

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 39

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 63

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 39—Relative to common state education standards.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 39, Torlakson. Common state education standards.

This measure would call upon the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers to develop common core state standards in the core academic disciplines of English-language arts, mathematics, history-social science, and science, request that they replicate the process used to develop English-language arts and mathematics common core state standards to now develop common core state standards for social studies and science, and examine the viability of developing common standards in foreign language, visual and performing arts, physical education, career technical education, and other subject areas.

WHEREAS, Public schools were purposely created to prepare young people to become educated, responsible, participating citizens; and

WHEREAS, The common core state standards initiative is a significant and historic opportunity for states to collectively accelerate and drive education reform toward the ultimate goal of all pupils graduating from high school ready for college, work, and success in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, All pupils across our great nation deserve to have access to high-quality social studies and science education that will provide them with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to become responsible and informed citizens with a strong curiosity about the physical world around them; and

WHEREAS, Each new generation of pupils must be equipped with the knowledge of history, geography, economics, and government, skills needed to make informed decisions about complex public issues, attitudes that support democratic practices, commitment to engage in civic life, a strong understanding of the physical world, including biology, chemistry, geology, astronomy and physics, and a firm grasp of the scientific method of discovery; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the California State Legislature, to ensure the future of America and our democratic institutions, calls upon the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers to develop common core

state standards in the core academic disciplines of English-language arts, mathematics, history-social science, and science; and be it further

Resolved, That the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers replicate the process used to develop English-language arts and mathematics common core state standards to now develop common core state standards for social studies and science; and be it further

Resolved, That the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers also examine the viability of developing common standards in other subject areas, including, but not limited to, foreign language, visual and performing arts, physical education, and career technical education; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the National Governors Association, and to the Council of Chief State School Officers.