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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 631**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fox**

February 20, 2013

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 631, as amended, 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, *as determined by objective local evaluations and assessments as approved by the county superintendent of schools*.

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:

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

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

27 (c) The county board of education may adopt and enforce a  
28 course of study that increases instruction in mathematics and  
29 English for pupils attending juvenile court schools and who are  
30 performing three grades below grade level, *as determined by*  
31 *objective local evaluations and assessments as approved by the*  
32 *county superintendent of schools.*

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