

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 722**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Corbett**

February 22, 2001

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An act relating to educational counseling.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 722, as introduced, Corbett. Educational counseling.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district to provide a comprehensive educational counseling program for all pupils enrolled in the schools of the district.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to conduct a study of pupil support, defined to include school counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers, in the schools, as specified. The bill would require the State Department of Education to report the results of the study to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2002. The bill would require the State Department of Education to conduct the study within existing resources.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, “pupil
- 2 support” is defined to include school counselors, school
- 3 psychologists, and school social workers.
- 4 (b) The State Department of Education shall conduct a study
- 5 that accomplishes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- 1 (1) Determine the proper ratios of pupil-to-school counselors,  
2 pupil-to-school psychologists, and pupil-to-school social workers  
3 necessary at a school to maintain adequate pupil support services.
- 4 (2) Examine the varying and unique needs for pupil support  
5 services in the individual school districts of the state.
- 6 (3) Determine the causes of difficulties in attracting and  
7 retaining credentialed pupil support personnel to work in the  
8 schools.
- 9 (4) Examine the design and implementation of effective pupil  
10 support services and programs.
- 11 (5) Examine the assessment of quality and pupil outcomes of  
12 the pupil support services provided in schools.
- 13 (6) Examine the correlation between a lower pupil-to-pupil  
14 support personnel ratio and a pupil's well-being, ability to learn,  
15 and academic achievement.
- 16 (7) Examine the use of credentialed pupil support personnel  
17 and the use of contracted pupil support personnel.
- 18 (c) The State Department of Education shall report the results  
19 of the study to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1,  
20 2002. The State Department of Education shall conduct the study  
21 within existing resources.

