

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 227

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 2, 2011

An act to amend Section 51871.5 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 227, as introduced, Hall. Education technology planning.

Existing law requires that, as a precondition to receiving a technology grant administered by the State Department of Education, a school district shall have a current 3- to 5-year education technology plan, unless this requirement is waived by the State Board of Education. Existing law also requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop guidelines and criteria for inclusion in the education technology plan, including a component to educate pupils and teachers on specified topics.

This bill would expand that list of topics to include the prevention of, and legal consequences for, cyberbullying, the active use of parental content control software, and the responsible use by pupils of mobile communication technology. The bill would exempt from compliance with this requirement a school district that, on July 1, 2011, has a 3- to 5-year education technology plan until that plan expires or is voluntarily replaced, at which time the school district would be subject to the requirement. The bill would make other conforming changes.

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. Section 51871.5 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 51871.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that education
4 technology planning be accomplished in the most comprehensive
5 manner possible. To that end, the current practice of developing
6 education technology plans for each funding program ~~should be~~
7 *was* replaced with a comprehensive local planning process that
8 ~~will enable~~ *enables* school districts to apply for grants on an
9 ongoing basis and ~~assist~~ *assists them* in utilizing available
10 education technology programs.

11 (b) ~~On or after January 1, 2005, as~~ *As* a precondition to receiving
12 a technology grant administered by the department, a school district
13 shall have a current three- to five-year education technology plan.
14 The state board may waive this requirement if it determines that
15 the applicant school district made a good faith effort to develop a
16 plan, but for reasons beyond its control, the district cannot develop
17 the plan before receipt of the technology grant.

18 (c) (1) ~~On or before July 1, 2007, the~~ *The* Superintendent shall
19 develop guidelines and criteria for inclusion in the education
20 technology plan required pursuant to subdivision (b). The
21 guidelines and criteria shall include, *but are not limited to*, a
22 component to educate pupils and teachers on ~~the~~ *all of the*
23 *following*:

24 (A) *The* appropriate and ethical use of information technology
25 in the ~~classroom,~~ *Internet classroom*.

26 (B) ~~Internet safety,~~ *the safety*.

27 (C) *The* manner in which to avoid committing ~~plagiarism,~~ *the*
28 *plagiarism*.

29 (D) *The* concept, purpose, and significance of a copyright so
30 that pupils are equipped with the skills necessary to distinguish
31 lawful from unlawful online ~~downloading,~~ *and the downloading*.

32 (E) *The* implications of illegal peer-to-peer network file sharing.

33 (F) *The prevention of cyberbullying and legal consequences for*
34 *pupils engaging in cyberbullying*.

35 (G) *The active use of parental content control software*.

36 (H) *Responsible use by pupils of mobile communication*
37 *technology*.

1 (2) *School districts are encouraged to partner with the*
2 *California Technology Assistance Project, information technology*
3 *companies, and nonprofit organizations to develop tools to*
4 *supplement the existing Internet safety curriculum that address*
5 *the educational component of the guidelines and criteria developed*
6 *pursuant to this subdivision.*

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8 (3) A school district that, on July 1, ~~2008~~ 2011, has a current
9 three- to five-year education technology plan that complies with
10 subdivision (b) is not required to comply with this subdivision
11 until after its plan expires or is voluntarily replaced.

12 (d) ~~On or after January 1, 2005, the~~ *The* Superintendent shall
13 ensure that each school district has access to technical assistance
14 and an approved online technology plan builder that the department
15 determines is in compliance with state and federal requirements.

16 (e) The department shall maintain a record of school districts
17 that have a three- to five-year education technology plan and shall
18 make that information available to interested public agencies.

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