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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1214**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Muratsuchi**

February 22, 2013

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An act to add Section 52335.7 to the Education Code, relating to regional occupational centers *and programs*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1214, as amended, Muratsuchi. Regional occupational ~~centers:~~ ~~Southern California Regional Occupational Center:~~ *centers and programs: funding.*

Existing law authorizes the county superintendent of schools of each county, with the consent of the State Board of Education, to establish and maintain a regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, in the county to provide education and training in career technical courses. Existing law also authorizes the governing boards of any school district maintaining high schools in the county, with the consent of the state board and county superintendent of schools, to cooperate in the establishment and maintenance of a regional occupational center or program, except as specified, and authorizes the establishment and maintenance of a regional occupational center or program by 2 or more school districts to be undertaken pursuant to a joint powers authority. Existing law also requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to calculate a revenue limit for each regional occupational center or program, as specified, and requires the

Superintendent to apportion funds to the regional occupational center or program based on that calculation.

This bill would require ~~the Southern California Regional Occupational Center, a joint powers authority, a regional occupational center or program established and maintained by school districts or a joint powers authority, as specified,~~ to receive an annual appropriation from the General Fund for purposes of providing career technical education services. The bill would require the appropriated funds to be apportioned directly to the ~~Southern California Regional Occupational Center regional occupational center or program~~ based on a formula agreed upon by the school districts participating in the ~~joint powers authority regional occupational center or program.~~

~~This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Southern California Regional Occupational Center.~~

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
- 2     ~~following:~~
- 3     ~~(a) The Southern California Regional Occupational Center~~
- 4     ~~(SoCal ROC) has been providing career technical education for~~
- 5     ~~pupils in the greater Los Angeles area since 1967.~~
- 6     ~~(b) SoCal ROC operates as a joint powers authority pursuant~~
- 7     ~~to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of~~
- 8     ~~Title 1 of the Government Code, and is composed of multiple~~
- 9     ~~school districts that require a unique funding formula.~~
- 10    ~~(c) SoCal ROC operates much the same as a stand-alone school~~
- 11    ~~district, except that its sole function is to offer career technical~~
- 12    ~~education programs.~~
- 13    ~~(d) SoCal ROC provides essential and valuable career technical~~
- 14    ~~education programs and services to over 10,000 pupils annually.~~
- 15    ~~(e) SoCal ROC has prepared hundreds of thousands of pupils~~
- 16    ~~for careers in California's ever-changing economy.~~
- 17    ~~(f) It is critical that SoCal ROC remains open to continue to~~
- 18    ~~provide valuable career technical education so it can prepare~~
- 19    ~~California's workforce and encourage economic growth within~~
- 20    ~~the state.~~

1 ~~SEC. 2.~~

2 *SECTION 1.* Section 52335.7 is added to the Education Code,  
3 to read:

4 52335.7. Notwithstanding any other law, ~~the Southern~~  
5 ~~California Regional Occupational Center, a joint powers authority,~~  
6 *a regional occupational center or program established and*  
7 *maintained by school districts or a joint powers authority pursuant*  
8 *to Section 52301 shall receive an annual appropriation from the*  
9 *General Fund for purposes of providing career technical education*  
10 *services. The appropriated funds shall be apportioned directly to*  
11 ~~the Southern California Regional Occupational Center~~ *regional*  
12 *occupational center or program* based on a formula agreed upon  
13 by the school districts participating in the ~~joint powers authority~~  
14 *regional occupational center or program.*

15 ~~SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law~~  
16 ~~is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable~~  
17 ~~within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California~~  
18 ~~Constitution because of the unique circumstances relating to the~~  
19 ~~funding of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center.~~