

## **Assembly Bill No. 2684**

### CHAPTER 108

An act to add Section 32221.5 to the Education Code, relating to pupils.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2684, Montanez. Pupils: insurance for athletic teams.

Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to provide for each member of an athletic team specified amounts of insurance protection for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injuries. Existing law requires that the costs of that insurance be paid out of funds of the school district or funds of the student body in the event that the governing board of a school district determines that a member of an athletic team or the parent, guardian, or other person having charge or control of a member of an athletic team is financially unable to pay the costs of the insurance. Existing law provides that the governing board is not required to provide that insurance protection if an individual team member has health insurance or a reasonable equivalent of health benefits coverage provided for him or her in any other way or manner, including, but not limited to, the purchase of coverage by himself or herself, or by his or her parent or guardian.

The bill would require school districts that elect to operate an interscholastic athletic team or teams to include a specified statement regarding no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance programs in offers of insurance coverage and in other letters and printed materials regarding insurance protection that are sent to team members and in any other related letters and printed materials that are sent to team members, as specified.

Existing law requires that, when 15% or more of the pupils enrolled in a public school that provides instruction in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, speak a single primary language other than English, as specified, all notices, reports, statements, or records sent to the parent or guardian of any pupil that speaks one of those primary languages be written in, and be capable of being responded to in, that language.

This bill would declare the applicability of that requirement to all notices regarding insurance protection for members of athletic teams that are sent to team members.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32221.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:  
32221.5. (a) A school district that elects to operate an interscholastic athletic team or teams shall include the following statement, printed in boldface type of prominent size, in offers of insurance coverage that are sent to members of school athletic teams:

“Under state law, school districts are required to ensure that all members of school athletic teams have accidental injury insurance that covers medical and hospital expenses. This insurance requirement can be met by the school district offering insurance or other health benefits that cover medical and hospital expenses.

Some pupils may qualify to enroll in no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance programs. Information about these programs may be obtained by calling \_\_\_\_\_ [Insert toll free telephone number].”

(b) The statement described in subdivision (a) shall also be incorporated into any other letters or printed materials, in boldface type of prominent size, that contain the name or logo, or both, of the school district and are sent to members of school athletic teams to inform them of the provisions of this article, or any other applicable provision of state law, regarding the provision of insurance protection.

(c) The statement described in subdivision (a) shall include the toll-free telephone number or numbers for any of the following:

- (1) The Healthy Families Program.
- (2) Medi-Cal.

(3) Any other comparable toll-free telephone number for a no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance program.

(d) All notices regarding insurance protection for members of athletic teams that are sent to team members are required to be translated pursuant to Section 48985.