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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 723

Introduced by Assembly Member Chu

February 17, 2005

An act to add Section 60605.4 to the Education Code, relating to public school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 723, as amended, Chu. Public school curriculum: tolerance instruction.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content standards in core curriculum areas, and requires the board to review and modify existing curriculum frameworks where appropriate to bring them into alignment with these content standards.

This bill would, as a component of that review, require the State Board of Education to integrate instruction on intergroup relations and tolerance into existing curriculum frameworks *where appropriate*, with certain requirements.

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 60605.4 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:

3 60605.4. (a) As a component of the review required in
4 subdivision (e) of Section 60605 and Section 60200, the state
5 board shall integrate instruction on intergroup relations and
6 tolerance into existing curriculum frameworks *where*
7 *appropriate*.

8 (b) Prior to performing the requirements of subdivision (a), the
9 state board shall, to the extent feasible, consult with civil rights
10 organizations and human relations commissions that are involved
11 in addressing discrimination on the basis of characteristics
12 identified in subdivision (a) of Section 422.55 of the Penal Code
13 to obtain their recommendations.

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