



## **IMPLICATIONS OF AB 1360 BONTA**

The passage of AB 1360 Bonta has implications for charter schools, including new requirements. We have included a summary below; however, each charter school is responsible for reviewing and complying with the [entire bill](#).

### **Element H - Admission Requirements**

Charter Schools who wish to revise their preferences must submit a material revision request at a regularly scheduled OUSD board meeting. Specifically, the new requirements are that:

- (i) Each type of preference shall be approved by the chartering authority at a public hearing.
- (ii) Preferences shall be consistent with federal law, the California Constitution, and Section 200.
- (iii) Preferences shall not result in limiting enrollment access for pupils with disabilities, academically low-achieving pupils, English learners, neglected or delinquent pupils, homeless pupils, or pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as determined by eligibility for any free or reduced-price meal program, foster youth, or pupils based on nationality, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.
- (iv) Preferences shall not require mandatory parental volunteer hours as a criterion for admission or continued enrollment. (Education Code section 47605(d)(2)(B)(i)-(iv))

### **Element J - Suspension/Expulsion**

The suspension/expulsion policy must *“contain a clear statement that no pupil shall be involuntarily removed by the charter school for any reason unless the parent or guardian of the pupil has been provided written notice of intent to remove the pupil no less than five schooldays before the effective date of the action.”* In addition, charter schools must provide students/families with the required notification and due process.

- For all suspensions under 10 days, charter schools must provide students/family with the required notice of suspension
- For suspensions that are greater than 10 days and expulsions, charter schools must provide the student/family with the required expulsion notification and due process rights. Furthermore, the hearing must be conducted by a “neutral officer”.