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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 13

Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Hueso~~ Campos

(Principal ~~coauthor~~: Senator ~~coauthors~~: Senators Hueso and Steinberg)

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Atkins, Brown, ~~Campos~~, Chávez,
Lowenthal, and Pan)**

(Coauthors: Senators Leno and Wright)

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 13—Relative to Job Corps students.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 13, as amended, ~~Hueso~~ Campos. Labor: Job Corps centers.

This measure would state that the Legislature supports the congressional action to reverse the suspension of new student enrollments in the Job Corps, to prevent any limits to student enrollment until other cost-saving measures have been exhausted, and to maintain the full range of educational and employment services provided by the Job Corps.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California serves the largest proportion
2 of Job Corps students administered by the United States
3 Department of Labor. Currently, there are seven Job Corps centers
4 located in California in the Cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles,
5 Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and San
6 Jose; and

1 WHEREAS, These seven Job Corps centers provide a vital piece
2 of California's workforce development system by serving 5,373
3 disadvantaged youth between 16 and 24 years of age, inclusive,
4 by providing high school diplomas and career technical education
5 to young men and women, all of whom come from very low
6 income households and are unemployed or underemployed; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to academic and employment training,
8 these Job Corps centers provide social skills training and other
9 services to empower these young men and women to obtain and
10 hold a job, enroll in advanced training, attend college, or enter the
11 Armed Forces to defend the interests of the United States around
12 the world; and

13 WHEREAS, Over 8,000 former dropouts have received fully
14 accredited public high school diplomas at the Job Corps centers
15 and thousands more unemployed youth have received career
16 training and job placement assistance; and

17 WHEREAS, The young men and women who participate in the
18 Job Corps gain entry level job skills for well-paying careers in
19 construction, health care, culinary arts, security services, and other
20 employment sectors vital to the California California's economy;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Recent studies demonstrate a significant economic
23 gain from funds invested in dropout recovery by increasing
24 employment, raising individual earnings, improving home and
25 auto sales, increased job and economic growth, greater spending
26 and investments, and tax revenues, and significant reductions in
27 health care costs, crime prevention and corrections expenditures,
28 and other social services provided by California; and

29 WHEREAS, The National Job Corps Association reports that
30 the combined economic activity stimulated by the Job Corps
31 centers in California is two hundred forty-three million seven
32 hundred twenty-six thousand five hundred nineteen dollars
33 (\$243,726,519), and that 2,971 local jobs are created by the
34 operation of the Job Corps centers in California; and

35 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor is entrusted
36 to serve the disadvantaged youth in America. However, the United
37 States Department of Labor recently decided to suspend all new
38 student enrollments to Job Corps centers in California and
39 throughout the 125 Job Corps centers serving the nation, which

1 would prevent as many as 30,000 otherwise eligible young men
2 and women from receiving diplomas and job training; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor's decision
4 appears to be inequitably balancing a budget shortfall on the backs
5 of the disadvantaged youth it is entrusted to serve when other
6 alternatives are available for closing the shortfall; and

7 WHEREAS, Seventy-one members of the United States House
8 of Representatives and 17 members of the United States Senate
9 have sent a bipartisan letter asking Acting Secretary and Deputy
10 Secretary of Labor, Seth D. Harris, to reverse the suspension of
11 new student enrollments in order to protect the opportunities
12 provided to the nation's most disadvantaged youth and to prevent
13 further economic damage to the communities served by the Job
14 Corps; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
16 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature supports the United States
17 congressional action to reverse the suspension of new student
18 enrollments in the Job Corps, to prevent any limits to student
19 enrollment until other cost-saving measures have been exhausted,
20 and to maintain the full range of educational and employment
21 services provided by the Job Corps; and be it further

22 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
23 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
24 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
25 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
26 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
27 States.