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SENATE BILL

No. 33

Introduced by Senator Soto
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Steinberg)

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An act to amend Sections 51121 and 51122 of, ~~and to add Section 51124 to,~~ the Education Code, relating to parental involvement, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 33, as amended, Soto. School-parent compacts: Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Program.

Existing law establishes the Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Program, pursuant to which the Superintendent of Public Instruction allocates one-time grants to schools in accordance with prescribed criteria, for the purpose of strengthening communication between schools and parents. Existing law requires a teacher to be compensated for his or her participation.

The bill would delete the limitation that the grants be one-time grants and would ~~authorize schools to be eligible for~~ *provide for the allocation of* funding pursuant to the Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Program ~~for each year that funding is available, as specified in this act exclusively to schools ranked in the bottom 2 deciles on the Academic Performance Index.~~ The bill would require that teaching paraprofessionals also be compensated for their participation.

The bill would ~~annually appropriate \$40,000,000, commencing in the 2001-02 fiscal year for 5 years,~~ \$30,000,000 for the purposes of the program. The bill would also appropriate \$500,000 to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a specific evaluation of the program, *the Teresa P. Hughes Family-School Partnership Award and Grant Program, and the Tom Hayden Community-Based Parent Involvement Grant Program.*

The bill would state that it would become operative only if SB 508 is also enacted.

Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 51121 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 51121. (a) The Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement
4 Program is hereby established for the purpose of providing grant
5 awards to schools in which a majority of teachers and parents agree
6 to strengthen the communication between schools and parents as
7 a means of improving pupil academic achievement.
8 (b) Any school district or charter school that maintains
9 kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, may operate a
10 parent/teacher involvement program at any schoolsite that meets
11 each of the requirements set forth in subdivision (c).
12 (c) The program shall include all of the following elements:
13 (1) At least 50 percent of the teachers employed at the
14 schoolsite voluntarily agree to participate in either periodic visits
15 to the homes of their pupils or in community meetings that are held
16 at times and locations that are convenient to parents.
17 (2) At least 50 percent of the parents or guardians of pupils
18 enrolled at the schoolsite have voluntarily signed a
19 parent/teacher/pupil compact that requires parental participation
20 in periodic home visits or community meetings. The compact shall
21 also encompass the elements of the parent involvement policy
22 adopted by the State Board of Education on September 9, 1994.



1 (3) A teacher or teaching paraprofessional who participates in
2 the program shall receive training in strategies for communicating
3 effectively with parents and in conducting periodic home visits or
4 community meetings. These strategies may include providing
5 parents with guidance in how to reinforce educational objectives
6 with their children at home.

7 (4) Teachers and teaching paraprofessionals shall be
8 compensated for their participation in home visits or community
9 meetings at an hourly rate comparable to their regular base salary.

10 (5) A certification that participating teachers or participating
11 teachers paired with teaching paraprofessionals will conduct home
12 visits to a substantial percentage of the enrolled pupils whose
13 parents or guardians have voluntarily signed a
14 parent/teacher/pupil compact at least once annually or that, in the
15 case of high schools or middle schools that participate in the
16 program, will hold at least monthly community-based meetings at
17 various sites located throughout the attendance area of the high
18 school or middle school.

19 (d) For purposes of this article, “teaching paraprofessional”
20 has the same meaning as in Section 44392.

21 SEC. 2. Section 51122 of the Education Code is amended to
22 read:

23 51122. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
24 allocate funds to school districts and charter schools that have
25 certified to the superintendent that they satisfy the conditions of
26 subdivision (c) of Section 51121. A qualifying school with a pupil
27 enrollment of fewer than 1,000 pupils shall receive a grant of
28 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). A qualifying school with
29 a pupil enrollment of 1,000 or more pupils shall receive a grant of
30 forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

31 (b) The funds received pursuant to this article may be used to
32 compensate teachers and teaching paraprofessionals, to provide
33 training to teachers and teaching paraprofessionals, and to defray
34 other costs associated with the implementation of the Nell Soto
35 Parent/Teacher Involvement Program. A qualifying school shall
36 be funded in the order of receipt of an approval certification until
37 all funds available for the program have been apportioned.

38 (c) The total amount of the grants allocated pursuant to this
39 section shall not exceed the total amount appropriated for the
40 purposes of this section.



1 ~~(d) (1) Funding for this program shall be made available to all~~
2 ~~schools. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall rank~~
3 ~~schools in order based on the number of pupils who are eligible to~~
4 ~~receive free or reduced-cost meals through the United States~~
5 ~~Department of Agriculture and shall group schools in two halves~~
6 ~~based on this ranking. Available funding shall then be distributed~~
7 ~~as provided in paragraph (2) between the two halves. Within each~~
8 ~~half, qualifying schools shall be funded in order of receipt of the~~
9 ~~district-approved certification.~~

10 ~~(2) Funding shall be distributed between the halves as follows:~~

11 ~~(A) The half containing schools with the highest percentage of~~
12 ~~pupils who are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals through the~~
13 ~~United States Department of Agriculture shall receive an amount~~
14 ~~equal to 75 percent of the funding.~~

15 ~~(B) The half containing schools with the second highest~~
16 ~~percentage of pupils who are eligible for free or reduced-cost~~
17 ~~meals through the United States Department of Agriculture shall~~
18 ~~receive an amount equal to 25 percent of the funding.~~

19 ~~(d) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall allocate~~
20 ~~funding appropriated for this program exclusively to schools~~
21 ~~ranked in the bottom two deciles on the Academic Performance~~
22 ~~index.~~

23 ~~(e) Priority for home visits shall be given to low-performing~~
24 ~~pupils.~~

25 ~~(f) Schools may be eligible for funding pursuant to this article~~
26 ~~for each year that funding is available pursuant to Section 51124.~~

27 ~~SEC. 3. Section 51124 is added to the Education Code, to~~
28 ~~read:~~

29 ~~51124. Commencing with the 2001–02 fiscal year and in each~~
30 ~~fiscal year thereafter, until and including the 2005–06 fiscal year,~~
31 ~~the sum of forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) is hereby annually~~
32 ~~appropriated from the General Fund for the purposes of this article.~~

33 ~~SEC. 3. The sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) is~~
34 ~~hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Superintendent~~
35 ~~of Public Instruction for purposes of the Nell Soto Parent/Teacher~~
36 ~~Involvement Program (Article 2 (commencing with Section 51120)~~
37 ~~of Chapter 1.5 of Part 28 of the Education Code).~~

38 ~~SEC. 4. (a) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars~~
39 ~~(\$500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the~~
40 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction for an evaluation of the Nell~~



1 Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Program (Article 2
2 (commencing with Section 51120) of Chapter 1.5 of Part 28 of the
3 Education Code) and the manner in which it interacts and meets
4 the goals of the following programs:

5 ~~(1) The California Peer Assistance and Review Program for~~
6 ~~Teachers (Article 4 (commencing with Section 44500) of Chapter~~
7 ~~3 of Part 25 of the Education Code).~~

8 ~~(2) The Elementary School Intensive Reading Program~~
9 ~~(Article 1 (commencing with Section 53025) of Chapter 16 of Part~~
10 ~~28 of the Education Code).~~

11 ~~(3) The Governor's Reading Award Program (Article 2~~
12 ~~(commencing with Section 53050) of Chapter 16 of Part 28 of the~~
13 ~~Education Code).~~

14 ~~(4) The Public Involvement Reading Campaign (Article 3~~
15 ~~(commencing with Section 53075) of Chapter 16 of Part 28 of the~~
16 ~~Education Code).~~

17 ~~(5) The Governor's Teacher Scholars Program (Chapter 11~~
18 ~~(commencing with Section 92850) of Part 57 of the Education~~
19 ~~Code).~~

20 ~~(6) The Governor's Principal Leadership Institute (Chapter 12~~
21 ~~(commencing with Section 92855) of Part 57 of the Education~~
22 ~~Code).~~

23 ~~(7) The California Reading Professional Development~~
24 ~~Institutes (Article 2 (commencing with Section 99220) of Chapter~~
25 ~~5 of Part 65 of the Education Code).~~

26 ~~(8) The Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999 (Chapter~~
27 ~~6.1 (commencing with Section 52050) of Part 78 of the Education~~
28 ~~Code).~~

29 ~~(9) The High School Exit Examination (Chapter 8~~
30 ~~(commencing with Section 60850) of Part 33 of the Education~~
31 ~~Code).~~

32 ~~(b) The evaluation shall include recommendations to improve~~
33 ~~the program. Education Code), the Teresa P. Hughes~~
34 ~~Family-School Partnership Award and Grant Program (Article 3~~
35 ~~(commencing with Section 51130) of Chapter 1.5 of Part 28 of the~~
36 ~~Education Code), and the Tom Hayden Community-Based Parent~~
37 ~~Involvement Grant Program (Article 4 (commencing with Section~~
38 ~~51140) of Chapter 1.5 of Part 28 of the Education Code) regarding~~
39 ~~the impact the programs have on improving academic achievement~~



1 *as well as increasing parental involvement in their children's*
2 *education.*
3 *SEC. 5. The act adding this section shall become operative*
4 *only if Senate Bill 508 of the 2001–02 Regular Session is enacted.*

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