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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 556**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Huff**

February 21, 2007

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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 amended, 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. *If funds are insufficient to fully fund all grants authorized, funding priority is given to schools that were funded in the prior year and in the amount of the prior year grant.*

This bill would repeal the provisions regarding startup grants and an obsolete limitation on the amount of grants for middle school programs. *If funds are insufficient to fully fund all grants authorized, 2nd funding*

*priority would be required to be given to high schools and middle schools that have the highest percentage of pupils from low-income families.*

~~The bill would appropriate \$541,860 from the General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction 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~~-no. 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 shall annually allocate to each school  
5 district, on behalf of each high school or middle school within the  
6 district that offers an International Baccalaureate Program, the  
7 amount of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each  
8 participating high school and middle school to cover the ongoing  
9 costs of professional development required by the program and to  
10 help pay the test fees for low- and middle-income pupils in need  
11 of financial assistance, in accordance with criteria adopted by the  
12 Superintendent.

13 (b) The amount provided in subdivision (a) shall be increased  
14 annually by a cost-of-living adjustment, based on the same  
15 percentage increase that is provided to the revenue limits of unified  
16 school districts with 2,501 or more units of average daily  
17 attendance.

18 (c) The total amount allocated pursuant to subdivision (a) shall  
19 not exceed the total amount of the funds appropriated for those  
20 purposes in the annual Budget Act or any other statute. If funds  
21 are insufficient to fully fund all grants authorized, annual grants  
22 shall first be allocated pursuant to subdivision (a) to those schools  
23 that were funded in the prior year and in the amount of the prior  
24 year grant *with second priority given to high schools and middle*  
25 *schools that have the highest percentage of pupils from low-income*  
26 *families.*

1     ~~SEC. 2. (a) The sum of five hundred forty-one thousand, eight~~  
2 ~~hundred sixty dollars (\$541,860) is hereby appropriated from the~~  
3 ~~General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the~~  
4 ~~purpose of funding all eligible schools that offer an International~~  
5 ~~Baccalaureate Program in accordance with Chapter 12.5~~  
6 ~~(commencing with Section 52920) of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title~~  
7 ~~2 of the Education Code.~~

8     ~~(b) For the purposes of making the computations required by~~  
9 ~~Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the~~  
10 ~~appropriation made by subdivision (a) shall be deemed to be~~  
11 ~~“General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts,” as~~  
12 ~~defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code,~~  
13 ~~for the 2007–08 fiscal year, and included within the “total~~  
14 ~~allocations to school districts and community college districts from~~  
15 ~~General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article~~  
16 ~~XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the~~  
17 ~~Education Code, for the 2007–08 fiscal year.~~