

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES 2011

MEMBERSHIP- Members are selected by the President, with input from the chair, to insure that one person is selected from each of the eight classes of counties. This has been a longstanding practice to insure that the committee is not dominated by the “biggs” which can be an issue for the smaller counties. Also new members are selected to increase overall participation in CCBE activities. One of the appointed members is also a member of the Executive Committee and serves as their liaison. CSBA offers the services of members of their legislative staff and is also kept informed of positions taken on bills. The County Superintendents may have a representative on the committee, but if not are kept informed of all meetings and positions taken on bills.

MEETINGS- the CCBE Legislative Committee as a whole and the CCBE President are invited to attend CSBA’s first Legislative Committee meeting of the year, usually within the first two weeks of January. CCBE also meets separately on that day to discuss organizational issues; to determine the dates of each month that are acceptable for scheduling future meetings; and also how the committee would function regarding selection of bills to consider, etc. Meetings may be held in the CSBA’s Sacramento office, during conferences or by conference call.

PROCEEDURES- the Committee Chair chooses the bills for consideration from those considered by either the CSBA or the CCSESA Legislative Committees. Each member may bring to the committee those bills of particular interest to his/her county. The bills chosen are discussed and the position taken on each bill is determined by consensus. One of the following positions is taken on each bill reviewed.

Support triggers a letter to the author and other appropriate legislators.

Support with amendments triggers a letter to explain how the legislator should amend the bill in order to gain CCBE’s support.

Approve is a designation which indicates acceptance but not active involvement.

Watch means that the Committee felt the need to track the bill and it is brought back to the committee at a later time.

No Position is taken on bills that have no direct connection to the work of county offices of education.

Disapprove means that the committee did not approve the bill, but did not actively pursue its defeat.

Oppose triggers a letter to the author to explain the organizations opposition and why. The chair is responsible for writing all letters.

THE COMMITTEE CHAIR in addition attends all Legislative Committee meetings of CSBA and CCSESA.

The chair is responsible for developing talking points for the CSBA Legislative Conference on bills of particular importance to CCBE and the operations of county offices of education.