

Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 48070.6 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1497, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Pupil data: dropouts: report.

Existing law establishes the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), and requires a local educational agency to retain all data necessary to compile reports required by specified federal laws, including, but not limited to, dropout and graduation rates. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to annually submit to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Board of Education a report on dropouts using the data produced by CALPADS.

This bill would prohibit the inclusion of a pupil in the dropout rates indicated in the report more than one time.

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 48070.6 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 48070.6. (a) On or before August 1, 2011, and annually
4 thereafter, utilizing data produced by the California Longitudinal
5 Pupil Achievement Data System pursuant to Section 60900 and
6 other available data, the Superintendent shall submit to the

1 Governor, the Legislature, and the state board, a report that shall
2 be called the Annual Report on Dropouts in California. The report
3 shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

4 (1) One-year dropout rates for each of grades 7 to 12, inclusive.

5 (2) Four-year cohort dropout rates for grades 9 to 12, inclusive.

6 (3) Two- or three-year cohort dropout rates, as appropriate, for
7 middle schools.

8 (4) Grade 9 to grade 10 promotion rates.

9 (5) Percentage of high school pupils for each of grades 9 to 12,
10 inclusive, who are on track to earn sufficient credits to graduate.

11 (6) The average number of nonpromotional school moves that
12 pupils make between grades 6 to 12, inclusive.

13 (7) “Full-year” dropout rates for alternative schools, including
14 dropout recovery high schools, calculated using a methodology
15 developed by the Superintendent to appropriately reflect dropout
16 rates in each type of alternative school.

17 (8) An explanation of the methodology or methodologies used
18 to calculate “full-year” dropout rates for alternative schools
19 pursuant to paragraph (7).

20 (9) Passage rates on the high school exit examination adopted
21 pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 60850.

22 (10) Other available data relating to dropout or graduation rates
23 or pupil progress toward high school graduation.

24 (b) When cohort dropout rates can be calculated accurately
25 using longitudinal data, the rates described in paragraph (3) of
26 subdivision (a) shall be replaced by dropout rates for cohorts of
27 pupils entering middle school.

28 (c) When data is available, the report shall also include all of
29 the following:

30 (1) Rates at which pupils graduate in four, five, and six years,
31 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4) of subdivision (a)
32 of Section 52052.

33 (2) Percentage of high school graduates and dropouts who
34 completed courses that are certified by the University of California
35 as meeting admission requirement criteria for the University of
36 California and California State University systems.

37 (3) Percentage of high school graduates and dropouts who
38 completed two or more classes in career technical education.

- 1 (4) Percentage of high school graduates and dropouts who
2 completed both course sequences described in paragraphs (2) and
3 (3).
- 4 (5) Behavioral data by school and district, including suspensions
5 and expulsions.
- 6 (6) Truancy rates.
- 7 (7) GED earning rates.
- 8 (8) Chronic absentee rates, as defined in Section 60901.
- 9 (d) If possible, the data listed in subdivisions (a) and (b) shall
10 be presented in the report, organized as follows:
- 11 (1) By state.
- 12 (2) By county.
- 13 (3) By district, both including and excluding charter schools.
- 14 (4) By school.
- 15 (e) The report shall include data from alternative middle and
16 high schools, including continuation high schools, community day
17 schools, juvenile court schools, special schools, opportunity
18 schools, and schools attended by wards of the Department of
19 Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice.
- 20 (f) The report may include relevant data on school climate and
21 pupil engagement from the California Healthy Kids Survey.
- 22 (g) If possible, the data listed in subdivisions (a) and (b) shall
23 be presented for the following subgroups, if the subgroup consists
24 of at least 50 pupils, and the subgroup constitutes at least 15 percent
25 of the total population of pupils at a school:
- 26 (1) Grade level.
- 27 (2) Ethnicity.
- 28 (3) Gender.
- 29 (4) Low socioeconomic status.
- 30 (5) English learners.
- 31 (6) Special education status.
- 32 (h) The first Annual Report on Dropouts in California shall
33 include data from the most recent year. Subsequent annual reports
34 shall include data from the most recent year and, at a minimum,
35 the two prior years, so that comparisons can be made easily.
- 36 (i) The Superintendent or his or her designee shall make an oral
37 presentation of the contents of the report to the state board at a
38 regularly scheduled meeting of the board.

1 (j) The Superintendent shall make the contents of the report
2 available on the department's Internet Web site in a format that is
3 easy for the public to access and understand.

4 (k) If inclusion of school-level data would render the written
5 report unwieldy, the data may be omitted from the written report
6 and posted on the department's Internet Web site.

7 (l) It is the intent of the Legislature that the report prepared by
8 the Superintendent be usable by schools, districts, policymakers,
9 researchers, parents, and the public, for purposes of identifying
10 and understanding trends, causal relations, early warning indicators,
11 and potential points of intervention to address the high rate of
12 dropouts in California.

13 (m) For purposes of this section, dropouts shall be defined using
14 the exit/withdrawal codes developed by the department.

15 (n) *A pupil shall not be included in the dropout rates indicated*
16 *in the report more than one time.*

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18 (o) For purposes of this section, "dropout recovery high school"
19 has the same meaning as defined in subparagraph (C) of paragraph
20 (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 52052.