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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1725

Introduced by ~~Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy (Reyes (Chair), Cogdill (Vice Chair), Chan, Cohn, Correa, Diaz, Leach, Liu, and Wyman) (Coauthors: Assembly Members Cardoza and Matthews) (Coauthor: Senator Costa)~~ Assembly Member Reyes

March 19, 2001

~~An act to amend Section 15379.2 of the Government Code, relating to economic development. An act to add Sections 35178.2 and 35178.4 to the Education Code, relating to school board members, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1725, as amended, ~~Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy~~ Reyes. ~~Regional Technology Alliances: central valley~~ School board members.

Under existing law, the governing board of any school district is authorized to initiate and carry on any program, activity, or otherwise act in any manner that is not in conflict with, or inconsistent with, or preempted by, any law, and that is not in conflict with the purposes for which school districts are established.

This bill requires a school board to give official notice at a school board meeting if a public school within the district that has elected to

be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges loses its accreditation status.

This bill would require each member of the governing board of a school district to receive at least 8 hours of training, each year, in fiscal management, including, but not limited to, such issues as school budgeting and accounting, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

~~Existing law provides for the establishment of Regional Technology Alliances by the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency, according to specified criteria.~~

~~This bill would require the agency to establish a Regional Technology Alliance in the central valley according to these criteria, subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~ ^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

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

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 15379.2 of the Government Code is~~
- 2 *SECTION 1. Section 35178.2 is added to the Education Code,*
- 3 *to read:*
- 4 *35178.2. Each member of the governing board of a school*
- 5 *district shall receive at least eight hours of training, each year, in*
- 6 *fiscal management including, but not limited to, such issues as*
- 7 *school budgeting and accounting.*
- 8 *SEC. 2. Section 35178.4 is added to the Education Code, to*
- 9 *read:*



1 35178.4. A school board shall give official notice at a school
2 board meeting if a public school within the district that has elected
3 to be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and
4 Colleges loses its accreditation status.

5 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
6 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
7 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
8 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the
11 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars
12 (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State
13 Mandates Claims Fund.

14 SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
15 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
16 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
17 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

18 To ensure that the members of the governing boards of school
19 districts receive adequate training in financial management and
20 that parents are adequately notified of the accreditation status of
21 their schools, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately
22 as an urgency statute.

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24 amended to read:

25 ~~15379.2. (a) (1) The intent of the Regional Technology~~
26 ~~Alliances is to decentralize the delivery of services and resources,~~
27 ~~programs and activities for technology development,~~
28 ~~commercialization, application, and competitiveness at a regional~~
29 ~~level. The office shall provide the overall administration,~~
30 ~~coordination, and informational network for the Defense Industry~~
31 ~~Conversion and Diversification Program.~~

32 ~~(2) The initial three alliances shall be established as nonprofit~~
33 ~~corporations in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, and San~~
34 ~~Diego.~~

35 ~~(3) The Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency may~~
36 ~~designate new Regional Technology Alliances upon application,~~
37 ~~to carry out the activities described in this section. The agency may~~
38 ~~establish criteria for designation that includes, but need not be~~
39 ~~limited to, criteria previously established by the Defense~~



1 ~~Conversion Council pursuant to Article 3.7 (commencing with~~
2 ~~Section 15346) of Chapter 1, as it read on December 31, 1998.~~

3 ~~(4) (A) Subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose,~~
4 ~~the agency shall establish a Regional Technology Alliance in the~~
5 ~~central valley pursuant to criteria established under this~~
6 ~~subdivision.~~

7 ~~(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the “central valley”~~
8 ~~includes the Counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced,~~
9 ~~San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.~~

10 ~~(b) Each alliance shall perform all of the following activities:~~

11 ~~(1) Raise and leverage funds from multiple public and private~~
12 ~~sources to support technology development, commercialization,~~
13 ~~and application and industry competitiveness particularly in~~
14 ~~response to defense industry conversion and diversification.~~

15 ~~(2) Assist in the formation of new businesses.~~

16 ~~(3) Maintain an electronic network and access to data bases that~~
17 ~~encourages business ventures.~~

18 ~~(4) Coordinate with activities and efforts of industry, academia,~~
19 ~~federal laboratories, and governments.~~

20 ~~(5) Recommend administrative actions or programs that could~~
21 ~~assist California’s defense dependent industries to successfully~~
22 ~~convert to commercial markets.~~

23 ~~(6) Provide information about state and federal defense~~
24 ~~conversion programs, including, but not limited to, job training,~~
25 ~~economic development, industrial modernization, dual-use~~
26 ~~technology, new management techniques, and technology~~
27 ~~development and transfer.~~

28 ~~(7) Identify emerging industries which may include~~
29 ~~commercial space applications, transportation, environment, high~~
30 ~~performance computing and communications, biotechnology and~~
31 ~~advanced materials, and processing and critical existing~~
32 ~~industries.~~

33 ~~(c) Each alliance may also perform, but need not be limited to,~~
34 ~~the following activities:~~

35 ~~(1) Assist in identifying businesses that could benefit from~~
36 ~~defense conversion programs and defense dislocated workers who~~
37 ~~require employment and training opportunities.~~

38 ~~(2) Assist and provide coordination in determining job~~
39 ~~opportunities within and outside of the defense industry for which~~
40 ~~displaced workers could be retrained and placed.~~



- 1 ~~(3) Serve as a forum for industrywide networking linking~~
2 ~~producers, suppliers, and consumers.~~
- 3 ~~(4) Assist individual businesses and industry consortia in~~
4 ~~applying for state and federal defense conversion program funds.~~
- 5 ~~(5) Provide information and assistance in upgrading individual~~
6 ~~businesses and industrywide production and management~~
7 ~~processes.~~
- 8 ~~(6) Provide information on available state and federal~~
9 ~~resources to aid businesses and workers affected by defense~~
10 ~~spending reductions, base closures, plant closures, and layoffs, to~~
11 ~~foster long-term economic vitality, industrial growth, and job~~
12 ~~opportunities.~~
- 13 ~~(d) Each alliance is encouraged to develop activities that~~
14 ~~achieve the following results:~~
- 15 ~~(1) Creation and retention of jobs.~~
16 ~~(2) Creation of new businesses.~~
17 ~~(3) Development of new commercial or dual-use products.~~
18 ~~(4) Establishment of industry partnerships and consortia.~~
19 ~~(5) Demonstration of productivity enhancement such as return~~
20 ~~on investment, reduced cost, employee training, and upgrades.~~
21 ~~(6) Establishment of public and private partnerships.~~
22 ~~(7) Commitment of industry support, participation, and capital.~~
23 ~~(8) Leverage of state funds.~~
24 ~~(9) Loan repayment ratio.~~
25 ~~(10) Participation of small and minority women and disabled~~
26 ~~veteran owned businesses.~~
27 ~~(11) Work force training.~~
- 28 ~~(e) The agency shall be authorized to enter into a contract for~~
29 ~~services with any alliance to provide services to the office. These~~
30 ~~contracts shall be sole source contracts, and exempt from the~~
31 ~~competitive bid process.~~
- 32 ~~(f) During the first two years following selection of an alliance,~~
33 ~~the alliance shall monitor the performance of any application~~
34 ~~funded pursuant to Section 15379.3, and each invoice for payment~~
35 ~~shall be reviewed and approved by the alliance, but the contract for~~
36 ~~services shall be directly between the office and the entity~~
37 ~~receiving grant funding. Commencing with the third year of~~
38 ~~designation, any alliance with procedures and processes approved~~



1 ~~by the office shall be authorized to directly contract with grant~~
2 ~~recipients. The office shall audit these grants on a regular basis.~~

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