

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 631

Introduced by Assembly Member Fox

February 20, 2013

An act to amend Section 48645.3 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 631, as introduced, Fox. Pupils: juvenile court schools.

Existing law requires county boards of education to provide for the administration and operation of public schools in juvenile homes, juvenile halls, day centers, juvenile ranches, juvenile camps, regional youth educational facilities, Orange County youth correctional centers, or in any group home housing 25 or more children, as specified. These public schools are known under existing law as juvenile court schools. Existing law requires that juvenile court schools be conducted in a manner prescribed by the county board of education to best accomplish the purposes set forth in existing law.

This bill would authorize the county board of education to adopt and enforce a course of study that increases instruction in mathematics and English for pupils attending juvenile court schools and who are performing 3 grades below grade level.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 48645.3 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:

1 48645.3. (a) Juvenile court schools shall be conducted in a
2 manner as shall be prescribed by the county board of education to
3 best accomplish the provisions of Section 48645. The minimum
4 schoolday shall be 240 minutes. Minimum schooldays shall be
5 calculated on the basis of the average number of minutes of
6 attendance during not more than 10 consecutive days in which
7 classes are conducted. The minimum schoolday for pupils in
8 attendance in approved vocational education programs, work
9 programs prescribed by the probation department pursuant to
10 Section 883 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and work
11 experience programs shall be 180 minutes, which shall be
12 calculated on the basis of the average number of minutes of
13 attendance during not more than 10 consecutive days in which
14 classes are conducted. The county board of education shall adopt
15 and enforce a course of study and evaluate its program in
16 accordance with Sections 51040, 51041, 51050, and 51054 and
17 the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Section 51200) of
18 Chapter 2 of Part 28, except subdivision (c) of Section 51220.

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20 (b) *Juvenile* court schools shall not be closed on any weekday
21 of the calendar year, except those weekdays adopted by the *county*
22 board of education as school holidays or set aside by the *county*
23 board of education for inservice purposes. However, the *county*
24 board of education may close juvenile court schools when it deems
25 ~~such~~ *the* closing is necessary to accommodate contingencies.

26 (c) *The county board of education may adopt and enforce a*
27 *course of study that increases instruction in mathematics and*
28 *English for pupils attending juvenile court schools and who are*
29 *performing three grades below grade level.*