

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 556

Introduced by Assembly Member Huff

February 21, 2007

An act to amend Section 52922 of the Education Code, relating to schools, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 556, as introduced, Huff. International Baccalaureate Programs.

Existing law declares that the International Baccalaureate Program is a comprehensive and rigorous 2-year curriculum, leading to examinations for high school pupils. From funds appropriated for this purpose, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to allocate annually to each school district on behalf of each public school or middle school in the district that offers an International Baccalaureate Program, up to \$25,000 to cover the ongoing costs of professional development required by the program and to help pay the required program examination fees for low- and middle-income pupils in need of financial assistance. Existing law also provides for the award of startup grants of \$15,000.

This bill would repeal the provisions regarding startup grants and an obsolete limitation on the amount of grants for middle school programs.

The bill would appropriate \$430,000 from the General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in augmentation of specified funds appropriated in the Budget Act of 2006, for the purpose of funding all eligible schools that offer an International Baccalaureate Program. The funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 52922 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 52922. (a) From funds appropriated for the purpose of this
4 chapter, the Superintendent of ~~Public Instruction~~ shall annually
5 allocate to each school district, on behalf of each ~~public~~ high school
6 or middle school within the district that offers an International
7 Baccalaureate Program, the amount of up to twenty-five thousand
8 dollars (\$25,000) for each participating high school and middle
9 school to cover the ongoing costs of professional development
10 required by the program and to help pay the test fees for low- and
11 middle-income pupils in need of financial assistance, in accordance
12 with criteria adopted by the Superintendent of ~~Public Instruction~~.
13 ~~(b) From funds appropriated for the purpose of this chapter, the~~
14 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction shall allocate the amount of~~
15 ~~up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to each school that is~~
16 ~~awarded a grant by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to~~
17 ~~start up an International Baccalaureate Program. The~~
18 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction shall not award any grants~~
19 ~~that exceed the funding made available for that fiscal year for the~~
20 ~~purpose of startup grants. In awarding grants, the Superintendent~~
21 ~~of Public Instruction shall first award grants to all eligible high~~
22 ~~schools, giving priority to those high schools that have the highest~~
23 ~~percentage of pupils from low-income families and to those high~~
24 ~~schools that have been awarded affiliate status from the~~
25 ~~International Baccalaureate Organization. After grants have been~~
26 ~~awarded to all eligible high schools, the Superintendent of Public~~
27 ~~Instruction shall then award grant funds to eligible middle schools,~~
28 ~~giving priority to those middle schools that have the highest~~
29 ~~percentage of pupils from low-income families and those middle~~
30 ~~schools that have been awarded affiliate status from the~~
31 ~~International Baccalaureate Organization.~~
32 ~~(c) For the 2001-02 fiscal year, grants for middle school~~
33 ~~programs allocated pursuant to this section shall not exceed one~~
34 ~~hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).~~
35 (d)

1 ~~(b)~~ The ~~amounts~~ *amount* provided in ~~subdivisions (a) and (b)~~
2 *subdivision (a)* shall be increased annually by a cost-of-living
3 adjustment, based on the same percentage increase that is provided
4 to the revenue limits of unified school districts with 2,501 or more
5 units of average daily attendance.

6 ~~(e)~~

7 ~~(c)~~ The total amount allocated pursuant to ~~subdivisions (a) and~~
8 ~~(b)~~ *subdivision (a)* shall not exceed the total amount of the funds
9 appropriated for those purposes in the annual Budget Act or any
10 other statute. If funds are insufficient to fully fund all grants
11 authorized, annual grants shall first be allocated pursuant to
12 subdivision (a) to those schools that were funded in the prior year
13 and in the amount of the prior year grant.

14 SEC. 2. The sum of four hundred thirty thousand dollars
15 (\$430,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
16 Superintendent of Public Instruction, in augmentation of Item
17 6110-240-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2006 (Ch.
18 47, Stats. 2006), for the purpose of funding all eligible schools
19 that offer an International Baccalaureate Program in accordance
20 with Chapter 12.5 (commencing with Section 52920) of Part 28
21 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code.