

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 23, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 144

Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen

May 5, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 144—Relative to California Charter Schools Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 144, as amended, Olsen. California Charter Schools Week.

This measure would proclaim May 5, 2014, to May 11, 2014, inclusive, *and every second week of May thereafter*, to be California Charter Schools Week, and would state that the Legislature joins the California Charter Schools Association in congratulating charter schools for the accomplishments and contributions they have made to public education.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In the 2013–14 academic year, 104 new charter
2 schools opened their doors across the state, helping to create new
3 jobs and opportunities for educators and other professionals in
4 California; and

5 WHEREAS, Charter schools are public schools that increase
6 learning opportunities for all pupils and provide parents and pupils
7 with expanded choices within the public school system; and

8 WHEREAS, There are 1,130 charter schools operating in
9 California, the highest number of any state in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, Charter schools have a combined enrollment of
2 over ~~519,000~~ 514,000 pupils, representing ~~8.4~~ 8.3 percent of the
3 public school pupil population in the state; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1992, California was the second state in the
5 nation to establish charter schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Charter schools serve as beacons of innovation
7 and produce effective models of education, of significance to all
8 public schools; and

9 WHEREAS, Many charter schools are designed specifically to
10 serve children from traditionally disadvantaged communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Charter schools have made dramatic gains in
12 accelerating the closing of the achievement gap for those
13 underserved populations, increasing the graduation rate and
14 improving college readiness; and

15 WHEREAS, Charter schools create new professional
16 opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be
17 responsible for the learning program at the schoolsite; and

18 WHEREAS, Charter schools offer a variety of learning
19 environments and emphases, including college-preparedness, career
20 technical education, arts, and sciences; and

21 WHEREAS, Charter schools play an integral role in California's
22 public education system, the communities in which they operate,
23 the families they serve, and the pupils' lives they impact; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims May 5, 2014,
27 to May 11, 2014, inclusive, *and every second week of May*
28 *thereafter*, to be California Charter Schools Week, and joins the
29 California Charter Schools Association in congratulating charter
30 schools for the accomplishments and contributions they have made
31 to public education; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.