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**Legislation Aimed at Reducing Dropouts To Be Heard**  
*Last year's high school dropouts could fill LA Coliseum — TWICE*

**Sacramento, CA**—Recently released state education data shows more steep declines in career technical education enrollment and a corresponding increase in the number of high school students not graduating in 2007 — a whopping 175,000. To help stem the tide, Senator Torlakson introduced SB 672 and SB 681, which together provide that when funding is available, California schools should require two career and technical education courses for every high school student prior to graduation. The bills will be heard on Wednesday in the Assembly Education Committee hearing at 1:30 pm.

In advance of the hearing the *GetREAL* coalition will hold a media teleconference call to discuss recent CTE declines, dropouts and the need for SB 672.

**Who:** Sen. Tom Torlakson and the *GetREAL* coalition, representing business, labor, agriculture, public safety, health care, child advocates and educators who believe California schools should provide a balanced education that includes challenging academic studies and career technical education for “hands on” learning.

**What:** Media teleconference prior to Assembly Education Hearing on SB 672 / 671

**Where:** Teleconference Call  
Call In #: 888-490-1502  
ID#: 52283052

**When:** Tuesday June 18, 10:00 am

**Why:** California sees more than 20 high school students dropout every hour. The overwhelming reason for high school dropouts is boredom and lack of relevance for a career path.

All reference data and charts can be found here:  
[http://www.getrealca.com/20080617\\_media\\_info.php](http://www.getrealca.com/20080617_media_info.php)

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