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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 134**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member DeSaulnier**  
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 134—Relative to Legislative Task Force on Summer and Intersession Enrichment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 134, as amended, DeSaulnier. Legislative Task Force on Summer and Intersession Enrichment.

This measure would establish the Legislative Task Force on Summer and Intersession Enrichment, consisting of specified members. The measure would require the task force to take various actions related to studying ways to provide summer enrichment and wellness programs to low-income children, as provided.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1     WHEREAS, All children need and deserve safe, enriching, and  
2     fun activities during the summer months; and  
3     WHEREAS, Summer vacation should be a time for children to  
4     visit new places, to swim and play outside, and to learn new skills.  
5     For many California children, though, summertime means long  
6     days inside or out on the streets, a lack of supervised activity, no  
7     nutritious food, and little exercise. In addition, research finds that  
8     over the summer, many children lose some of the academic gains  
9     they made over the previous school year; and

1 WHEREAS, Many children in California rely on their schools  
 2 for nutritious meals and physical activity, as well as academics.  
 3 Unfortunately, most of this good programming comes to an end  
 4 in June, with the end of the school year, or at the end of a session  
 5 in year-round school. Without active recreational activities and  
 6 healthy food, many children will continue on the road to obesity,  
 7 leading to an increased risk for becoming obese adults and for  
 8 developing chronic, serious, and costly medical problems, such as  
 9 diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers. Without engaging  
 10 activities and adult supervision and mentorship during the summer  
 11 months, many children will be in unsafe situations, and some will  
 12 be more likely to engage in criminal behavior; and

13 WHEREAS, Obesity and overweight can be consequences of  
 14 a lack of nutritious food and lack of organized physical activity in  
 15 the summertime. A recent study of children in kindergarten and  
 16 first grade found that the average body mass index grew twice as  
 17 fast during summer vacation as during the school year. Many  
 18 children (over 70 percent of nutritionally needy children in the  
 19 state) lack access to nutritious meals when schools are closed; and

20 WHEREAS, Children and youth without supervised summer  
 21 activities are vulnerable to alcohol, drug, and tobacco use, to  
 22 criminal behavior (as victims and perpetrators), and to injury and  
 23 other safety concerns; and

24 WHEREAS, All children experience summer learning losses  
 25 of approximately a loss of 2.6 months of math, when they do not  
 26 have educational activities during the summer. Low-income  
 27 children are disproportionately affected and experience greater  
 28 summer learning losses than higher income children, leading to  
 29 cumulative learning loss for lower income children over time;  
 30 now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
 32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislative Task Force on Summer  
 33 and Intersession Enrichment is hereby established, which shall  
 34 consist of 15 members, designated as follows:

35 (a) The Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health, or his or  
 36 her designee.

37 (b) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, or his or her  
 38 designee.

39 (c) Two Members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker  
 40 of the Assembly.

1 (d) Two Members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate  
2 Committee on Rules.

3 (e) Six members of the public, with three members appointed  
4 by the Speaker of the Assembly, and three members appointed by  
5 the Senate Committee on Rules. These members shall be selected  
6 to reflect the demographic and geographic diversity of California.  
7 *One Assembly appointee shall have expertise in child health care*  
8 *services. One Senate appointee shall have expertise in health*  
9 *insurance.*

10 (f) The Governor shall be invited to appoint two members, one  
11 of whom shall be the State Public Health Officer, or his or her  
12 designee.

13 (g) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be invited to  
14 appoint one member who shall be an employee of the Department  
15 of Education with relevant policy experience; and be it further

16 ~~*Resolved, That the task force is authorized to use existing*~~  
17 ~~*resources to support its activities, and should be allowed to solicit*~~  
18 ~~*funding from public and private foundations, and make use of*~~  
19 ~~*available federal funds; and be it further*~~

20 *RESOLVED, That state funds shall not be used to support task*  
21 *force activities, but that the task force may solicit funding from*  
22 *public and private foundations, and make use of available federal*  
23 *funds; and be it further*

24 *Resolved, That the task force shall study ways to provide a*  
25 *summer enrichment and wellness program to low-income children,*  
26 *including ways to leverage health insurance programs and health*  
27 *care services to support the program and shall assess the cost of*  
28 *the program; and be it further*

29 *Resolved, That the task force further shall study ways for the*  
30 *program to achieve the following objectives:*

31 (a) To promote good health and to combat obesity by increasing  
32 education and awareness of the benefits of good nutrition and  
33 regular physical exercise and activity.

34 (b) To provide safe, supervised places for kids to be during the  
35 summer months.

36 (c) To provide enrichment activities and experiential learning  
37 that complement the school year curriculum, but offer other  
38 opportunities not found in school.

39 (d) To prevent summer learning loss among California's  
40 children; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, *That the task force shall complete a report*  
 2 *outlining its findings, conclusions, and recommendations, and may*  
 3 *print and distribute this report if private funds are secured for that*  
 4 *purpose; and be it further*

5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
 6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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9 CORRECTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

10 Text—Pages 3 and 4.

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