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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1118**

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**Introduced by Senator Margett**

February 23, 2001

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An act to add and repeal Section 48986 ~~to~~ of the Education Code, relating to pupil performance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1118, as amended, Margett. Pupil performance: requirements.

Existing law requires, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the governing board of each school district to notify the parent or guardian of its minor pupils of certain matters, including the availability of individualized instruction and requirements for passing the high school exit examination.

This bill would, until January 1, 2007, require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the California Postsecondary Education Commission, to develop a pamphlet that explains the requirements for high school graduation and admission to state colleges, the importance of college entrance exams, and the availability of financial aid programs.

The bill would require the State Board of Education to approve the pamphlet and make it available to all school districts and county offices of education by June 30, 2002. The bill would require school districts ~~and county offices of education~~ to include the pamphlet in their annual notification, *and would require county offices of education to provide the pamphlet to parents and guardians of pupils at the beginning of the school term*, 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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 48986 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:  
3 48986. (a) The State Department of Education, in  
4 consultation with the California Postsecondary Education  
5 Commission, shall develop a pamphlet that explains all of the  
6 following:  
7 (1) The state law regarding high school graduation  
8 requirements.  
9 (2) The importance of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test  
10 and the Scholastic Aptitude Test, advanced placement courses, and  
11 other college entrance exams.  
12 (3) Requirements for admission into the California  
13 Community Colleges.  
14 (4) Requirements for admission into the California State  
15 University.  
16 (5) Requirements for admission into the University of  
17 California.  
18 (6) The availability of Cal Grants and other financial aid  
19 programs.  
20 (b) The State Board of Education shall approve the pamphlet  
21 developed pursuant to subdivision (a) and make the pamphlet  
22 available to all school districts and county offices of education by  
23 June 30, 2002.



1 (c) (1) The pamphlet developed pursuant to subdivision (a)  
2 shall be included in the notification required pursuant to Section  
3 48980. ~~The~~

4 (2) *County offices of education shall provide the pamphlet to*  
5 *the parent or guardian of its minor pupils at the beginning of the*  
6 *regular school term.*

7 (3) *The State Board of Education shall inform school districts*  
8 ~~and county offices of education~~ *of the requirement to include the*  
9 *pamphlet in the annual notification required pursuant to Section*  
10 ~~48980. 48980, and shall inform county offices of education of the~~  
11 *requirement of paragraph (2).*

12 (d) The State Department of Education shall report to the  
13 Legislature on the effect of the pamphlet on or before November  
14 15, 2006. The report shall address, but not be limited to, all of the  
15 following:

16 (1) The increase in enrollment of students from  
17 underrepresented communities in higher education institutions.

18 (2) The decrease in pupil dropout rates in high schools.

19 (3) The increase in enrollment of pupils from underrepresented  
20 communities in advanced placement or other college preparatory  
21 courses.

22 (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,  
23 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
24 that is enacted before January 1, 2007, deletes or extends that date.

25 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government  
26 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this  
27 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local  
28 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant  
29 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title  
30 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for  
31 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),  
32 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims  
33 Fund.

