

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 16, 2012

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 25, 2012

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 9, 2012

SENATE BILL

No. 1121

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 17, 2012

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 input of a credentialed teacher, vice principal, or principal at all meetings relating to academic or vocational education program placement of an inmate, 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 provide input relating to the academic or vocational education
4 program placement of an inmate pursuant to Section 3375 of Title
5 15 of the California Code of Regulations, including, but not limited
6 to, interviewing the inmate, verifying the inmate’s education
7 records and test scores, or being present at meetings relating to the
8 academic or vocational education program placement.

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