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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 684

Introduced by Assembly Member Medina

February 21, 2013

An act relating to workforce training.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 684, as amended, Medina. Workforce training:—~~General Educational Development~~ *general educational development* test preparation: grants.

Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state, and authorizes school districts to award high school diplomas to pupils who have met specified requirements. Existing law also establishes various programs that provide financial aid for qualifying students attending postsecondary educational institutions. Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board for, among other purposes, promoting the development of a well-educated and highly skilled workforce.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to provide funding to institutions that offer instruction to persons who are preparing for the ~~General Educational Development~~ *general educational development* test. The bill would authorize the California Workforce Investment Board to provide grants from available federal and state funds to accredited institutions that provide instruction to persons who are preparing for the ~~General Educational Development~~ *general educational*

development test and that apply to the board to receive grants pursuant to these provisions. If the board identifies funds available for the grants, the bill would require the board to develop and adopt regulations and procedures for the process of receiving and evaluating applications for grants under these provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that it is
2 important to increase the number of Californians who obtain a
3 marketable and industry-recognized credential or degree and to
4 advance the education and training of these students and workers
5 so that they can keep pace with the education and skill needs of
6 the state, its regional economies, and leading industry sectors.

7 (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide
8 funding to institutions that offer instruction to persons who are
9 preparing for the ~~General Educational Development (GED)~~ *general*
10 *educational development* test, so that more Californians may pass
11 the ~~GED~~ *general educational development* test and become eligible
12 to receive financial aid to advance in postsecondary education or
13 vocational training.

14 SEC. 2. The California Workforce Investment Board
15 established pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 14010)
16 of Chapter 3 of Division 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Code
17 is authorized to provide grants, from state and federal funds that
18 are available to the board for this purpose, to accredited institutions
19 that provide instruction to persons who are preparing for the
20 ~~General Educational Development (GED)~~ *general educational*
21 *development* test and that apply to the board to receive grants
22 pursuant to this section. If the board identifies funds available for
23 the grants, the board shall develop and adopt regulations and
24 procedures for the process of receiving and evaluating applications
25 for grants under this section.

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