

Assembly Bill No. 937

CHAPTER 549

An act to add Section 51210.3 to the Education Code, relating to instruction.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 937, Wyland. Instruction: science.

Existing law requires the adopted courses of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, to include, among other courses, a course in science, as specified.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to designate a credentialed teacher as a science coach at each elementary school, or provide staff development to teachers, in order to develop, coordinate, and provide instruction in an experimental science curriculum, as specified, and coach other teachers in the provision of that curriculum.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51210.3 is added to the Education Code, to read:

51210.3. (a) The governing board of a school district may designate a credentialed teacher at each elementary school as a science coach, or provide staff development to teachers, in order to accomplish the objectives described in subdivision (b), as determined by the governing board.

(b) The designated teacher shall do all of the following:

(1) Develop, coordinate, and provide instruction in a science curriculum that incorporates experimentation. The curriculum shall be aligned to the California standards for investigation and experimentation, and be designed to develop all of the following:

(A) Understanding of basic scientific facts and principles.

(B) Mathematics skills.

(C) Reading comprehension.

(D) Analytical and intellectual skills required to pose and answer questions.

(2) Act as a coach for other teachers at the school in the provision of a science curriculum based on experimentation.

(c) This section does not preclude the assignment of duties to a science coach that are not listed in subdivision (b) and relate to developing,

coordinating, and providing instruction in a science curriculum that incorporates experimentation.

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