

Senate Bill No. 908

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2008, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend 33541 of the Education Code, relating to environmental education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 908, Simitian. Environmental education.

Existing law requires the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission to recommend minimum standards of courses of study in the schools of the state. Existing law further requires the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education to revise the framework in science to include specified topics in environmental education.

This bill additionally would require climate change to be included among those topics.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33541 of the Education Code is amended to read:

33541. (a) The state board and the department shall revise, as necessary, the framework in science to include the necessary elements to teach environmental education, including, but not limited to, all of the following topics:

- (1) Integrated waste management.
- (2) Energy conservation.
- (3) Water conservation and pollution prevention.
- (4) Air resources.
- (5) Integrated pest management.
- (6) Toxic materials.
- (7) Wildlife conservation and forestry.
- (8) Climate change.

(b) The Office of Education and the Environment of the California Integrated Waste Management Board, established pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 40000) of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, shall provide the state board of Education and the department with available environmental information and materials to aid in implementing subdivision (a).

(c) Any recommended revisions in reference to the course requirements in science shall not be implemented until the commencement of the appropriate curriculum framework adoption cycle subsequent to the revision.

Approved _____, 2008

Governor