

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1338

Introduced by Assembly Member Buchanan

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 49600 of the Education Code, relating to educational counseling.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1338, as introduced, Buchanan. Educational counseling.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district to provide a comprehensive educational counseling program for all pupils enrolled in the schools of the district.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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 49600 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 49600. (a) The governing board of ~~any a~~ school district may
4 provide a comprehensive educational counseling program for all
5 pupils enrolled in the schools of the *school* district.
6 ~~For~~
7 (b) *For* purposes of this section, “educational counseling”
8 means specialized services provided by a school counselor
9 possessing a valid credential with a specialization in pupil
10 personnel services who is assigned specific times to directly
11 counsel ~~pupils~~.

1 ~~(b) Educational pupils.~~ *Educational* counseling shall include,
2 but ~~not be~~ *is not* limited to, all of the following:

3 (1) Academic counseling, in which pupils receive counseling
4 in the following areas:

5 (A) Establishment and implementation, with parental
6 involvement, of the pupil's immediate and long-range educational
7 plans.

8 (B) Optimizing progress towards achievement of proficiency
9 standards.

10 (C) Completion of the required curriculum in accordance with
11 the pupil's needs, abilities, interests, and aptitudes.

12 (D) Academic planning for access and success in higher
13 education programs including advisement on courses needed for
14 admission to public colleges and universities, standardized
15 admissions tests, and financial aid.

16 (2) Career and vocational counseling, in which pupils are
17 assisted in doing all of the following:

18 (A) Planning for the future.
19 (B) Becoming aware of their career potential.
20 (C) Developing realistic perceptions of work.
21 (D) Relating to the work world.

22 (3) Personal and social counseling, in which pupils receive
23 counseling pertaining to interpersonal relationships for the purpose
24 of promoting the development of their academic abilities, careers
25 and vocations, personalities, and social skills.

26 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting
27 persons participating in an organized advisory program approved
28 by the governing board of a school district, and supervised by a
29 school district counselor, from advising pupils pursuant to the
30 organized advisory program.

31 (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the
32 contrary, any person who is performing these counseling services
33 pursuant to law authorizing the performance thereof in effect before
34 January 1, 1987, shall be authorized to continue to perform those
35 services on and after that date without compliance with the
36 additional requirements imposed by this section.

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