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### Here are the bills we are following for you:

#### TAXES:

- AB 243- *Personal income tax: deduction: medical expenses.* The Personal Income Tax Law allows various deductions for the medical and dental expenses paid during the taxable year, not compensated for by insurance or otherwise, for the medical or dental care of the taxpayer, spouse, or a dependent, to the extent that such expenses exceed 7.5% of federal adjusted gross income. This bill would instead allow that deduction to the extent that those medical and dental expenses exceed 4% of federal adjusted gross income. May be heard in committee on February 13.

#### HEALTHCARE:

- SB 245- *Healthcare coverage: abortion services: eliminating cost sharing-* This bill would prohibit a health care service plan or an individual or group policy of disability insurance that is issued,

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services, as specified, and additionally would prohibit cost sharing from being imposed on a Medi-Cal beneficiary for those services. The bill would apply the same benefits with respect to an enrollee's or insured's covered spouse and covered non-spouse dependents. The bill would not require an individual or group health care service plan contract or disability insurance policy to cover an experimental or investigational treatment.

### **ELECTIONS:**

- AB 20- *The Clean Money Act of 2021*. The Political Reform Act of 1974 imposes various limitations on contributions that may be made to, or accepted by, candidates for elective office. A violation of the act's provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor and subject to specified penalties. This bill would prohibit a candidate for elective office from receiving a contribution from a business entity, and a business entity from making a contribution to a candidate for elective office, and would make related findings and declarations. Referred to Committee on elections.

### **EDUCATION:**

- This bill would require a school district, county office of education or charter school to implement an interim policy regarding the retention of pupils in the 2020-2021 academic year, among other changes it will authorize a pupil who, in the 2020-2021 school year, earned a letter grade in a course required for graduation from high school to request that the pupil's school district, county board of education, or charter school change the letter grade to a Pass or No Pass grade on the pupil's transcript. It would require the California State University, private postsecondary institutions and the University of California to accept and to notify the State Department of Education whether the institution will accept, those changed transcripts for admission purposes.

### **EMPLOYMENT/JOB:**

- SB 213-*Workers' compensation: hospital employees*. Existing law establishes a workers' compensation system, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment. This bill would define "injury," for a hospital employee who provides direct

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rebuttable presumptions that these injuries that develop or manifest in a hospital employee who provides direct patient care in an acute care hospital arose out of and in the course of the employment. The bill would extend these presumptions for specified time periods after the hospital employee's termination of employment. Introduced 2021-01-12 – May be acted upon on February 12.

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