This legislative summary sheet was developed to give an overview of the policy and legislation on afterschool care. Statutes and bills can be reviewed individually, but often it is useful to view them in “themes” or “clusters” to:

- Highlight legislative activity in one particular state
- Make it easier to compare legislation between states
- Illustrate varying legislation language and content

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Creation of task forces and committees:

California

- CA SB 473
  The Superintendent of Public Instruction convened a task force which presents findings and recommendations for early childhood education, including afterschool care programs.

Hawaii

- HI SB 38
  Establishes a task force to review the State’s current after-school activities programs and make recommendations for improvement and appropriate funds for an after-school activities program coordinator.

Massachusetts

- MA HB 2830
  Establishes the Massachusetts Commission on Out of School Time which shall advise and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Court of ways to better coordinate, expand, finance, and improve the current programs.

Mississippi

- MS HB 159
  An act to create a task force to be known as the ‘Mississippi after-school initiative task force” to develop a plan to ensure quality after-school programs for every school-age child in the state of Mississippi.
New Jersey

NJ AB 1363
An act establishing a grant program for the creation of after-school programs, supplementing existing regulations and making an appropriation.

New Mexico

NM SB 434
An act making an appropriation to the children, youth, and families department for a task force for the out-of-school time program.

West Virginia

WV HCR 89
A resolution requesting West Virginia government offices to convene and co chair a task force to be known as the West Virginia After School Partnership that may include state agencies and private and nonprofit organizations concerned with care of school age children.

Appropriations:

California

CA SB 707
In times of natural disaster, when an afterschool care program is forced to close, this bill allows those programs to receive funding in order to keep their enrollment up in other locations.

Connecticut

CT HB 6802
Establishes a statewide out-of-school-time grant program that is free from taxation.

Florida

FL HB 1645
FL SB 1650
Establishes that a minimum of 15% of all Workforce Investment Act youth service funds shall be expended for afterschool care programs through contracts with community-based organizations or faith-based organizations.

Hawaii

HI SB 38
Appropriates funds for non-school-hour programs for children.

Massachusetts

MA HB 4000
Appropriating $100,000 for an item that will increase the research on afterschool care needs and services.
Michigan
- MI SB 279
- MI SB 271
- MI SB 299
- MI HB 4391
A bill to make appropriations for over $29 million to be spent on providing high-quality extended learning opportunities, after school and during the summer, for children in low-performing schools. Of these funds, $25 million will support the Michigan after-school partnership.

New Mexico
- NM SB 434
An act making an appropriation to the children, youth, and families department for a task force for the out-of-school time program.

New York
- NY SB 553
And act making appropriations for non-profit organizations to provide services in collaboration with public school districts.

Promoting afterschool care programs:

California
- CA AB 1556
The Superintendent of Public Instruction will promote a range of services which will allow parents the opportunity to choose the type of care most suited to their needs in terms of home-based care, non-standard work hours, afterschool care, etc.

Massachusetts
- MA SB 358
An act to promote out-of-school time programming and community education for children and families in the Commonwealth in order to build academic, cultural, and social competence.

- MA HB 2829
An act to promote the healthy development of children and youth by establishing a comprehensive, coordinated system to support and maintain care, educational, recreational, and other out-of-school time services.

- MA SB 26
Recommends that the legislature provide funding to pilot youth activities for out-of-school time which emphasize development, values, and leadership skills, in order to reduce gang violence.
MA HB 1084
An act establishing an afterschool and child care transportation program.

New Jersey
NJ SB 2523
The Department of Education shall enable districts to create a plan for a comprehensive program of after school activities for students, including goals and objectives, needs assessment, description of activities, personnel, and schedule.

New York
NY AB 7996
An after-school challenge program is established to fund affordable curriculum-based or community-based afterschool care programs, until at least six o’clock p.m., for students in grades 1-8.

Washington
WA HB 1981
The legislature finds that, because of the numerous benefits of afterschool programs, the Washington after-school network has prepared a statewide afterschool plan that encourages the state to make strategic investments in afterschool programs and activities.

Miscellaneous:

Florida
FL HB 751
The telephone number 211 will be used for non-emergency health and human services and for crisis response information. 211 call centers can help people find child care and before-school and afterschool care.

The Network has additional resources related to this topic.

1. The Network has a Topic Page on afterschool care. To view:
   a) go back to our home page www.bc.edu/wfnetwork/
   b) click on the appropriate user group (Research/Teaching, Workplace Practice, or State Policy)
   c) and choose ‘Afterschool Care’ from the Topics List

2. Our database of academic literature contains the citations and annotations of literature related to the issue of Afterschool Care. You can connect to this database at:
   http://library.bc.edu/F?func=find-b-0&local_base=BCL_WF