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SENATE BILL

No. 1606

Introduced by Senator Soto

February 20, 2002

An act to amend Sections 58801.6 and 58805 of, ~~and to add Section 58807 to,~~ the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1606, as amended, Soto. ~~Consortia for specialized~~ *Specialized secondary* programs.

(1) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apportion funds as available from the annual Budget Act for support of specialized secondary programs established prior to the 1991–92 fiscal year that operate in conjunction with the California State University. *Existing law requires those funds to be apportioned equally among eligible specialized secondary schools.*

This bill, ~~instead,~~ would require the superintendent to apportion those funds for the support of ~~those~~ *the* programs established prior to the 2001–02 fiscal year *and would eliminate the requirement that the funds be apportioned equally.*

(2) Existing law authorizes the superintendent to enter into an interagency agreement with a consortium of 2 or more school districts to establish an academy of visual and performing arts to operate specialized secondary school programs.

This bill would authorize the superintendent to enter into similar interagency agreements to establish a technology academy to operate

specialized secondary school programs in technology *that are conducted outside the regular schoolday*, and to establish a technology teacher development academy to operate professional development programs in the area of technology instruction for secondary school teachers.

~~(3) This bill would prohibit a specialized secondary school operated by a county superintendent of schools from being closed for budgetary reasons if the school has a financial solvency plan.~~

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 58801.6 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 58801.6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
4 apportion funds as available from the annual Budget Act for
5 support of specialized secondary programs established prior to the
6 2001–02 fiscal year that operate in conjunction with the California
7 State University. ~~Funds apportioned pursuant to this section shall
8 be distributed equally among eligible specialized secondary
9 schools.~~

10 SEC. 2. Section 58805 of the Education Code is amended to
11 read:

12 58805. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction may
13 enter into an interagency agreement with a consortium of two or
14 more school districts to establish any of the following:

15 (1) An academy of visual and performing arts to operate
16 specialized secondary school programs in visual and performing
17 arts that are conducted outside the regular schoolday, pursuant to
18 this chapter.

19 (2) A technology academy to operate specialized secondary
20 school programs in technology that are conducted outside the
21 regular schoolday, pursuant to this chapter.

22 (3) A technology teacher development academy to operate
23 professional development programs in the area of technology
24 instruction for secondary school teachers that are conducted
25 outside of the regular schoolday, pursuant to this chapter.

26 (b) The governing boards of any two or more school districts
27 or county offices of education may enter into a consortium



1 described in subdivision (a). An academy established by this
2 section shall be governed, subject to the interagency agreement
3 entered into pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subdivision
4 (a), by a five-member governing board which shall be made up of
5 3 members representing the consortium who shall be
6 superintendents or their designees of school districts or county
7 offices of education with the largest pupil participation, or in the
8 case of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), the largest teacher
9 participation; and two members appointed by the Foundation for
10 the Academy of Performing and Visual Arts in the case of
11 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), and in the case of paragraph (2)
12 or (3) of subdivision (a), two members knowledgeable in the area
13 of education technology. The authority of the board to operate an
14 academy shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

15 (1) The appointment of a director to develop and administer the
16 academy and the specialized programs operated by the academy.

17 (2) The execution of an agreement with any urban campus of
18 a college or university with a means for assisting in the
19 development of similar programs at other campuses or universities
20 on a statewide basis, for the use of the educational resources of that
21 campus for the purposes of this section.

22 (3) Responsibility over the fiscal accountability of the
23 academy.

24 (c) For the purposes of subdivision (e) of Section 46300, the
25 off-campus participation, by a pupil in any of the grades 9 to 12,
26 inclusive, in a program operated under paragraph (1) or (2) of
27 subdivision (a) may be authorized as an independent study
28 program in accordance with Article 5.5 (commencing with
29 Section 51745) of Chapter 5 of Part 28. In no event shall a pupil
30 concurrently enrolled in an independent study program and in a
31 regular comprehensive high school or junior high school generate,
32 for the purposes of Section 46300, more than one unit of average
33 daily attendance per school year.

34 ~~SEC. 3. Section 58807 is added to the Education Code, to~~
35 ~~read:~~

36 ~~58807. Notwithstanding any provision of law, a specialized~~
37 ~~secondary school operated by a county superintendent of schools~~



- 1 ~~may not be closed for budgetary reasons if the school has a~~
- 2 ~~financial solvency plan.~~

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