

Current California Law Regarding School Based Health Centers

In 2006 and 2008 CSHC sponsored two bills, which were signed into law. An overview of each bill is below, and they can be found in the [California Health and Safety Code](#). To date, the California school health center grant program authorized by SB 564 (Ridley-Thomas) has not been funded.

1) *AB 2560 (Ridley-Thomas). The School Health Centers Act.*

Chapter 334, Statutes of 2006

This bill was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 19, 2006. It created a Public School Health Center Program jointly administered by the Department of Health Services and the State Department of Education. The program was designed to collect school health center data, facilitate the development of comprehensive health centers in partnership with California public schools, and address the programmatic, clinical, finance, and policy needs of California's school health centers. To date, the program has not been implemented because neither state funding nor staff was made available for the program.

2) *SB 564 (Ridley-Thomas). The School Health Centers Expansion Act.*

Chapter 381, Statutes of 2008

This legislation was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in September 2008. SB 564 builds upon an earlier Ridley-Thomas bill, AB 2560, which established a Public School Health Center Support Program. SB 564 created a grant program for school health centers administered by the Public School Health Center Support Program. To date, the grant program has not been funded.