

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1617

Introduced by Assembly Member Washington

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Sections 48431.6 and 48431.7 of, and to add Sections 48431.8 and 48431.9 to, the Education Code, relating to pupil performance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1617, as introduced, Washington. Pupil performance: high school graduation.

Existing law requires the governing board of each school district maintaining high schools and accepting certain funds to establish and maintain a program that ensures that each pupil upon reaching the age of 16 or prior to the end of the 10th grade, whichever is first, has received a systematic review of his or her academic progress and counseling regarding the educational options available to the pupil during the final 2 years of high school. Existing law requires the program to be adopted at a public meeting of the governing board and to include specified provisions. Existing law requires, out of funds appropriated for the program, the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apportion \$20 per prior year's enrollment in grade 10 to the district.

This bill would also authorize a county office of education maintaining high schools to accept funds and maintain this program. The bill would require the program to ensure that each pupil receive his or her systematic review and counseling no later than the end of the 10th grade. The bill would require additional provisions to be included in the program. The bill would increase the apportionment of appropriated

funds to \$50 per prior year’s enrollment in grade 10 to the districts and county offices of education.

The bill would require the governing board of each district or county office of education maintaining grade 8 and accepting certain funds to establish and maintain a program that includes specified provisions relating to high school graduation requirements. The bill would require, out of funds appropriated for the program, the superintendent to apportion \$25 per prior year’s enrollment in grade 8 to the districts and county offices of education.

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. Section 48431.6 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 48431.6. (a) The governing board of each district *and county*
4 *office of education* maintaining high schools and accepting funds
5 made available for purposes of this section shall establish and
6 maintain a program ~~which~~ *that* ensures that each pupil, ~~upon~~
7 ~~reaching the age of 16 or prior to~~ *no later than* the end of the 10th
8 grade, ~~whichever occurs first~~, has received a systematic review of
9 his or her academic progress, *including the status of his or her high*
10 *school exit examination results*, and counseling regarding the
11 educational options available to the pupil during the final two
12 years of high school *and after*. The program shall be adopted at a
13 public meeting of the governing board, and shall include, but not
14 be limited to, all of the following:

15 ~~(a)~~
16 (1) Provision for individualized review of the pupil’s academic
17 and deportment records.

18 ~~(b)~~
19 (2) Provision for a meeting with the pupil, and where feasible,
20 with the pupil’s parent or guardian, to explain the pupil’s record,
21 *the status of the pupil’s results on the high school exit examination*,
22 the educational options available to the pupil, the course work and
23 academic progress needed for satisfactory completion of high
24 school, and the effect of such course work and academic progress
25 upon the pupil’s options for postsecondary education and
26 employment. Educational options shall include, but not be limited



1 to, regional occupational centers and programs, continuation
2 schools, academic programs, and any other alternatives available
3 to pupils of the district *and county office of education schools*.

4 ~~(e)~~

5 (3) Provision for services of teachers, counselors, and others
6 designated by the governing board to provide the individualized
7 review and assistance to pupils pursuant to ~~subdivisions (a) and (b)~~
8 *paragraphs (1) and (2)*.

9 (4) *Provision for a pre-high school early identification and*
10 *referral system for pupils who are at risk for failing the high school*
11 *exit examination.*

12 (5) *Provision for an annual review of the program's*
13 *effectiveness at a public meeting of the governing board.*

14 (b) To the maximum extent feasible, regional occupational
15 center or program counselors shall actively participate in, and the
16 local business community shall be involved in, career guidance
17 activities.

18 (c) The program shall give first priority to identifying pupils
19 who are *at-risk for failing the high school exit examination*, not
20 earning credits at a rate which will enable them to graduate with
21 the rest of their class, *or both*, and to providing these pupils with
22 counseling services funded pursuant to Section 48431.7.

23 SEC. 2. Section 48431.7 of the Education Code is amended
24 to read:

25 48431.7. Funds appropriated for purposes of Section 48431.6
26 shall supplement, and shall not supplant, existing funding for
27 counseling services. Out of funds appropriated for those purposes,
28 the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall apportion ~~twenty~~
29 ~~dollars (\$20)~~ *fifty dollars (\$50)* per prior year's enrollment in
30 grade 10 to each school district *or county office of education* which
31 has adopted a program pursuant to Section 48431.6.

32 SEC. 3. Section 48431.8 is added to the Education Code, to
33 read:

34 48431.8. The governing board of each district or county
35 office of education maintaining grade 8 and accepting funds made
36 available for purposes of this section shall establish and maintain
37 a program that includes all of the following:

38 (a) Provision for a meeting with the pupil and the pupil's parent
39 or guardian to review the pupil's academic progress, including
40 standardized test results, and explain the requirements for



1 obtaining a high school diploma, including course requirements,
2 credits needed, and the successful completion of the high school
3 exit examination.

4 (b) Provision for the development of an individualized plan for
5 academic achievement, including a transition plan to high school.

6 (c) Provision for services of teachers, counselors, and other
7 designated by the governing board to provide additional assistance
8 to pupils.

9 (d) Provision for an early identification system for pupils who
10 are at-risk of failing the high school exit examination and support
11 services to those pupils.

12 SEC. 4. Section 48431.9 is added to the Education Code, to
13 read:

14 48431.9. Funds appropriated for purposes of Section 48431.8
15 of the Education Code shall supplement, and shall not supplant,
16 existing funding for counseling services for pupils. Out of funds
17 appropriated for those purposes, the superintendent shall
18 apportion twenty-five dollars (\$25) per prior year's enrollment in
19 grade 8 to each school district or county office of education, that
20 has adopted a program pursuant to Section 48431.8.

