

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1346

Introduced by Assembly Member Silva

February 23, 2007

An act to amend Sections 51007, 51500, 51501, and 60044 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1346, as introduced, Silva. Education.

(1) Existing law states the policy of the State of California that all students enrolled in the state's public elementary and secondary schools, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, physical disability, geographic location, or socioeconomic background, have equitable access to educational programs designed to strengthen technological skills, including, but not limited to, computer education programs.

This bill would add religion to the protected characteristics described above and would make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

(2) Existing law prohibits a teacher from giving instruction that reflects adversely on persons because of their race, sex, color, creed, handicap, national origin, or ancestry, prohibits a school district from sponsoring any activity that reflects adversely on persons because of those same characteristics, and prohibits the State Board of Education and the governing board of a school district from adopting a textbook or other instructional materials for use in the public schools that contains any matter reflecting adversely upon persons because those same characteristics.

This bill would add religion to the characteristics described above.

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 51007 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 51007. (a) It is the policy of the State of California that all
4 ~~students~~ *pupils* enrolled in the state’s public elementary and
5 secondary schools, regardless of race, creed, *religion*, color,
6 national origin, gender, physical disability, geographic location,
7 or socioeconomic background, shall have equitable access to
8 educational programs designed to strengthen technological skills,
9 including, but not limited to, computer education programs.
10 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that state appropriations
11 for educational programs designed to strengthen technological
12 skills, including, but not limited to, computer education programs,
13 shall have the goal of ensuring equitable access to those programs
14 for all ~~students~~ *pupils*.
15 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this section shall not
16 be construed to preclude funding of programs designed to serve
17 certain categories of ~~students~~ *pupils* as part of the state’s efforts
18 to target areas of high need.
19 SEC. 2. Section 51500 of the Education Code is amended to
20 read:
21 51500. No teacher shall give instruction nor shall a school
22 district sponsor any activity ~~which~~ *that* reflects adversely upon
23 persons because of their race, sex, color, creed, *religion*, handicap,
24 national origin, or ancestry.
25 SEC. 3. Section 51501 of the Education Code is amended to
26 read:
27 51501. No textbook; or other instructional materials shall be
28 adopted by the state board or by ~~any~~ *a* governing board for use in
29 the public schools ~~which~~ *that* contains any matter reflecting
30 adversely upon persons because of their race, sex, color, creed,
31 *religion*, handicap, national origin, or ancestry.
32 SEC. 4. Section 60044 of the Education Code is amended to
33 read:

1 60044. No instructional materials shall be adopted by ~~any a~~
2 governing board for use in the schools ~~which~~ *that*, in its
3 determination, contains:

4 (a) Any matter reflecting adversely upon persons because of
5 their race, color, creed, *religion*, national origin, ancestry, sex,
6 handicap, or occupation.

7 (b) Any sectarian or denominational doctrine or propaganda
8 contrary to law.

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