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There are a rich assortment of materials and statutes on educational alternatives. Go to [/www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov) and click on Educational Options. Then you can click on either Alternative Education Programs or Independent Study. This takes you to narrative accounts and references to the statutes. For example, the California statute 58,500 to 58,512 describes the authority to establish alternative schools. Other statutes require school districts to provide alternative ways to meet graduation requirements (see 51,225.3 subdivision b or 51,228 subdivision D.). In fact, the state superintendent has a broad authority to waive any statute or regulation! Call Mary Jones, 916-323-5034 or mjones@cde.ca.gov. Contact Lynn Hartzler if you can reach him (now semi-retired) for a deep history and knowledge of their statutes, 916-322-1849 or lhartzler@cde.ca.gov.