

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 17, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1455**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Campos**

January 9, 2014

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An act to add Section 48900.9 to the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1455, as amended, Campos. Pupils: bullying: counseling services.

Existing law prohibits a pupil from being suspended from school or recommended for expulsion unless the superintendent of the school district or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed any of various acts, including bullying, as defined. Existing law authorizes the superintendent of the school district or the principal of a school, for a pupil subject to discipline, to use alternatives to suspension or expulsion that are age appropriate and designed to address and correct the pupil's specific misbehavior, including, among ~~others~~, *other alternatives*, referrals to the school counselor, psychologist, social worker, child welfare attendance personnel, or other school support service personnel for case management and counseling.

This bill would authorize the superintendent of a school ~~district or district~~, the principal of a ~~school~~ *school*, or the principal's designee to also refer a victim of, witness to, or other pupil affected by, an act of bullying committed on or after January 1, 2015, to the school counselor, *school* psychologist, social worker, child welfare attendance personnel, *school nurse*, or other school support service personnel for case

management ~~and~~, counseling, *and participation in a restorative justice program*, as appropriate.

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 48900.9 is added to the Education Code,  
 2 to read:  
 3 48900.9. The superintendent of a school ~~district or district~~, the  
 4 principal of a ~~school~~ *school, or the principal's designee* may refer  
 5 a victim of, witness to, or other pupil affected by, an act of  
 6 bullying, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (r) of Section  
 7 48900, committed on or after January 1, 2015, to the school  
 8 counselor, *school* psychologist, social worker, child welfare  
 9 attendance personnel, *school nurse*, or other school support service  
 10 personnel for case management ~~and~~, counseling, *and participation*  
 11 *in a restorative justice program*, as appropriate.