

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 9, 2008

SENATE BILL

No. 1281

Introduced by Senator Wyland

February 19, 2008

An act to amend Section ~~56463~~ 56471 of the Education Code, relating to special education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1281, as amended, Wyland. Special education: ~~transition services: vocational programs:~~ *workability project grant funds.*

Existing law establishes a project workability program administered by the State Department of Education. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop criteria for awarding grant funds and evaluating workability projects.

This bill would authorize the superintendent of a school district to use workability project grant funds to provide transition services that are not part of a workability project, but still include specified elements that are required in a workability project, to individuals with exceptional needs.

~~Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to ensure that the state annually secures all federal funds available for career and vocational education of individuals with exceptional needs. The Superintendent also is required to establish the capacity to provide transition services for a broad range of individuals with exceptional needs, including employment and academic training, strategic planning, interagency coordination, and parent training. Existing law provides that transition services are to receive funding pursuant to the Budget Act.~~

~~This bill would require the Superintendent to use funds appropriated for purposes of transition services or for the general purposes of special education to ensure that transition services, including the coordination of services with agencies involved in supporting the transition of individuals with exceptional needs into postsecondary activities, are developed and implemented. The bill would provide that postsecondary activities include vocational special occupational programs that provide students with academic credit.~~

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 56471 of the Education Code is amended~~
2 ~~to read:~~

3 56471. (a) The program shall be administered by the ~~State~~
4 ~~Department of Education~~ *department*.

5 (b) The department shall establish an advisory committee. This
6 committee will include representatives from local workability
7 projects to ensure ongoing communications.

8 ~~The superintendent~~ *Superintendent* shall develop criteria for
9 awarding grants, funding, and evaluating of workability projects.

10 (d) Workability project applications shall include, but are not
11 limited to, the following elements:

- 12 (1) recruitment, (2) assessment, (3) counseling, (4) preemployment
- 13 skills training, (5) vocational training, (6) student wages for try-out
- 14 employment, (7) placement in unsubsidized employment, (8) other
- 15 assistance with transition to a quality adult life, and (9) utilization
- 16 of an interdisciplinary advisory committee to enhance project
- 17 goals.

18 *(e) The superintendent of a school district may use grant funds*
19 *awarded pursuant to this article to provide transition services that*
20 *are not part of a workability project, but still include all of the*
21 *elements described in subdivision (d), to individuals with*
22 *exceptional needs.*

23 ~~SECTION 1. Section 56463 of the Education Code is amended~~
24 ~~to read:~~

25 56463. (a) ~~Transition services shall be funded pursuant to the~~
26 ~~annual Budget Act.~~

1 ~~(b) The Superintendent shall use funds appropriated for purposes~~
2 ~~of subdivision (a) or for the general purposes of this part to ensure~~
3 ~~that transition services, including the coordination of services with~~
4 ~~agencies involved in supporting the transition of individuals with~~
5 ~~exceptional needs into postsecondary activities, are developed and~~
6 ~~implemented. For purposes of this subdivision, postsecondary~~
7 ~~activities include vocational special occupational programs that~~
8 ~~provide students with academic credit.~~

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