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PREFILED Legislation, Report #1

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Alphabetic prefixes indicate it is a House Bill, House Resolution, Senate Bill or Senate Resolution. The primary author and the district represented are noted. If and when the bill is introduced, the committee to which it is assigned will be shown.

CA = constitutional amendment. Requires a 2/3s vote in each chamber and a majority vote in the next general election, next scheduled for November 2010.

PREFILED Legislation

CHILDREN – PTA is about all children

HB 884, Levitas – 82

Aggravated child molestation may be charged when the offense is ‘committed with force’ in addition to the circumstances where a child is physically injured or when sodomy is involved.

DRIVERS LICENSE –our children drive

HB 875, Franklin – 43 **OPPOSE**

Repeals any requirement for a drivers license based on the Magna Carta of 1215 in England among other sources. ***PTA SUPPORTS differentiated drivers licenses for teen drivers and feels that a tested driver, as validated by a drivers license, provides safer transportation for children and youth.***

EDUCATION -- preparing our children for productive adulthood

SB 298, Seay – 34 **OPPOSE**

A first aid component of the health and physical education courses in any grades 8-12 must include a unit on basic first aid with opportunities for students to obtain basic first aid certification. Such certification must be a requirement for high school graduation in

2014 and thereafter. ***PTA believes that the Department of Education should develop curriculum, not the legislature. Ditto for high school graduation requirements.***

HB 882, Jacobs – 80

Bullying is defined to include any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that physically harms another or damages property of another, substantially interferes with a student's education, creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment, disrupts the orderly operation of a school, or through electronic means. The local school board may transfer a student who bullies to another school, and the state Department of Education must develop a model policy for local boards who already are required to have a policy on bullying. ***PTA SUPPORTS requirements to reduce and eliminate bullying.***

GOVERNANCE – our lives are governed thereby

HB 886, Levitas – 82 **SUPPORT**

The offense of sexual assault against persons in custody is to include elementary or secondary students.

GUN CONTROL -- guns kill and maim

HB 872, Franklin – 43

Repeals the power of the governor to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms during an emergency.

HB 873, Franklin – 43 **OPPOSE**

Repeals laws regarding dangerous instrumentalities and practices, which are all the gun laws.

HEALTH -- kids get sick

HB 871, Franklin – 43

Repeals the need for mandatory vaccinations.

HR 1086, Hill – 21

CA to prohibit compelling any person, employer, or health care provider from participating in any health care system. Authorizes persons and employers to pay directly for lawful health care services without penalties. ***Another protest for federal health care.***

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