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SENATE BILL

No. 275

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 14, 2011

An act to add Section 52499.68 to the Education Code, relating to career technical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 275, as amended, Hancock. Career technical education: funding.

Existing law provides funding for various career technical education programs, including regional occupational centers and programs, specialized secondary programs, partnership academies, and agricultural career technical education programs.

Commencing with the ~~2013-14~~ 2015-16 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, this bill would require, for each of these programs, that the Superintendent of Public Instruction apportion to each county office of education an amount based on the same relative proportion that local educational agencies within that county received in the 2007-08 fiscal year. The bill would require that these funds be expended for the purposes for which they were appropriated, except that up to 10% of the funds for each program, upon agreement between the governing board of the school district and the governing board of the regional occupational center or program, may be used to support any combination of these programs for the duration of *3 years for any direct career technical education courses or long-term instructional supports, including, but not limited to, the development of a sequence of courses, career counseling, and employer or work experiences, or of one year; for any one-time items, including, but not limited to, field trips and*

equipment. The bill would provide that these agreements would be renewable ~~annually~~ thereafter with the agreement of both governing boards.

The bill would require the Superintendent to align the accountability measures for regional occupational centers and programs, agricultural career technical educational programs, partnership academies, and specialized secondary education programs into a uniform accountability metric based on specified indicators and pupil data.

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 52499.68 is added to the Education Code,
 2 to read:
 3 52499.68. (a) For the ~~2013–14~~ 2015–16 fiscal year and each
 4 fiscal year thereafter:
 5 (1) Notwithstanding Section 42605 or any other ~~provision of~~
 6 law, from funds appropriated in Items 6110-105-0001,
 7 6110-122-0001, 6110-166-0001, and 6110-167-0001, of Section
 8 2.00 of the annual Budget Act, the Superintendent shall apportion
 9 an amount to each county office of education based on the same
 10 relative proportion that local educational agencies within that
 11 county received in the 2007–08 fiscal year.
 12 (2) From the funds described in paragraph (1), each county
 13 office of education shall allocate to regional occupational centers
 14 and programs in accordance with Section 52321, school districts,
 15 and county offices of education, a proportion of these funds based
 16 on the same relative proportion that these agencies received in the
 17 2007–08 fiscal year.
 18 (3) As a condition of receipt of funds pursuant to this section,
 19 the governing board of each regional occupational center or
 20 program, in collaboration with individuals representing partner
 21 school districts within each region, California partnership
 22 academies, agricultural career technical education programs, and
 23 other career technical *education* programs, shall develop a plan
 24 for establishing a sequence of courses, and certify to the department
 25 that this sequence has been developed, pursuant to Section 52302.
 26 (4) (A) Funds allocated pursuant to paragraph (1) may be
 27 expended only for the purposes of the programs for which they

1 were appropriated, except that up to 10 percent of the funds from
2 each item identified in paragraph (1), upon agreement between the
3 governing board of the school district and the governing board of
4 the regional occupational center or program, may be used to
5 support any combination of these programs for the duration of ~~one~~
6 ~~year, renewable annually thereafter with the agreement of both~~
7 ~~boards.~~ *either of the following time periods:*

8 (i) *Three years for any direct career technical education courses*
9 *or long-term instructional supports, including, but not limited to,*
10 *the development of a sequence of courses, career counseling, and*
11 *employer or work experiences.*

12 (ii) *One year for one-time items, including, but not limited to,*
13 *field trips and equipment.*

14 (B) *Any agreement made pursuant to clauses (i) or (ii) of*
15 *subparagraph (A) is renewable thereafter with the agreement of*
16 *both governing boards.*

17 (5) Growth funding for regional occupational centers or
18 programs shall be allocated by the Superintendent exclusively for
19 the purposes of statewide equalization, until full equalization
20 occurs, based upon an equal funding allotment for each high school
21 pupil in the service delivery area served by the regional
22 occupational center program. Growth funding after equalization
23 shall be distributed in a manner to maintain equal per pupil funding
24 levels.

25 (6) As a condition of receipt of funds pursuant to this section,
26 programs receiving funds shall collect and report data as required
27 by the department to prepare and update an accountability measure
28 as provided in subdivision (b).

29 (b) (1) To determine the quality and effectiveness of a career
30 technical education course of study or sequence of career technical
31 education courses funded pursuant to subdivision (a), the
32 Superintendent shall align the accountability measures for regional
33 occupational centers and programs, agricultural career technical
34 educational programs, partnership academies, and specialized
35 secondary education programs into a uniform accountability metric
36 based on any career-ready standards adopted pursuant to the federal
37 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301
38 et seq.) and the following 11 program quality indicators in the
39 California State Plan for Career Technical Education:

40 (A) Leadership at all levels.

- 1 (B) High-quality curriculum and instruction aligned with state
2 standards.
- 3 (C) Career exploration and guidance.
- 4 (D) Pupil support and leadership development.
- 5 (E) Industry partnerships and advisory committees.
- 6 (F) System alignment and coherence, including postsecondary
7 institution involvement.
- 8 (G) After school, extended day, and out-of-school opportunities.
- 9 (H) Reflection of labor market demands, and provision of current
10 equipment.
- 11 (I) Skilled faculty and professional development.
- 12 (J) Career technical education outreach and communication.
- 13 (K) Data-based pupil evaluation, accountability, and continuous
14 improvement.
- 15 (2) In addition to the indicators listed in paragraph (1), the
16 accountability measures shall include the rates at which pupils
17 complete a course of study or sequence of career technical
18 education courses that provide the skills and knowledge necessary
19 to attain entry-level employment in business or industry, or to
20 pursue postsecondary education after those pupils graduate from
21 high school. The pupil data shall include, but are not necessarily
22 limited to, all of the following:
- 23 (A) The number of pupils completing high school.
- 24 (B) The number of pupils earning an industry-recognized
25 certification or licensure or other measures of technical skill
26 attainment.
- 27 (C) The number of pupils completing career technical education
28 courses and completing a career technical education program of
29 study, consisting of a sequence of two or more career technical
30 education courses.
- 31 (D) The number of pupils employed and the types of businesses
32 in which they are employed.
- 33 (E) The number of pupils enrolled in postsecondary education
34 or apprenticeship programs, or serving in the Armed Forces.