

Introduced by Senator Simitian

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 33126.15 to the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 687, as introduced, Simitian. State accountability report card: standardized template: review and revisions.

The Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act requires each school district to develop and implement a school accountability report card, as prescribed. The existing act prohibits any change to its provisions, except a change to further its purpose enacted by a bill passed by a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to develop and recommend for adoption by the State Board of Education a standardized template intended to simplify the process for completing the school accountability report card and to make the school accountability report card more meaningful to the public.

This bill would require that the department, by _____, recommend for adoption by the State Board of Education a revision to the standardized template, described above.

The bill would require that the revision to the standardized template recommended by the department include a comparison of the actual unrestricted base level of funding, as defined, per pupil, allocated for the specific benefit of the school or for the benefit of all schools in the district equally, compared to the districtwide average of the same computation.

This bill would declare that these provisions further the purposes of the Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. 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 33126.15 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:
3 33126.15. (a) By _____, the department shall develop,
4 and shall recommend for adoption by the State Board of
5 Education, a revision to the standardized template required
6 pursuant to Section 33126.1.
7 (b) The revision to the standardized template recommended by
8 the department shall include a comparison of the actual
9 unrestricted base level of funding per pupil allocated for the
10 specific benefit of the school or for the benefit of all schools in
11 the district equally, compared to the districtwide average of the
12 same computation. The comparison shall include the percentage
13 by which the school is above or below the districtwide average.
14 (c) For purposes of this section, “unrestricted base level of
15 funding” shall include all revenue limit funding, lottery funds,
16 and funding from local property taxes received by the district that
17 does not exceed the revenue limit when combined with state
18 revenue limit funding.
19 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of
20 this act furthers the purposes of the Classroom Instructional
21 Improvement and Accountability Act.

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