

Introduced by Senator Denham

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An act to add Section 56351.10 to the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 168, as introduced, Denham. Physical education for the blind and visually impaired.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to form an advisory task force, with prescribed membership approved by the State Board of Education, to develop standards for mastery of the braille code by pupils, and to report to the Governor and the Legislature by June 30, 2004.

Existing law requires the Superintendent to utilize that task force to develop standards for pupils to learn, and to achieve mastery of, the braille mathematics code as they progress from kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Existing law requires the task force to report to the state board by March 1, 2006, regarding those standards.

This bill would require the Superintendent to form an advisory task force, with prescribed membership approved by the State Board of Education, to develop guidelines in the field of physical education to promote physical fitness by pupils in each school district who are functionally blind or visually impaired. This bill would require the task force to report to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the Legislature by June 30, 2009.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 56351.10 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 56351.10. (a) The Superintendent shall form an advisory task
4 force to develop guidelines in the field of physical education to
5 promote physical fitness by pupils in each school district who are
6 functionally blind or visually impaired.
7 (b) The task force shall include, but not be limited to, members
8 approved by the State Board of Education representing all of the
9 following:
10 (1) Parents of visually impaired pupils.
11 (2) Teachers of visually impaired pupils.
12 (3) Researchers in the field of visual impairment.
13 (4) Physical fitness education experts.
14 (5) Groups that advocate for the blind on issues that include
15 physical education.
16 (c) The task force shall report to the Superintendent, the
17 Governor, and to the education committees of the Assembly and
18 the Senate by June 30, 2009.