

ADVOCACY DAY

VOTE NO OR ABSTAIN ON SB1479, SB1419, SB1100

SB1479: COVID19 testing in schools: COVID19 testing plans.

- Testing at school does not prevent the spread of disease. If the child is at school, the child has exposed the school. This bill does nothing to actually make schools safer.
- The federal government sending test kits to homes is an ideal solution that allows for families to test as needed before coming to school campuses.
- SB1479 is the gateway to perpetual testing and digital data collection for the State as a condition to receiving an education in California, a constitutionally protected right. This bill is overreaching.
- Why is this a permanent law for a temporary problem? Why is there no sunset clause for Covid-19 testing?
- Implementing SB1479 will cost billions of dollars annually, with no end in sight, for a disease over 75% of children and 70% of adults have already had, using tests that detect individuals with SARS-CoV-2 particulate matter in their noses, regardless of if they are infectious or not. LAUSD went 400 million dollars over their 150 million dollar testing budget in the 2021-2022 school year with no improved public health stats and higher than average chronic absenteeism.
- SB1479 is dangerous, expensive, and ineffective. The proper solution is to encourage children not to come to school with certain symptoms, as they have always done with other infectious, communicable and even more dangerous diseases (I.E.: pneumonia, RSV) and to encourage people to be healthy.

SB1419: Health information: concealing test results

- SB1419 creates a more permanent and dangerous divider between children and the adults who are legally obligated to provide their care.
- The surface of this bill states this is for tests relating to reproductive health, but the Senate Judiciary bill analysis states this is related to SB866, concealing medical treatment from parents beyond test results.
- Doctors will not be able to answer questions of parents / legal guardians who call to inquire about their child's symptoms. This prevents the parent / guardian from providing needed care, most of which is time sensitive.

SB1100: Public hearings

- SB1100 is redundant. Government Code, section 54957.9 already provides: "In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible, and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the members of the legislative body conducting the meeting may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session."
- Similarly, California Penal Code provides:
 - Section 415: Disturbing the Peace: it is a crime (infraction or misdemeanor) to challenge another to / fight in a public space, willfully and maliciously making loud and unreasonable noise, and/or using offensive words in a public place.
 - Section 242: Battery: it is a crime (misdemeanor, felony) to willfully touch another in a "harmful or offensive manner" without their consent.
 - Section 240: Assault: it is a crime (misdemeanor, felony) to attempt to willfully touch another in a harmful or offensive manner if you had the clear intent and present ability to do so.
- There is no language in the bill to protect minority groups from biased treatment.