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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1056

Introduced by Assembly Member Chu

February 22, 2005

An act to add and repeal ~~Section 60605.4~~ to *Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 60620) to Chapter 5 of Part 33 of the Education Code*, relating to public school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1056, as amended, Chu. ~~Education Finance: categorical programs.—Public school curriculum: tolerance and intergroup relations instruction.~~

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content standards in core curriculum areas, *including, but not limited to, history/social science*, 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 establish the Tolerance Education Pilot Program, to be administered by the State Department of Education, to promote instruction in public schools on tolerance and intergroup relations as part of the instruction in the history/social science content standards, as specified. The bill would require the department to select 10 schools to participate in the program and receive onetime grants of

\$25,000 each. The bill would repeal those provisions inoperative on January 1, 2011, and it would repeal them as of that date.

~~This bill would require the State Board of Education to integrate instruction on intergroup relations and tolerance into existing English language arts, and social science curriculum frameworks where appropriate, as a component of the specified review, with certain additional requirements. The bill would set forth the intent of the Legislature to establish these requirements as a pilot program in the county of Los Angeles and would limit the requirements to that county.~~

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. Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 60620) is
2 added to Chapter 5 of Part 33 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 2.5. Tolerance Education Pilot Program

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6 60620. This article shall be known, and may be cited as, the
7 Tolerance Education Pilot Program.

8 60621. (a) The Tolerance Education Pilot Program is hereby
9 established, and shall be administered by the department.

10 (b) The purpose of the program is to promote instruction on
11 tolerance and intergroup relations as part of the instruction in
12 the history/social science content standards, as adopted by the
13 state board pursuant to Section 60605.

14 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this article
15 that funding provided to schools pursuant to the program be used
16 to supplement instruction in the history/social science content
17 standards, as adopted by the state board pursuant to Section
18 60605.

19 (d) For purposes of this article, the term “school” means any
20 public school that provides instruction in kindergarten or any of
21 grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

22 60622. (a) A school may apply to the department to receive
23 funds pursuant to the program. The department shall select 10
24 schools to participate in the program and to receive onetime
25 grants of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) each.

1 (b) Funding provided pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be used
2 by schools for either of the following purposes:

3 (1) Purchasing supplemental instructional materials that
4 promote tolerance and intergroup relations.

5 (2) Providing professional development for teachers on
6 tolerance and intergroup relations.

7 (c) In developing any professional development training on
8 tolerance and intergroup relations pursuant to the program,
9 schools are encouraged, prior to providing instructional
10 materials to pupils and in order to integrate instruction on
11 tolerance and intergroup relations, to consult with human
12 relations commissions and civil rights organizations that are
13 involved in addressing discrimination based on actual or
14 perceived gender, ethnic group identification, race, national
15 origin, religion, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation,
16 immigrant status, or association with a person or group with one
17 or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

18 (d) Each school that is selected to participate in the program
19 and that receives funding pursuant to this article shall, three
20 years after its initial receipt of funding, submit a report to the
21 department on the effectiveness of the program and the use of
22 program funds by the school.

23 (e) Implementation of the program is contingent upon funding
24 made available for this purpose in the annual Budget Act.

25 60623. This article shall remain in effect only until January
26 1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
27 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends
28 that date.

29 ~~SECTION 1. Section 60605.4 is added to the Education~~
30 ~~Code, to read:~~

31 ~~60605.4. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish the~~
32 ~~requirements of this section as a pilot program.~~

33 ~~(b) As part of the process required by Section 60200 and~~
34 ~~subdivision (c) of Section 60605, the state board shall integrate~~
35 ~~instruction on intergroup relations and tolerance into existing~~
36 ~~English language arts and social science curriculum frameworks,~~
37 ~~where appropriate.~~

38 ~~(c) Prior to performing the requirements of subdivision (b), the~~
39 ~~state board shall, to the extent feasible, consult with civil rights~~
40 ~~organizations and human relations commissions that are involved~~

1 ~~in addressing discrimination on the basis of characteristics~~
2 ~~identified in subdivision (a) of Section 422.55 of the Penal Code~~
3 ~~and immigration status; to obtain their recommendations:~~

4 ~~(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,~~
5 ~~2013, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute~~
6 ~~that is enacted before January 1, 2013, deletes or extends that~~
7 ~~date.~~

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