

# State Mandate Legislation

On April 14, 1994, the CSAC Board of Directors adopted the following restatement of CSAC principles regarding state mandate legislation:

1. Efforts at relief from state-mandated program costs should follow the principles established by the CSAC Constitutional Amendment Task Force.
2. CSAC does not wish to return to the same process followed in 1993 by the Legislature, in which "mandate relief" was granted and inflated fiscal value was attached to that action.
3. Relief from state program costs should be realistic and not subject to immediate court intervention.
4. Mandate relief efforts should not involve political ploys, which have little or no chance of garnering necessary legislative support. In the past, counties have been trapped in a process that leads to unfairly blaming them for not cooperating with mandate relief efforts.
5. Constitutional amendments should not exempt additional categories of state mandates from cost reimbursement.
6. Many counties have developed reports on state mandates which CSAC has amalgamated. We believe it is the responsibility of the administration and the Legislature to cooperatively select mandates for possible amendments and/or elimination. This effort should not be accomplished in a vacuum, but be part of efforts regarding realignment and restructuring of government.