

Additional Domestic Violence-Related Laws

AB 602 Depiction of individual using digital or electronic technology: sexually explicit material: cause of action. This bill creates a private right of action for a “depicted individual” against a person who either creates or intentionally discloses sexually explicit material without the consent of the depicted person.

AB 917 Victims of crime: nonimmigrant status. This bill reduces the time for a certifying entity to process a victim certification for an immigrant victim of a crime for the purposes of obtaining U Visas and T Visas.

AB 1129 Privacy. This bill clarifies existing law to add electronic devices and unmanned aircraft systems to a list of instruments that cannot be used to invade an individual’s privacy.

AB 1735 Evidence: privileges: human trafficking caseworker-victim privilege. This bill modifies various provisions of law, including definitions, pertaining to the human trafficking caseworker-victim privilege. It allows a human trafficking victim’s current caseworker to claim privilege, even if that caseworker was not the victim’s caseworker at the time the confidential communication was made. Additionally, the bill removes a provision in existing law that authorizes a court to compel disclosure of privileged information by the caseworker if the victim is either dead or is not the complaining witness in a criminal action against the perpetrator.

SB 329 Discrimination: housing: source of income. This bill prohibits landlords from discriminating against tenants who rely upon housing assistance paid directly to landlords, such as a Section 8 voucher.

SB 316 Pupil and student safety: identification cards: domestic violence hotline telephone number. This bill requires public schools, including charter schools, that serve pupils of any grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that issue pupil or student identification cards, to print the telephone number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline on the back of the identification cards; and requires public or private institutions of higher education that issue pupil or student identification cards, to print the telephone number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline or a local domestic violence hotline that provides confidential support services for students that have experiences domestic violence or stalking and is available by telephone 24 hours a day on back of those identification cards.

For the Family Lawyers. . .

SB 30 Domestic Partnerships are no longer limited to same sex couples or persons over 62

SB 495 Best Interests of Children: Courts not to consider sex, gender identity or expression of partner in determining best interest of child

SB 622 Service of Process or Subpoena: Allows access to multifamily dwelling (in addition to gated community) for a reasonable period of time for the sole purpose of service of process or subpoena

AB 1349 Discovery process requires a party to provide a requesting party with the document propounding or responding to the discovery request in electronic format within 3 court days of the request, except as specified.

AB330 Tweaks the Shriver Program requires report on Shriver program every five years, increases by \$15 the amount of filing fees directed toward Shriver program; Shriver pilot no longer limited to assisting where other is already represented and is seeking sole custody.