

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 25, 2012

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1121**

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**Introduced by Senator Hancock**

February 17, 2012

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An act to add Section 3021 to the Penal Code, relating to inmates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1121, as amended, Hancock. Inmates: assessments.

Existing law requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to conduct assessments of all inmates that include, but are not limited to, data regarding the inmate's history of substance abuse, medical and mental health, education, family background, criminal activity, and social functioning. Existing law requires these assessments to be used to place inmates in programs that will aid reentry to society and will most likely reduce the inmate's chances of reoffending.

This bill would require the ~~presence~~ *input* of a credentialed teacher, vice principal, or principal at all meetings relating to academic or vocational education program placement of an inmate, ~~as specified, and would make attendance at those meetings part of the assigned duties of a credentialed teacher, vice principal, or principal who is employed by the department and who assigns inmates to those programs~~ *including, but not limited to, interviewing the inmate, verifying the inmate's education records and test scores, or being present at meetings relating to the academic or vocational education program placement.*

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 3021 is added to the Penal Code, to read:
- 2 3021. (a) A credentialed teacher, vice principal, or principal
- 3 ~~shall be present at all meetings~~ *provide input* relating to the
- 4 academic or vocational education program placement of an inmate
- 5 pursuant to Section 3375 of Title 15 of the California Code of
- 6 Regulations, *including, but not limited to, interviewing the inmate,*
- 7 *verifying the inmate’s education records and test scores, or being*
- 8 *present at meetings relating to the academic or vocational*
- 9 *education program placement.*
- 10 ~~(b) Attendance at these meetings shall be made part of the~~
- 11 ~~assigned duties of a credentialed teacher, vice principal, or principal~~
- 12 ~~who is employed by the department and who assigns inmates to~~
- 13 ~~programs pursuant to this article.~~

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