

Senate Bill No. 1709

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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of _____, 2008, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 60648.1 to the Education Code, relating to pupil achievement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1709, Alquist. The STAR Program.

Existing law establishes the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program, known as the STAR Program, pursuant to which each school district, charter school, and county office of education is required to administer an achievement test to each of its pupils in grades 3 and 7 and a standards-based achievement test to each of its pupils in grades 2 to 11, inclusive. Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt levels of pupil performance on these tests in reading, English language arts, and mathematics at each grade level that shall identify and establish the level of performance that is deemed to be the minimum level required for satisfactory performance in the next grade.

This bill would authorize school districts to provide nonmonetary incentives to pupils in grades 7 to 11, inclusive, for achievement or improvement based upon the individual results of each pupil test administered pursuant to the STAR Program, including a designation of achievement on their diplomas. The bill would authorize and encourage school districts to solicit ideas from pupils for local incentives for achievement or improvement on the test.

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

SECTION 1. Section 60648.1 is added to the Education Code, to read:

60648.1. (a) School districts may provide nonmonetary incentives to pupils in grades 7 to 11, inclusive, for achievement or improvement based upon the individual results of each pupil test administered pursuant to Section 60640, to be referred to as Standardized Testing Achievement Rewards (STARs),

including, but not limited to, a designation of achievement on a pupil's high school diploma.

(b) School districts are authorized and encouraged to solicit ideas from pupils for local incentives for achievement or improvement on the test administered pursuant to Section 60604.

Approved _____, 2008

Governor