

**Introduced by Senator Wright**February 16, 2012

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An act to amend Sections 48980, 51225.3, and 51229 of the Education Code, relating to career technical education.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1103, as introduced, Wright. Career technical education: parent notification: high school graduation requirements.

Existing law requires the governing board of a school district to provide an annual notification with specified information, including a complete list of career technical education courses offered by the school district that satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California, to a parent or guardian of a minor pupil, as provided, and requires a school district offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to include, as part of that notice and among other things, a brief description of what constitutes career technical education.

This bill would define "career technical education course" for purposes of that notice, and would additionally require that the notice contain a brief statement that most available jobs in the labor market do not require a 4-year degree, accompanied by references to specified labor statistics, a description of the completion and tuition rates at the University of California and the California State University, and a list of all career technical education coursework offered by the school district. By imposing these additional duties on the governing board of a school district, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing law requires that, in order to receive a diploma of graduation from high school, a pupil complete certain courses, including, but not limited to, one course in visual or performing arts, foreign language,

or career technical education. Under existing law, that provision does not require a school or school district that does not currently offer career technical education courses to start new career technical education programs.

This bill would clarify that the above-described provision does not relieve a school or school district from the requirement that it offer pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, a course of study that provides an opportunity for those pupils to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 48980 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 48980. (a) At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of
- 4 the regular school term, the governing board of each school district
- 5 shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the
- 6 right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under Sections
- 7 35291, 46014, 48205, 48207, 48208, 49403, 49423, 49451, 49472,
- 8 and 51938 and Chapter 2.3 (commencing with Section 32255) of
- 9 Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1.
- 10 (b) The notification also shall advise the parent or guardian of
- 11 the availability of individualized instruction as prescribed by
- 12 Section 48206.3, and of the program prescribed by Article 9
- 13 (commencing with Section 49510) of Chapter 9.
- 14 (c) The notification also shall advise the parents and guardians
- 15 of all pupils attending a school within the school district of the
- 16 schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days,
- 17 and if minimum or pupil-free staff development days are scheduled
- 18 thereafter, the governing board of the district shall notify parents
- 19 and guardians of the affected pupils as early as possible, but not

1 later than one month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free  
2 day.

3 (d) The notification also may advise the parent or guardian of  
4 the importance of investing for future ~~college or university~~  
5 *postsecondary education or vocational training* for their children  
6 and of considering appropriate investment options, including, but  
7 not limited to, United States savings bonds.

8 (e) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of the  
9 pupil that each pupil completing grade 12 is required to  
10 successfully pass the high school exit examination administered  
11 pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 60850) of Part  
12 33. The notification shall include, at a minimum, the date of the  
13 examination and the requirements for passing the examination,  
14 and shall inform the parents and guardians regarding the  
15 consequences of not passing the examination and shall inform  
16 parents and guardians that passing the examination is a condition  
17 of graduation.

18 (f) Each school district that elects to provide a fingerprinting  
19 program pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section 32390)  
20 of Chapter 3 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 shall inform parents  
21 or guardians of the program as specified in Section 32390.

22 (g) The notification also shall include a copy of the written  
23 policy of the school district on sexual harassment established  
24 pursuant to Section 231.5, as it relates to pupils.

25 (h) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of all  
26 existing statutory attendance options and local attendance options  
27 available in the school district. This notification component shall  
28 include all options for meeting residency requirements for school  
29 attendance, programmatic options offered within the local  
30 attendance areas, and any special programmatic options available  
31 on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis. This notification  
32 component also shall include a description of all options, a  
33 description of the procedure for application for alternative  
34 attendance areas or programs, an application form from the district  
35 for requesting a change of attendance, and a description of the  
36 appeals process available, if any, for a parent or guardian denied  
37 a change of attendance. The notification component also shall  
38 include an explanation of the existing statutory attendance options,  
39 including, but not limited to, those available under Section 35160.5,  
40 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 46600) of Part 26, and

1 subdivision (b) of Section 48204. The department shall produce  
2 this portion of the notification and shall distribute it to all school  
3 districts.

4 (i) It is the intent of the Legislature that the governing board of  
5 each school district annually review the enrollment options  
6 available to the pupils within its district and that the districts strive  
7 to make available enrollment options that meet the diverse needs,  
8 potential, and interests of the pupils of California.

9 (j) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian that a  
10 pupil shall not have his or her grade reduced or lose academic  
11 credit for any absence or absences excused pursuant to Section  
12 48205 if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be  
13 provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period  
14 of time, and shall include the full text of Section 48205.

15 (k) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of the  
16 availability of state funds to cover the costs of advanced placement  
17 examination fees pursuant to Section 52244.

18 (l) The notification to the parent or guardian of a minor pupil  
19 enrolled in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, also shall include the  
20 information required pursuant to Section 51229, *and a list of all*  
21 *coursework offered by the district and available to pupils pursuant*  
22 *to subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 51228.*

23 (m) If a school district elects to allow a career technical  
24 education course to satisfy the requirement imposed by  
25 subparagraph (E) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section  
26 51225.3, the school district shall include, in the notification  
27 required pursuant to this section, ~~both~~ *all* of the following:

28 (1) Information about the high school graduation requirements  
29 of the school district and how each requirement satisfies or does  
30 not satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the  
31 California State University and the University of California.

32 (2) A complete list of career technical education courses offered  
33 by the school district that satisfy the subject matter requirements  
34 for admission to the California State University and the University  
35 of California, and which of the specific college admission  
36 requirements these courses satisfy.

37 (3) *A brief statement that a majority of jobs in the labor market*  
38 *do not require a four-year degree and that there are many*  
39 *postsecondary training and education opportunities available to*

1 *pupils in addition to colleges and universities that offer four-year*  
2 *degree programs.*

3 SEC. 2. Section 51225.3 of the Education Code, as amended  
4 by Section 3 of Chapter 621 of the Statutes of 2011, is amended  
5 to read:

6 51225.3. (a) A pupil shall complete all of the following while  
7 in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in order to receive a diploma of  
8 graduation from high school:

9 (1) At least the following numbers of courses in the subjects  
10 specified, each course having a duration of one year, unless  
11 otherwise specified:

12 (A) Three courses in English.

13 (B) Two courses in mathematics.

14 (C) Two courses in science, including biological and physical  
15 sciences.

16 (D) Three courses in social studies, including United States  
17 history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a  
18 one-semester course in American government and civics; and a  
19 one-semester course in economics.

20 (E) One course in visual or performing arts, foreign language,  
21 or, commencing with the 2012–13 school year, career technical  
22 education.

23 (i) For purposes of satisfying the requirement specified in this  
24 subparagraph, a course in American Sign Language shall be  
25 deemed a course in foreign language.

26 (ii) For purposes of this subparagraph, “a course in career  
27 technical education” means a course in a district-operated career  
28 technical education program that is aligned to the career technical  
29 model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the state  
30 board, including courses through a regional occupational center  
31 or program operated by a county superintendent of schools or  
32 pursuant to a joint powers agreement.

33 (iii) This subparagraph does not require a school or school  
34 district that currently does not offer career technical education  
35 courses to start new career technical education programs for  
36 purposes of this section; *however, this does not relieve a school*  
37 *or school district from its entry-level employment skills preparation*  
38 *requirements pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51228.*

39 (iv) If a school district or county office of education elects to  
40 allow a career technical education course to satisfy the requirement

1 imposed by this subparagraph, the governing board of the school  
2 district or county office of education, ~~prior to~~ *before* offering that  
3 alternative to pupils, shall notify parents, teachers, pupils, and the  
4 public at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board of  
5 all of the following:

6 (I) The intent to offer career technical education courses to fulfill  
7 the graduation requirement specified in this subparagraph.

8 (II) The impact that offering career technical education courses,  
9 pursuant to this subparagraph, will have on the availability of  
10 courses that meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the  
11 California State University and the University of California, and  
12 whether the career technical education courses to be offered  
13 pursuant to this subparagraph are approved to satisfy those  
14 eligibility requirements. If a school district elects to allow a career  
15 technical education course to satisfy the requirement imposed by  
16 this subparagraph, the school district shall comply with subdivision  
17 (m) of Section 48980.

18 (III) The distinction, if any, between the high school graduation  
19 requirements of the school district or county office of education,  
20 and the eligibility requirements for admission to the California  
21 State University and the University of California.

22 (F) Two courses in physical education, unless the pupil has been  
23 exempted pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this code.

24 (2) Other coursework requirements adopted by the governing  
25 board of the school district.

26 (b) The governing board, with the active involvement of parents,  
27 administrators, teachers, and pupils, shall adopt alternative means  
28 for pupils to complete the prescribed course of study that may  
29 include practical demonstration of skills and competencies,  
30 supervised work experience or other outside school experience,  
31 career technical education classes offered in high schools, courses  
32 offered by regional occupational centers or programs,  
33 interdisciplinary study, independent study, and credit earned at a  
34 postsecondary institution. Requirements for graduation and  
35 specified alternative modes for completing the prescribed course  
36 of study shall be made available to pupils, parents, and the public.

37 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, a school district shall exempt  
38 a pupil in foster care from all coursework and other requirements  
39 adopted by the governing board of the district that are in addition  
40 to the statewide coursework requirements specified in this section

1 if the pupil, while he or she is in grade 11 or 12, transfers into the  
2 district from another school district or between high schools within  
3 the district, unless the district makes a finding that the pupil is  
4 reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time  
5 to graduate from high school while he or she remains eligible for  
6 foster care benefits pursuant to state law. A school district shall  
7 notify a pupil in foster care who is granted an exemption pursuant  
8 to this subdivision, and, as appropriate, the person holding the  
9 right to make educational decisions for the pupil, if any of the  
10 requirements that are waived will affect the pupil's ability to gain  
11 admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall  
12 provide information about transfer opportunities available through  
13 the California Community Colleges.

14 (d) On or before July 1, 2017, the department shall submit a  
15 comprehensive report to the appropriate policy committees of the  
16 Legislature on the addition of career technical education courses  
17 to satisfy the requirement specified in subparagraph (E) of  
18 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), including, but not limited to, the  
19 following information:

20 (1) A comparison of the pupil enrollment in career technical  
21 education courses, foreign language courses, and visual and  
22 performing arts courses for the 2005–06 to 2011–12 school years,  
23 inclusive, to the pupil enrollment in career technical education  
24 courses, foreign language courses, and visual and performing arts  
25 courses for the 2012–13 to 2016–17 school years, inclusive.

26 (2) The reasons, reported by school districts, that pupils give  
27 for choosing to enroll in a career technical education course to  
28 satisfy the requirement specified in subparagraph (E) of paragraph  
29 (1) of subdivision (a).

30 (3) The type and number of career technical education courses  
31 that were conducted for the 2005–06 to 2011–12 school years,  
32 inclusive, compared to the type and number of career technical  
33 education courses that were conducted for the 2012–13 to 2016–17  
34 school years, inclusive.

35 (4) The number of career technical education courses that  
36 satisfied the subject matter requirements for admission to the  
37 University of California or the California State University.

38 (5) The extent to which the career technical education courses  
39 chosen by pupils are aligned with the California Career Technical

1 Education Standards, and prepare pupils for employment, advanced  
2 training, and postsecondary education.

3 (6) The number of career technical education courses that also  
4 satisfy the visual and performing arts requirement, and the number  
5 of career technical education courses that also satisfy the foreign  
6 language requirement.

7 (7) Annual pupil dropout and graduation rates for the 2011–12  
8 to 2014–15 school years, inclusive.

9 (e) For purposes of completing the report described in  
10 subdivision (d), the Superintendent may use existing state resources  
11 and federal funds. If state or federal funds are not available or  
12 sufficient, the Superintendent may apply for and accept grants,  
13 and receive donations and other financial support from public or  
14 private sources for purposes of this section.

15 (f) For purposes of completing the report described in  
16 subdivision (d), the Superintendent may accept support, including,  
17 but not limited to, financial and technical support, from high school  
18 reform advocates, teachers, chamber organizations, industry  
19 representatives, research centers, parents, and pupils.

20 (g) This section shall become inoperative on the earlier of the  
21 following two dates:

22 (1) On July 1, immediately following the first fiscal year after  
23 the enactment of the act that adds this paragraph in which the  
24 number of career technical education courses that, as determined  
25 by the department, satisfy the foreign language requirement for  
26 admission to the California State University and the University of  
27 California is at least twice the number of career technical education  
28 courses that meet these admission requirements as of January 1,  
29 2012. This section shall be repealed on the following January 1,  
30 unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before  
31 that date, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes  
32 inoperative and is repealed. It is the intent of the Legislature that  
33 new career technical education courses that satisfy the foreign  
34 language requirement for admission to the California State  
35 University and the University of California focus on world  
36 languages aligned with career preparation, emphasizing real-world  
37 application and technical content in related career and technical  
38 education courses.

39 (2) On July 1, 2017, and, as of January 1, 2018, is repealed,  
40 unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before

1 January 1, 2018, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes  
2 inoperative and is repealed.

3 SEC. 3. Section 51229 of the Education Code is amended to  
4 read:

5 51229. (a) Each school year, as part of the annual notification  
6 required pursuant to Section 48980, a school district offering any  
7 of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall provide the parent or guardian  
8 of each minor pupil enrolled in any of those grades in the district  
9 with written notification that, to the extent possible, shall not  
10 exceed one page in length and that includes all of the following:

11 (1) A brief explanation of the college admission requirements.

12 (2) A list of the current University of California and California  
13 State University Web sites that help pupils and their families learn  
14 about college admission requirements and that list high school  
15 courses that have been certified by the University of California as  
16 satisfying the requirements for admission to the University of  
17 California and the California State University.

18 (3) *A description of the completion and tuition rates at the*  
19 *University of California and California State University.*

20 ~~(3)~~

21 (4) A brief description of what career technical education is, as  
22 defined by the department, *and a statement that most available*  
23 *jobs in the labor market do not require a four-year college degree.*  
24 *This statement shall be accompanied by references to available*  
25 *online data from the United States Department of Labor Statistics*  
26 *or California labor statistics of projected job demands by job*  
27 *classification.*

28 ~~(4)~~

29 (5) The Internet address for the portion of the Web site of the  
30 department where pupils can learn more about career technical  
31 education.

32 ~~(5)~~

33 (6) Information about how pupils may meet with school  
34 counselors to help them choose courses at their school that will  
35 meet college admission requirements or enroll in career technical  
36 education courses, or both.

37 (b) For purposes of this section, *“college section:*

38 (1) *“Career technical education course” means any career*  
39 *technical education course, or sequence of courses, that provides*

1 *an opportunity for pupils to attain entry-level employment skills*  
2 *in business or industry upon graduation from high school.*

3 (2) “College admission requirements” means the list of courses  
4 that satisfy the subject requirements for admission to the California  
5 State University and the University of California.

6 SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
7 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
8 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.