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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1863

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Galgiani and Plescia)
(Coauthor: Senator Perata)

January 31, 2008

An act to amend Section 51204.5 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1863, as amended, Portantino. Pupil instruction: social sciences.

Existing law, with respect to the adopted course of study in grades 1 to 12, inclusive, requires that instruction in social sciences include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of men and women, black Americans, American Indians, Mexicans, Asians, Pacific Island people, and other ethnic groups to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America.

This bill, in addition, would encourage schools to include in that instruction the role and contribution of Italian Americans and *encourage* the State Board of Education to include the role and contribution of Italian Americans in the curriculum frameworks in the social sciences at the next revision of those frameworks.

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 51204.5 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 51204.5. (a) Instruction in social sciences shall include the
4 early history of California and a study of the role and contributions
5 of both men and women, ~~black Americans, American Indians,~~
6 ~~Mexicans, Asians, Pacific Island people~~ *African Americans, Native*
7 *Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, and Pacific*
8 *Island Americans*, and other ethnic groups to the economic,
9 political, and social development of California and the United
10 States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role
11 of these groups in contemporary society. The Legislature
12 encourages schools to include the role and contribution of Italian
13 Americans to the economic, political, and social development of
14 California and the United States of America in the instruction
15 required by this subdivision.
16 (b) The Legislature encourages the state board to include the
17 role and contribution of Italian Americans to the economic,
18 political, and social development of California and the United
19 States of America in the curriculum frameworks in the social
20 sciences at the next revision of those frameworks.