

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2871**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Huff**

February 24, 2006

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An act to amend Section 56504 of the Education Code, relating to special education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2871, as introduced, Huff. Special education: school records: inspection and reproduction.

Existing law establishes a right of individuals with exceptional needs to receive free and appropriate public education and ensures the right to special education and related services needed to meet their unique needs, in conformity with federal law. Existing law requires all procedural safeguards under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to be established and maintained by each noneducational and educational agency that provides education, related services, or both, to children who are individuals with exceptional needs. Existing law provides, as part of procedural safeguards relating to special education, that a parent has the right and opportunity to examine all school records of the child and to receive copies within 5 days after the request is made by the parent.

This bill would instead require the receipt of those copies within 10 business days after the request is made by the parent.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 56504 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 56504. The parent shall have the right and opportunity to  
4 examine all school records of ~~the~~ *his or her* child and to receive  
5 copies pursuant to this section and to Section 49065 within ~~five~~  
6 *10 business* days after ~~such~~ *the* request is made by the parent,  
7 either orally or in writing. A public ~~educational~~ *education* agency  
8 may charge no more than the actual cost of reproducing ~~such~~ *the*  
9 records, but if this cost effectively prevents the parent from  
10 exercising the right to receive ~~such~~ *the* copy or copies the copy or  
11 copies shall be reproduced at no cost.

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