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SENATE BILL

No. 1316

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 46141 of, and to add Section 46146.5 to, the Education Code, relating to school attendance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1316, as amended, Hancock. School attendance: early and middle college high schools.

Existing law provides that the minimum schoolday in any high school is 240 minutes, except for, among other entities, an evening high school, a regional occupational center, or a continuation high school.

This bill would also exempt an early college high school and a middle college high school from the 240-minute minimum schoolday. The bill would instead provide that a day of attendance for an early college high school pupil or middle college high school pupil is 180 minutes if the pupil is a special part-time student enrolled in a community college under specified provisions, or the pupil is in grades 11 and 12 and is also enrolled part time in classes of the California State University or the University of California. The bill would provide that a day of attendance for an early college high school pupil or middle college high school pupil who is neither a special part-time student enrolled in a community college nor enrolled part time in classes of the California State University or the University of California is 240 minutes. The bill would state findings and declarations regarding the pupils for whom an early college high school is designed and the key elements of an early college high school.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Early college high schools are innovative partnerships
4 between public secondary schools and local community colleges
5 that allow pupils to earn a high school diploma and two years of
6 college credit in five years or less.

7 (b) Early college high schools are small, autonomous schools
8 that blend high school and college into a coherent educational
9 program. Pupils begin taking college courses as soon as they
10 demonstrate preparedness, and the credits earned can be applied
11 toward completing an associate's degree, qualifying for transfer
12 to a four-year university, or earning certification in a vocation that
13 provides a family-sustaining wage.

14 (c) Early college high schools are designed for pupils from
15 communities that are underrepresented in postsecondary education,
16 including pupils who have not had access to the academic
17 preparation needed to meet college readiness standards, pupils for
18 whom the cost of college is prohibitive, pupils of color,
19 first-generation college-bound pupils, and English learners.

20 (d) Early college high schools can be organized and operated
21 in a variety of ways depending on the local needs of the school
22 district, schoolsite, and community college.

23 (e) The key elements of an early college high school ~~shall~~ *may*
24 include, but not be limited to, the following:

25 (1) A commitment to serve pupils underrepresented in
26 postsecondary education.

27 (2) Being created and sustained by a local educational agency,
28 a postsecondary institution, and the community, all of whom are
29 jointly accountable for pupil success.

30 (3) In conjunction with postsecondary institution partners and
31 the community, joint development of an integrated academic
32 program so pupils are able to earn one to two years of transferable
33 college credit that leads to college completion.

1 (4) The opportunity for pupils to earn a high school diploma
2 and at least two years of college credit in five years or less. The
3 two years of college credit should culminate in:

4 (A) An associate’s degree.

5 (B) Completion of a vocational or occupational training
6 program.

7 (C) Eligibility to transfer as a junior to a four-year college or
8 university.

9 (5) A personalized learning environment with an effective pupil
10 support network that develops academic and social skills as well
11 as the behaviors and conditions necessary for college completion
12 and maximum pupil success.

13 (6) A location on or near the partner community college campus
14 where college services, facilities, and resources are available and
15 welcoming to pupils attending an early college high school.

16 SEC. 2. Section 46141 of the Education Code is amended to
17 read:

18 46141. The minimum schoolday in a high school is 240
19 minutes, except in an evening high school, an early college high
20 school, a middle college high school, a regional occupational
21 center, an opportunity school and in opportunity classes, a
22 continuation high school, in continuation education classes, in late
23 afternoon or Saturday occupationally organized vocational training
24 programs conducted under a federally approved plan for vocational
25 education, and for students enrolled in a work experience education
26 program approved under the provisions of Article 7 (commencing
27 with Section 51760) of Chapter 5 of Part 28.

28 SEC. 3. Section 46146.5 is added to the Education Code, to
29 read:

30 46146.5. (a) A day of attendance for a pupil enrolled in grades
31 11 and 12 at an early college high school or middle college high
32 school is 180 minutes of attendance if the pupil is also enrolled
33 part time in classes of the California State University or the
34 University of California for which academic credit will be provided
35 upon satisfactory completion of enrolled courses.

36 (b) A day of attendance for a pupil enrolled in an early college
37 high school or middle college high school, who is also a special
38 part-time student enrolled in a community college under Article
39 1 (commencing with Section 48800) of Chapter 5 of Part 27, and

- 1 who will receive academic credit upon satisfactory completion of
- 2 enrolled courses, is 180 minutes of attendance.
- 3 (c) A day of attendance for a pupil enrolled in an early college
- 4 high school or middle college high school who does not satisfy
- 5 subdivision (a) or (b) is 240 minutes of attendance.

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