



California Teen Dating Violence Legislative History 1996-2011

A. Summary

California Teen dating violence legislation from 1996-2011 (of which we are aware) is listed according to the year in which the legislation was introduced. The Partnership's position (or our predecessor organization, CAADV's position) is noted. The focus of the bill – civil legal, child welfare, or school-based (education, prevention and/or intervention) is noted. Bills that failed are shown in italics. Since 1996, there have been **10** teen dating violence bills. All but **1** of these bills have failed. Of the 10 bills, **8** are school-based teen dating violence bills, all of which have failed. **5** of the 8 failed school –based bills were held in Appropriations Committees, **2** were defeated in education committees (essentially the same bill by the same author during 2 different years), and **1** was vetoed by then Governor Grey Davis. CAADV sponsored 1 bill, AB 558, in 2000, and supported 4 others. The Partnership sponsored 1 bill, AB 1373 in 2011. The 2 bills defeated in education committees were opposed by the Partnership and defeated as a result of intensive opposition by a core group of members and partner agencies led by the Partnership.

B. List of Bills

1. **1996: AB 2155 (Kuehl) passes**, allowing teen victims of dating violence to seek a domestic violence protective order without parental consent. CAADV supported this bill. (Civil legal bill.)
2. **1996: AB 508 (Napolitano) fails**. *This bill would have provided for domestic violence education in schools. AB 508 was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. CAADV supported this bill. (School-based bill #1 – education focus.)*
3. **2000: AB 578 (Honda) fails**. *This bill would have required the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop training standards for teachers on domestic violence and sexual assault recognition and appropriate prevention responses. This bill stipulated the use of these standards as optional for school districts. AB 578 was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee. CAADV supported this bill. (School-based bill #2 – education and prevention focus.)*
4. **2000: AB 558 (Jackson) fails**. *This bill would have authorized age-appropriate instruction in domestic violence prevention in grades 1-12 and required the Department of Education to identify and distribute information and a model curriculum to school districts and county offices of education. AB 558 was vetoed by Governor Davis. CAADV sponsored this bill. (School-based bill #3 – education and prevention focus.)*
5. **2005: AB 506 (Montanez) fails**. *This bill would have required each school district to establish a policy and protocol, as specified, for dealing with incidents of teen dating violence involving middle school and high school students. AB 506 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. CAADV supported this bill. (School-based bill #4 – intervention focus.)*
6. **2007: AB 589 (Levine) fails**. *This bill would have required school districts to develop policies, procedures, and training for school employees regarding the prevention of teen dating violence and*

sexual violence. AB 589 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. (School-based bill #5 – prevention and intervention focus.)

7. **2010: SB 1300 (Correa) fails.** *In its amended version, this bill would have authorized districts to provide TDV prevention education as part of the health education and sexual health curriculum in grades 7-12. The bill would have specified recommended components of the education. This bill would have required schools that elect to provide teen dating violence prevention education notify parents prior to the instruction and allow parents to request that their child not receive the education. The Assembly Education Committee consultant recommended that the author “consider whether TDV prevention education should be treated similar to other prevention education [which] may increase the opportunities for pupils to access and take advantage of this information and instruction.” However, the author chose not to remove the parental notification/opt-out provisions and the bill failed in the Assembly Education Committee. The Partnership opposed this bill. (School-based bill #6 – prevention education focus.)*
8. **2010: AB 1852 (Portantino) fails.** *This bill would have revised the social study and the assessment done prior to appointing a guardian for a child and would have added a new training program that would have included information regarding the dynamics and effects of domestic violence upon families and children, including indicators and dynamics of teen dating violence. AB 1852 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The Partnership did not take a position on this bill. (Child welfare bill.)*
9. **2011: SB 13 (Correa) fails.** *This bill was essentially the same as SB 1300 (Correa), which failed in 2010. The bill failed in the Senate Education Committee. The Partnership opposed this bill for the same reasons it opposed SB 1300. (School-based bill #7 – prevention education focus.)*
10. **2011: AB 1373 (Fong) fails.** *This bill would have authorized school districts to provide research-based education programs to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence to students in grades 7 to 12 through curricular, extracurricular, and school climate improvement activities. It would also have directed the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide information about model programs on its website. AB 1373 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The Partnership sponsored this bill. (School-based bill #8 – prevention education focus.)*

C. Additional Legislation and Resolutions

- **2007: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 6 (Ma)** declared the first week in February 2007 Teenage Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.
- **2010: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 100 (Jones)** declared February 2010 as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. The Partnership sponsored this resolution.
- **2010: SB 1290 (Kehoe) passes,** requiring the State Board of Education to include self-defense instruction and safety instruction in the physical education content standards for grades 7-12. The Partnership supported this bill.
- **2011: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 29 (Bonilla and Ma)** declared February 2011 as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. The Partnership sponsored this resolution.