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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2324

Introduced by Assembly Member Diaz
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aroner, Harman, Longville,
Salinas, and Washington)*

February 21, 2002

An act to amend Section 8483 of the Education Code, relating to after school programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2324, as amended, Diaz. Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program.

Existing law, the Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program requires every after school component of a program to operate a minimum of 3 hours a day and at least until 6 p.m. on every regular schoolday. Under the program, every after school component of the program is required to establish a policy regarding reasonable early daily release of pupils. Existing law authorizes every school that establishes a program to receive a 3-year renewable incentive grant of up to \$5 per day, per pupil, or \$5 per pupil for each 3 hours of pupil attendance, as provided.

This *bill would instead require every after school component of a program to operate 15 hours a week for elementary school programs and 9 hours a week for middle school or junior high school programs in consideration of local community needs. The bill would also provide that a program that receives funding calculated at \$5 per day, per pupil*

shall not have that funding reduced when a pupil is released early from the program in accordance with the early release policy.

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 8483 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 8483. (a) (1) Every after school component of a program
4 established pursuant to this article shall operate ~~a minimum of~~
5 ~~three hours a day and shall operate at least until 6 p.m. on every~~
6 ~~regular schoolday~~ *15 hours a week for elementary school*
7 *programs and nine hours a week for middle school or junior high*
8 *school programs in consideration of local community needs.*

9 Every after school component of the program shall establish a
10 policy regarding reasonable early daily release of pupils from the
11 program. A program that receives funding pursuant to clause (i)
12 of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section
13 8483.7 shall not have its funding reduced when a pupil is released
14 early in accordance with the early release policy.

15 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that *elementary school*
16 *pupils and* pupils in middle school or junior high school attend a
17 minimum of nine hours a week and three days a week to
18 accomplish program goals, except when released early in
19 accordance with the early release policy described in paragraph (1)
20 or as reasonably necessary.

21 (3) In order to develop an age appropriate after school program
22 for pupils in middle school or junior high school, programs
23 established pursuant to this article may implement a flexible
24 attendance schedule for those pupils. Priority for enrollment of
25 pupils in middle school or junior high school shall be given to
26 pupils who attend daily.

27 (b) The administrators of a program established pursuant to this
28 article shall have the option of operating during any combination
29 of summer, intersession, or vacation periods for a minimum of
30 three hours per day at the approved rate for the regular school year
31 pursuant to Section 8483.7.

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