State ACEs Resolutions and Laws

Resolutions approved in Wisconsin and California (similar resolution also passed in Minnesota):

<http://acestoohigh.com/2014/08/21/ca-senate-unanimously-approves-aces-reduction-resolution/>

[Wisconsin Senate Joint Resolution 59](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/proposals/sjr59)

Report enrolled 1/17/2014

***“Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** policy decisions enacted by the Wisconsin state legislature will acknowledge and take into account the principles of early childhood brain development and will, whenever possible, consider the concepts of toxic stress, early adversity, and buffering relationships, and note the role of early intervention and investment in early childhood years as important strategies to achieve a lasting foundation for a more prosperous and sustainable state through investing in human capital.”

[CA ACR No. 155](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_0151-0200/acr_155_bill_20140528_introduced.htm)

Approved August 18, 2014

“This measure would urge the Governor to identify evidence-based solutions to reduce children’s exposure to adverse childhood experiences, address the impacts of those experiences, and invest in preventive health care and mental health and wellness interventions.”

Laws passed in Massachusetts and Washington State:

[Massachusetts Safe and Supportive Schools No. 4376](http://tlpi.jacksonwhelan.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Relevant-Sections-of-Gun-Bill-re-Safe-and-Supportive-Schools.pdf)

Signed by the Governor August 13, 2014

These provisions establish a statewide “safe and supportive schools framework” to assist schools to create safe and supportive learning environments “that improve educational outcomes for students.”

<http://acestoohigh.com/2014/08/13/massachusetts-safe-and-supportive-schools-provisions-signed-into-law-boosts-trauma-informed-school-movement/>

[Washington State HB 1965](http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/1965-S2.SL.pdf)

Enacted June 15, 2011

[Click here](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1965&year=2011) to view legislative history.

The law established a statutory definition of adverse childhood experiences that is consistent with the ACE study and codified the state’s commitment to addressing ACEs in state policy. It also sunsetted two organizations devoted to children and families—Washington State Family Policy Council and the Council for Children and Families—and provided a framework for a private-public initiative to address ACEs.

Vermont

[H.299](http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2016/H.0299) is pending in the Vermont Health Care Committee. Provisions in H.299 were incorporated in a healthcare bill that passed earlier this year. According to the chief sponsor of several ACEs-related bills (including Vermont H. 299), Dr. George Till, the state is moving toward incorporating trauma screening in primary care medical offices and paying practices to incentivize screening through the Vermont Blueprint health program. He says the other parts of the bill “including training for school nurses, a program for children with incarcerated family members and a program for parenting classes in the OB (Obstetrician) offices weren't funded this year, but we'll be back at it next year.”

ACEs Too High stories on several Vermont bills:

<http://acestoohigh.com/2014/05/26/vermont-legislator-hopes-to-transform-his-adverse-legislative-experience-ale/>

<http://acestoohigh.com/2014/03/17/vermont-first-state-to-propose-bill-to-screen-for-aces-in-health-care/>