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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 424

Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly

February 15, 2013

An act to amend ~~Sections~~ *Section 33540 and 51220* of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 424, as amended, Donnelly. Pupil instruction: social sciences: State and Federal Constitutions.

~~(1) Existing~~

Existing law requires the Instructional Quality Commission to ensure that certain historical documents are incorporated, as appropriate, into the history-social science framework.

This bill would ~~add~~ *require the commission, when revising the history-social science framework, to do so based on the subject matter of the course in addition to appropriateness, to consider incorporating the Magna Carta, the Articles of Confederation, and the California Constitution to the historical documents that are required to be incorporated into that framework and would require them to be incorporated based on the subject matter of the course: into the history-social science framework, and to encourage instruction that promotes an understanding of the governments of California and the United States of America, as specified.* The bill would require that it not be construed as requiring the Instructional Quality Commission to meet specifically for purposes of implementing the changes made by

the bill and would require any recommended revisions made by the bill to be implemented in accordance with the regular adoption schedule.

~~(2) Existing law requires instruction in social sciences for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to provide a foundation for understanding the history, resources, development, and government of California and the United States of America.~~

~~This bill would require instruction in the social sciences also to include the development of democracy and the history of the development of the United States Constitution. To the extent that this requirement would require additional instruction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~(3) 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-no*.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 33540 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 33540. (a) The state board and the department shall request
- 4 that the commission review and revise, as necessary, the course
- 5 requirements in the history-social science framework developed
- 6 by the History-Social Science Curriculum Framework and Criteria
- 7 Committee of the state board to ensure that minimum standards
- 8 for courses in American government and civics include sufficient
- 9 attention to teaching pupils how to interact, in a practical manner,
- 10 with state and local governmental agencies and representatives to
- 11 solve problems and to petition for changes in laws and procedures.
- 12 (b) When the history-social science framework is revised as
- 13 required by law, the commission shall ~~ensure that do, as~~
- 14 *appropriate and based on the subject matter of the course, all of*
- 15 ~~the following historical documents are incorporated into the~~
- 16 ~~framework, as appropriate, based on the subject matter of the~~
- 17 ~~course: following:~~

1 (1) *Ensure the following historical documents are incorporated*
2 *in the framework:*

- 3 ~~(1)~~
4 (A) The Declaration of Independence.
5 ~~(2)~~
6 (B) The United States Constitution, including the Bill of Rights.
7 ~~(3)~~
8 (C) The Federalist Papers.
9 ~~(4)~~
10 (D) The Emancipation Proclamation.
11 ~~(5)~~
12 (E) The Gettysburg Address.
13 ~~(6)~~
14 (F) George Washington’s Farewell Address.
15 ~~(7) The Magna Carta.~~
16 ~~(8) The Articles of Confederation.~~
17 ~~(9) The California Constitution.~~

18 (2) *Consider incorporating the following historical documents*
19 *into the framework:*

- 20 (A) *The Magna Carta.*
21 (B) *The Articles of Confederation.*
22 (C) *The California Constitution.*
23 (3) *Encourage instruction that promotes an understanding of*
24 *the governments of California and the United States of America,*
25 *including, but not limited to, the development of democracy and*
26 *the history of the development of the United States Constitution.*

27 ~~SEC. 2. Section 51220 of the Education Code is amended to~~
28 ~~read:~~

29 ~~51220. The adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12,~~
30 ~~inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study:~~

31 ~~(a) English, including knowledge of and appreciation for~~
32 ~~literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading,~~
33 ~~listening, and speaking.~~

34 ~~(b) Social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of~~
35 ~~anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science,~~
36 ~~psychology, and sociology, designed to fit the maturity of the~~
37 ~~pupils. Instruction shall provide a foundation for understanding~~
38 ~~the history, resources, development, and governments of California~~
39 ~~and the United States of America, including the development of~~
40 ~~democracy and the history of the development of the United States~~

1 Constitution; instruction in our American legal system, the
2 operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, and
3 the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal and civil law
4 and the State and Federal Constitutions; the development of the
5 American economic system, including the role of the entrepreneur
6 and labor; the relations of persons to their human and natural
7 environment; eastern and western cultures and civilizations; human
8 rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the
9 inhumanity of genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust, and
10 contemporary issues.

11 (e) Foreign language or languages, beginning not later than
12 grade 7, designed to develop a facility for understanding, speaking,
13 reading, and writing the particular language.

14 (d) Physical education, with emphasis given to physical activities
15 that are conducive to health and to vigor of body and mind, as
16 required by Section 51222.

17 (e) Science, including the physical and biological aspects, with
18 emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific
19 investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems,
20 and with appropriate applications of the interrelation and
21 interdependence of the sciences.

22 (f) Mathematics, including instruction designed to develop
23 mathematical understandings, operational skills, and insight into
24 problem-solving procedures.

25 (g) Visual and performing arts, including dance, music, theater,
26 and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic
27 appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

28 (h) Applied arts, including instruction in the areas of consumer
29 and homemaking education, industrial arts, general business
30 education, or general agriculture.

31 (i) Career technical education designed and conducted for the
32 purpose of preparing youth for gainful employment in the
33 occupations and in the numbers that are appropriate to the
34 personnel needs of the state and the community served and relevant
35 to the career desires and needs of the pupils.

36 (j) Automobile driver education, designed to develop a
37 knowledge of the provisions of the Vehicle Code and other laws
38 of this state relating to the operation of motor vehicles, a proper
39 acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic, a true appreciation
40 of the causes, seriousness, and consequences of traffic accidents;

1 and to develop the knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe
2 operation of motor vehicles. A course in automobile driver
3 education shall include education in the safe operation of
4 motorcycles.

5 (k) Other studies as may be prescribed by the governing board.

6 ~~SEC. 3.~~

7 *SEC. 2.* This act shall not be construed as requiring the
8 Instructional Quality Commission to meet specifically for purposes
9 of implementing the changes made by Section 1 of this act, and
10 any recommended revisions made pursuant to Section 1 of this act
11 shall be implemented in accordance with the regular adoption
12 schedule.

13 ~~SEC. 4.~~ If the Commission on State Mandates determines
14 that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement
15 to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
16 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
17 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.