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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1857**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fong**

February 22, 2012

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An act to add Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 32205) to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1857, as amended, Fong. Pupils: healthy relationships promotion and teen dating ~~violence~~ *abuse* prevention.

Existing law requires a school district that provides instruction to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to provide an adopted course of study to those pupils, as specified. Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt academic content standards in certain curriculum areas.

This bill would authorize school districts to provide education programs that promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating ~~violence~~ *abuse* to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, through curricular, extracurricular, and school climate-improvement activities. The bill would authorize school districts to work in partnership with parents, caregivers, and youth, domestic violence, sexual assault, or other appropriate community-based organizations, as deemed appropriate by the school district, to provide these education programs. The bill would require school districts that choose to provide education programs that promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating ~~violence~~ *abuse* to use research-based materials that are appropriate for pupils of all races, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, and ethnic and

cultural backgrounds, and for pupils with disabilities. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide information about model education programs that are designed to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating ~~violence~~ *abuse* on the State Department of Education’s Internet Web site, as specified.

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 1.5 (commencing with Section 32205) is  
2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the  
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 1.5. Healthy Relationships Promotion and Teen Dating  
6 ~~Violence~~ *Abuse* Prevention  
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8 32205. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
9 Superintendent encourage the provision of education programs  
10 that promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating ~~violence~~  
11 *abuse* to pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive. It is further the intent  
12 of the Legislature that public schools serving pupils in grades 7 to  
13 12, inclusive, have access to model education programs and  
14 materials designed to promote healthy relationships and prevent  
15 teen dating ~~violence~~ *abuse* among pupils.

16 (b) A school district may provide education programs to promote  
17 healthy relationships and prevent teen dating ~~violence~~ *abuse* to  
18 pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, through curricular,  
19 extracurricular, and school climate-improvement activities. School  
20 districts may work in partnership with parents, caregivers, and  
21 youth, domestic violence, sexual assault, or other appropriate  
22 community-based organizations, as deemed appropriate by the  
23 school district, to provide these education programs.

24 32206. School districts that choose to provide education  
25 programs that promote healthy relationships and prevent teen  
26 dating ~~violence~~ *abuse* pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 32205  
27 shall use research-based materials that are appropriate for pupils  
28 of all races, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, and  
29 ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and for pupils with disabilities.

1 32207. (a) The Superintendent shall provide information,  
2 which may be used by school districts, about model education  
3 programs that are designed to promote healthy relationships and  
4 prevent teen dating—~~violence~~ *abuse* among pupils on the  
5 department’s Internet Web site.

6 (b) The information provided on the department’s Internet Web  
7 site shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

8 (1) The legal obligations of schools to respond to and prevent  
9 teen dating—~~violence~~ *abuse* under existing federal and state law.

10 (2) Model school teen dating—~~violence~~ *abuse* prevention policies.

11 (3) Model school healthy relationships promotion and teen  
12 dating—~~violence~~ *abuse* prevention curriculum and education  
13 programs.

14 (c) In compiling the information to post on the department’s  
15 Internet Web site, the Superintendent shall seek input from other  
16 public agencies and private nonprofit organizations with experience  
17 providing education programs that promote healthy relationships  
18 and prevent teen dating—~~violence~~ *abuse*. The Superintendent may  
19 include materials developed by those agencies or organizations  
20 that the Superintendent deems appropriate in the information  
21 provided on the department’s Internet Web site.