Vote against SB 1285 in the Assembly Rules or Assembly Appropriations Committee – don't vote it out!

This bad bill ties the hands of local decision makers in determining the best layoff procedures to meet the needs of students and schools in the district. This unnecessary legislation would prohibit a district from laying off more teachers at a Decile 1-3 school than the average proportion in the district.

This proposal requires school districts to keep less experienced teachers and lay off more experienced teachers regardless of performance. There is no data to support the assumption that this rigid formula improves instruction, but there is significant data that shows students perform better with more experienced teachers. The unintended consequence will certainly be that teachers with less than five years experience will comprise the staff of high priority schools.

SB 1285 establishes an unproven procedure that will eliminate local control and aggravate the destabilizing and traumatic impacts of teacher lay offs on schools and students.

We urge a "No" vote when this bill is heard in the Assembly Rules or Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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