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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 836

Introduced by Assembly Member Torlakson

February 26, 2009

An act to add Article 15.1 (commencing with Section 51875) to Chapter 5 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to education technology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 836, as amended, Torlakson. Task force for education technology.

Existing law establishes various programs to enhance education technology, including the California Technology Assistance Project, which is composed of regional consortia that work collaboratively with school districts and county offices of education to meet locally defined educational needs that can be effectively addressed with the use of technology, as specified.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a task force for education technology, funded by private donations, for the purpose of making preliminary recommendations on technology literacy model standards and developing recommendations for a comprehensive statewide plan to increase and enhance the level of technology used to deliver instruction in *grades 7 to 12, inclusive, in* California public schools. The bill would require the task force to consist of no more than 15 education technology experts, including, but not necessarily limited to, parents, current credentialed teachers,

administrators, school board members, researchers, and industry representatives.

This bill would require the task force to make preliminary recommendations to the Superintendent on technology literacy model standards *for grades 7 to 12* on or before May 30, 2010, require the Superintendent to recommend technology literacy model standards to the state board on or before June 20, 2010, and require the state board to adopt technology literacy model content standards, pursuant to the recommendations of the Superintendent, on or before July 30, 2010.

The bill also would require the recommendations for a comprehensive statewide plan to be made by the task force to the state board and the Legislature on or before September 1, 2011. The bill would require the task force to address specified issues as part of the comprehensive statewide plan to increase and enhance the level of technology used to deliver instruction in California public schools, and to the extent feasible, to consider previously developed state technology plans, as specified. This bill would require the state board to adopt a comprehensive statewide plan to increase and enhance the level of technology used to deliver instruction in California public schools, pursuant to the recommendations of the task force, on or before January 1, 2012.

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. Article 15.1 (commencing with Section 51875)
2 is added to Chapter 5 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 15.1. Education Technology Task Force

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7 51875. (a) The Superintendent shall establish and convene a
8 task force for education technology. The task force shall develop
9 recommendations for a comprehensive statewide plan to increase
10 and enhance the level of technology used to deliver instruction in
11 California public schools, and shall make preliminary
12 recommendations on technology literacy model standards *for*
13 *grades 7 to 12, inclusive*. The operations of the task force shall be
14 funded by private donations.

(b) The membership of the task force shall consist of no more than 15 education technology experts, including, but not necessarily limited to, parents, current credentialed teachers, administrators, school board members, researchers, and industry representatives. Current credentialed teachers shall comprise a majority of the task force. The task force shall include at least one member from a large school district, at least one member from a medium-sized school district, and at least one member from a small school district. The members representing these various sizes of school districts may be any combination of parents, teachers, administrators, or school board members.

(c) As used in this article, “technology literacy” means the understanding of what technology is, how it is created, and how it shapes, and is shaped by, society.

51875.1. (a) The task force shall make preliminary recommendations to the Superintendent on technology literacy model standards *for grades 7 to 12, inclusive* on or before May 30, 2010. The Superintendent shall recommend technology literacy model standards to the state board on or before June 20, 2010. The state board shall adopt technology literacy model content standards, pursuant to the recommendations of the Superintendent, on or before July 30, 2010.

(b) The task force shall address all of the following as part of its recommendations, to be presented to the state board and the Legislature on or before September 1, 2011, for a comprehensive statewide plan to increase and enhance the level of technology used to deliver instruction in California public schools, and to the extent feasible, shall consider previously developed state technology plans, including, but not necessarily limited to, a plan developed pursuant to provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.) and Chapter 830 of the Statutes of 1999.

(1) Professional development, based on a study of existing industry models for professional development in technology and existing school professional development programs. The task force shall provide recommendations for the improvement of school technology in professional development.

(2) Electronic learning resources and instructional materials, based on a study of trends in long-term compatibility of resources and hardware and best practices in the use of electronic resources.

1 The task force also shall develop plans for long-term compatibility
2 of resources and hardware.

3 (3) Hardware, with an emphasis on long-term compatibility
4 between hardware and software systems and intersystem
5 compatibility. The task force also shall address extended life cycle
6 plans to preclude the premature obsolescence of equipment.

7 (4) Telecommunications infrastructure, based on a study of
8 industry standards for wireless interoperability. The task force also
9 shall recommend adoption of a standard for telecommunications
10 infrastructure for schools.

11 (5) Funding, based on an assessment of various funding models.
12 The task force also shall make recommendations on methods of
13 providing reasonable levels of funding for technology in schools
14 on a continuing basis.

15 51875.2. The state board shall adopt a comprehensive statewide
16 plan to increase and enhance the level of technology used to deliver
17 instruction in California public schools, pursuant to the
18 recommendations of the task force, on or before January 1, 2012.

19 51875.3. The state department is authorized to accept private
20 donations to support the expenses incurred in operating the task
21 force pursuant to this article.