

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1987

Introduced by Assembly Member Davis

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 51745 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1987, as introduced, Davis. Pupil instruction: independent study: leadership course.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district or a county office of education to offer independent study to meet the educational needs of pupils. Existing law specifies certain educational opportunities that may be offered through independent study.

This bill would include a leadership course, as specified, within the educational opportunities that may be offered through independent study and would make several technical, nonsubstantive changes.

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 51745 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 51745. (a) Commencing with the 1990–91 school year, the
- 4 governing board of a school district or a county office of education
- 5 may offer independent study to meet the educational needs of
- 6 pupils in accordance with the requirements of this article.

- 1 Educational opportunities offered through independent study may
 2 include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
- 3 (1) Special assignments extending the content of regular courses
 4 of instruction.
 - 5 (2) Individualized study in a particular area of interest or in a
 6 subject not currently available in the regular school curriculum.
 - 7 (3) Individualized alternative education designed to teach the
 8 knowledge and skills of the core curriculum. Independent study
 9 shall not be provided as an alternative curriculum.
 - 10 (4) Continuing and special study during travel.
 - 11 (5) Volunteer community service activities that support and
 12 strengthen pupil achievement.
 - 13 (6) *A leadership course approved by a statewide or national*
 14 *community service agency that is designed to improve the character*
 15 *and leadership traits of a pupil.*
 - 16 (b) Not more than 10 percent of the pupils participating in an
 17 opportunity school or program, or a continuation high school,
 18 calculated as specified by the ~~State Department of Education~~
 19 *department*, shall be eligible for apportionment credit for
 20 independent study pursuant to this article. A pupil who is pregnant
 21 or is a parent who is the primary caregiver for one or more of his
 22 or her children shall not be counted within the 10 percent cap.
 - 23 (c) ~~No~~ *An individual with exceptional needs, as defined in*
 24 *Section 56026, may shall not* participate in independent study,
 25 unless his or her individualized education program developed
 26 pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 56340) of Chapter
 27 4 of Part 30 specifically provides for that participation.
 - 28 (d) ~~No~~ *A temporarily disabled pupil may shall not* receive
 29 individual instruction pursuant to Section 48206.3 through
 30 independent study.
 - 31 (e) No course included among the courses required for high
 32 school graduation under Section 51225.3 shall be offered
 33 exclusively through independent study.

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