

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 123**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta**

January 14, 2013

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An act to add Section 51221.2 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 123, as introduced, Bonta. Pupil instruction: social sciences: farm labor movement: Filipinos.

Existing law requires a school district, as part of its adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in specified areas of study, including, among others, social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology.

This bill would require a school district, in providing instruction in the area of social sciences, to include instruction on the contributions of Filipino Americans to the farm labor movement in California, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (1) All pupils who learn about the United Farm Workers should  
4 learn about the influence of all major groups involved in the  
5 movement to fully understand this important part of California  
6 history.

7 (2) According to a 2010 report by the United States Census  
8 Bureau, there are currently over 1.1 million Filipino Americans  
9 in California. Filipino Americans comprise the second and third  
10 largest Asian populations within California and the United States,  
11 respectively.

12 (3) It is important that pupils learn about the influence of  
13 Filipino Americans and their culture on the history of California.  
14 The formation and continuing work of the United Farm Workers  
15 have had an enormous impact on helping to stop the suppression  
16 and oppression of farm workers and the general working public  
17 on a national scale.

18 (4) Unfortunately, the story of how the Filipino American labor  
19 leaders and workers helped create the United Farm Workers has  
20 been greatly ignored by national and international media.

21 (b) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to help emphasize  
22 the important role of Filipino Americans in the history of the state  
23 and to help recognize those noteworthy historical Filipino  
24 American figures who never received proper credit for their work  
25 with the United Farm Workers.

26 SEC. 2. Section 51221.2 is added to the Education Code, to  
27 read:

28 51221.2. Instruction in the area of social sciences, as required  
29 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51220, shall include  
30 instruction on the contributions of Filipino Americans to the farm  
31 labor movement in California.

32 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
33 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
34 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
35 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
36 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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