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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1668

Introduced by Assembly Member Carter

February 14, 2012

An act to ~~add~~ amend Section ~~52052.4 to 52052.3~~ of the Education Code, relating to ~~pupil dropouts~~; *school accountability*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1668, as amended, Carter. ~~Pupil dropouts: graduation and dropout rates~~. *School accountability: academic performance: dropout recovery high schools.*

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with approval of the State Board of Education, to develop an Academic Performance Index (API), as part of the Public School Performance Accountability Program, to measure the performance of schools, especially the academic performance of pupils. Existing law requires the Superintendent, with approval of the state board, to develop an alternative accountability system for specified types of schools and allows these schools to receive an API score, but prohibits them from being included in the API rankings of schools. Existing law requires the Superintendent and the state board, as part of the alternative accountability system for schools, or any successor system, to allow no more than 10 dropout recovery high schools to report the results of an individual pupil growth model, as specified, instead of reporting other indicators. Existing law defines a dropout recovery high school as a school offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in which

50% or more of its pupils are designated as dropouts, as specified, and the school provides specified instruction.

This bill would change the definition of a dropout recovery high school to mean a school offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in which 50% or more of its pupils are either designated as dropouts, as specified, or were not otherwise enrolled for a period of at least 90 days and the school provides specified instruction.

~~Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a California high school equivalency certificate and an official score report, or an official score report only, to a person who has not completed high school and who meets specified requirements, including receiving a score on the general educational development test that is determined by the State Board of Education to be equal to the standard of performance expected from high school graduates.~~

~~Existing law requires graduation rates to be reported on the school accountability report card and requires them to be used in calculating a school's Academic Performance Index score. Existing law requires the Annual Report on Dropouts in California to include data relating to dropout and graduation rates. Existing law requires a local educational agency, including a charter school, to retain individual pupil records of all data necessary to compile reports required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, including, but not limited to, dropout and graduation rates.~~

~~This bill would require that a pupil who passes the general educational development test be counted as a transfer for purposes of calculating graduation and dropout rates if the pupil is enrolled in a dropout recovery high school, as defined.~~

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. Section 52052.3 of the Education Code is amended*
2 *to read:*

3 52052.3. (a) As part of the alternative accountability system
4 for schools developed pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 52052,
5 or any successor system, the Superintendent and the state board
6 shall allow no more than 10 dropout recovery high schools, as
7 defined in subdivision (b), to report, in lieu of other indicators, the
8 results of an individual pupil growth model that is proposed by

1 the school and certified by the Superintendent pursuant to
2 subdivision (c).

3 (b) For purposes of this section, “dropout recovery high school”
4 means a school offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12,
5 inclusive, in which 50 percent or more of its pupils are *either*
6 designated as dropouts pursuant to the exit and withdrawal codes
7 developed by the department *or were not otherwise enrolled for*
8 *a period of at least 90 days* and the school provides instruction in
9 partnership with any of the following:

10 (1) The federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
11 Sec. 2801 et seq.).

12 (2) Federally affiliated Youthbuild programs (42 U.S.C. Sec.
13 12899 et seq.).

14 (3) Federal job corps training or instruction provided pursuant
15 to a memorandum of understanding with the federal provider.

16 (4) The California Conservation Corps or local conservation
17 corps certified by the California Conservation Corps pursuant to
18 Section 14406 or 14507.5 of the Public Resources Code.

19 (c) The Superintendent shall review the individual pupil growth
20 model proposed by the dropout recovery high school and certify
21 that model if it meets all of the following criteria:

22 (1) The model measures learning based on valid and reliable
23 nationally normed or criterion-referenced reading and mathematics
24 tests.

25 (2) The model measures skills and knowledge aligned with state
26 standards.

27 (3) The model measures the extent to which a pupil scored above
28 an expected amount of growth based on the individual pupil’s
29 initial achievement score.

30 (4) The model demonstrates the extent to which a school is able
31 to accelerate learning on an annual basis.

32 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017,
33 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
34 is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date.

35 ~~SECTION 1. Section 52052.4 is added to the Education Code,~~
36 ~~to read:~~

37 ~~52052.4. (a) A pupil who passes the general educational~~
38 ~~development test shall be counted as a transfer for purposes of~~
39 ~~calculating graduation and dropout rates if the pupil is enrolled in~~
40 ~~a dropout recovery high school.~~

- 1 ~~(b) For purposes of this section, “dropout recovery high school”~~
2 ~~means any of the following:~~
3 ~~(1) A school subject to subdivision (g) of Section 47605.1.~~
4 ~~(2) A school offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12,~~
5 ~~inclusive, where at least 50 percent of the pupils have previously~~
6 ~~dropped out of school, as evidenced by department exit and~~
7 ~~withdrawal codes, or have not attended school for at least six~~
8 ~~months.~~