



## **UPDATE: CALL TO ACTION AB 2386**

### **Support a CTC Workgroup to Explore a Services Credential for OTs in the Public Schools**

**About the bill.** One of OTAC's sponsored bills this legislative session is the **OT and PT School Credential AB 2386**, a joint initiative with the California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA). This bill would direct the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to form a work group to determine any required prerequisites and detail the process to acquire a Services Credential for occupational therapists and physical therapists working in the public schools.

The school credential is important to enhance student outcomes by creating a pathway for OTs and PTs to be in a variety of positions serving the educational system, influencing program design, budget allocations (caseloads and workloads), and personnel management. A credential will reconcile employment status in schools with our level of education, allow professional growth into administrative and leadership positions in schools, and build professional awareness of OT and PT's role in serving the educational system, children, and families. For more details, please see the detailed summary provided.

**Bill Update.** This bill has now successfully passed through the Assembly Education Committee and is being sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill will be heard in the suspense hearing on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **TAKE ACTION**

**Write a letter.** OTAC understands many individuals will not be able to attend this hearing. You may also support this bill by submitting a *new* letter of support to the Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Previously submitted letters were for the Assembly Education Committee. It is vital to continue to demonstrate as much support as possible for this bill. A template letter and instructions have been provided on the OTAC website. **Send *new* letter by Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Submit your letter to Karen Polastri, IOM, Executive Director ([execdir@otaonline.org](mailto:execdir@otaonline.org)).

**Questions.** If you have any questions regarding this bill or the letters, please contact:

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