

Introduced by Senator Romero

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 53300 of the Education Code, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of the Fifth Extraordinary Session of 2010, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1270, as introduced, Romero. Public schools: parent empowerment.

Existing law requires a local educational agency to implement one of several specified reforms for a school not identified as a persistently lowest achieving school that, after one full school year, fails to meet specified criteria and has a specified amount of parents and guardians of pupils sign a petition requesting the local educational agency to implement at least one of the alternative governance arrangements.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 53300 of the Education Code, as added
2 by Section 2 of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of the Fifth Extraordinary
3 Session of 2010, is amended to read:
4 53300. For any school not identified as a persistently
5 lowest-achieving school under Section 53201~~which~~, *that* after
6 one full school year, is subject to corrective action pursuant to
7 paragraph (7) of Section 1116(b) of the federal Elementary and

1 Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.)~~and~~ ,
2 continues to fail to make adequate yearly progress, and has an
3 Academic Performance Index score of less than 800, and where
4 at least one-half of the parents or legal guardians of pupils attending
5 the school, or a combination of at least one-half of the parents or
6 legal guardians of pupils attending the school and the elementary
7 or middle schools that normally matriculate into a middle or high
8 school, as applicable, sign a petition requesting the local
9 educational agency to implement one or more of the four
10 interventions identified pursuant to paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive
11 of subdivision (a) of Section 53202 or the federally mandated
12 alternative governance arrangement pursuant to Section
13 1116(b)(8)(B)(v) of the federal Elementary and Secondary
14 Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.), the local educational
15 agency shall implement the option requested by the parents unless,
16 in a regularly scheduled public hearing, the local educational
17 agency makes a finding in writing stating the reason it cannot
18 implement the specific recommended option and instead designates
19 in writing which of the other options described in this section it
20 will implement in the subsequent school year consistent with
21 requirements specified in federal regulations and guidelines for
22 schools subject to restructuring under Section 1116(b)(8) of the
23 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec.
24 6301 et seq.) and regulations and guidelines for the four
25 interventions.

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