

2015 Advancement Project Legislative Successes

For the 2015 California Legislative year, Advancement Project tracked 105 pieces of legislation (both policy and budget) out of a total 2,772 bills that were introduced. Of these, we took positions on 30 bills over the first year of the two-year session. Overall 1,084 bills were chaptered into law and 133 bills were vetoed by the Governor in 2015 alone. The list below is a summary of the 8 bills that Advancement Project supported during the first year of this session, which successfully made it through the legislative process and were signed into law by Governor Brown. We partnered with other organizations for these successful advocacy efforts.

Bill Number	Author	Subject	Bill Status	Summary
AB 277	Hernández	California Voting Rights Act of 2001	SIGNED – CHAPTER 724	Provides that the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) applies to charter cities and counties to ensure that voters in charter cities are granted their fundamental rights and protections as guaranteed under the California Constitution.
AB 389	Chau	Hospitals: language assistance	SIGNED – CHAPTER 327 (2015)	Requires hospital language assistance policies to be posted on hospital websites in English and other most commonly spoken languages, and on the California Department of Public Health (DPH)’s website.
AB 953	Weber	Law Enforcement: Racial Profiling	SIGNED – CHAPTER 466 (2015)	Phases in the requirement for all local law enforcement to collect and report data on all stops throughout the year. Additionally, this bill would require the Attorney General to establish the Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board (RIPA) to conduct specified activities and issue an annual report on its analysis of specified reported data, training, and racial and identity profiling policies and/or practices.
AB 1443	Chau	Voters: Language Accessibility Advisory Committee	SIGNED – CHAPTER 347 (2015)	Requires the Secretary of State to establish a Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) to advise state and local elections officials on best practices to address language accessibility needs of voters.
SB 4	Lara	Health Care Coverage: Immigration Status	SIGNED – CHAPTER 709 (2015)	Requires the Director of Health Care Services to immediately transfer undocumented children under the age of 19 enrolled in restricted scope Medi-Cal to full-scope services, when the 2015 budget bill language is implemented.
SB 101	Budget and Fiscal Review	Underserved Children: California State Preschool Program	SIGNED – CHAPTER 321 (2015)	Changes the allocation formula for the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) grants. As a result, the new allocation formula provides much-needed access to high-quality preschool slots to areas where high number of children do not have access to state subsidized preschool.
SB 200	Lara	Pupils: School District Residency Requirements	SIGNED – CHAPTER 174 (2015)	Requires school districts to enroll students who meet residency requirements for school attendance if the student’s parent or legal guardian is employed and lives with the student at the place of employment within the boundaries of the school district for at least three days during the school week.
SB 493	Cannella	Elections in Cities: by or from Districts	SIGNED – CHAPTER 735 (2015)	Permits a city with a population of fewer than 100,000 people that elects its city council “at-large” to enact an ordinance switching its election method to “by-district” but without submitting the change to voters for approval.