

Introduced by Senator Romero

February 19, 2010

An act relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1422, as introduced, Romero. Race to the Top.

The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for a competitive education grant program that is known as the Race to Top Program and is designed to encourage and reward states that are implementing specified educational objectives.

Existing law states the Legislature's intent to implement education reforms to, among other things, ensure that California is positioned to be successful in the Race to the Top competition and authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the President of the State Board of Education to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local educational agency for the purposes of implementing the Race to the Top program. The governing board of a school district, county office of education, or the governing body of a charter school or its equivalent to implement, is required, except as specified, to implement for any school identified by the Superintendent as persistently lowest-achieving, one of 4 interventions for turning around lowest-achieving schools described in federal regulations and guidelines for the Race to the Top program. A persistently lowest-achieving school implementing specified intervention models is authorized to participate in a school-to-school partnership program by working with a mentor school that has successfully transitioned from a low-achieving school to a higher-achieving school.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation with respect to the Race to the Top program.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation with respect to the Race to the Top program.

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