

Assembly Bill No. 1672

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 48273 of the Education Code, relating to pupil attendance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1672, Holden. Pupil attendance: truancy.

Existing law authorizes the establishment of county and local school attendance review boards, and authorizes a school district to refer a pupil to a school attendance review board or the probation department for, among other things, truancy. Existing law, under specified circumstances, authorizes a school attendance review board or probation officer to direct the county superintendent of schools to request a petition on behalf of the pupil in the juvenile court of the county. Existing law requires the governing board of a school district to adopt rules and regulations to require appropriate officers and employees of the school district to gather and transmit to the county superintendent of schools the number and types of referrals to school attendance review boards and of requests for petitions to the juvenile court.

This bill would instead require the governing board of each school district that has established a local school attendance review board to adopt rules and regulations to require appropriate officers and employees of the school district to gather that information for the prior school year, and would expand the information required to be gathered to include, among other things, the number of pupils referred to a school attendance review board who improved their attendance and the number of pupils and parents or guardians referred to community services, as specified. The bill would require the information to be disaggregated by specified subgroups, including gender, ethnicity, and foster youth status. The bill would require the governing board of each school district to make available on its Internet Web site, if one is available, the contents of those school attendance review board reports no later than September 15 of every year. The bill would require the State Department of Education to maintain current Internet Web site links to the Internet Web sites of school attendance review board reports, and would require the governing board of each school

district that posts school attendance review board reports to provide to the department current uniform resource locators for those Internet Web sites. The bill would make these provisions operative beginning June 1, 2015.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48273 of the Education Code is amended to read:

48273. (a) The governing board of each school district shall adopt rules and regulations to require the appropriate officers and employees of the school district to gather and transmit to the county superintendent of schools the number and types of referrals to school attendance review boards and of requests for petitions to the juvenile court pursuant to Section 48263.

(b) This section shall become inoperative on June 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 48273 is added to the Education Code, to read:

48273. (a) The governing board of each school district that has established a local school attendance review board shall adopt rules and regulations to require the appropriate officers and employees of the school district to gather all of the following information for the prior school year:

(1) The number of pupils in the school district referred to a school-level meeting, such as a student attendance review team or a student success team.

(2) The number of pupils in the school district referred, and the reason for the referral, to a school attendance review board meeting.

(3) The number of pupils referred to a school attendance review board who improved their attendance by at least 50 percent during the following semester or trimester after attending the school attendance review board meeting.

(4) The number of pupils and parents or guardians referred to the district attorney, city prosecutor, or probation department for mediation or prosecution following a school attendance review board meeting.

(5) The number of pupils and parents or guardians referred to the community services referenced in Section 48320 following a school attendance review board meeting.

(6) The number of pupils referred to an alternative education placement following a school attendance review board meeting.

(7) The number of petitions to the juvenile court requested pursuant to Section 48263.

(b) The information listed in subdivision (a) shall be disaggregated and submitted by the following subgroups:

(1) English learner status, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 42238.01.

(2) Foster youth status, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 42238.01.

(3) Gender.

(4) Grade levels.

(5) Low-income status, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 42238.01.

(6) Race or ethnicity.

(7) Disability status.

(c) The governing board of each school district shall make available on its Internet Web site, if one is available, the contents of the school attendance review board reports described in subdivision (a) no later than September 15 of every year. The information shall be made available in an anonymized format that is easy for the public to access and understand.

(d) (1) The department shall maintain current Internet Web site links to the Internet Web sites of school attendance review board reports required to be posted pursuant to subdivision (c). Those Internet Web site links shall provide parents and the public with easy access to the school attendance review board reports maintained on the Internet.

(2) The governing board of each school district that posts school attendance review board reports pursuant to subdivision (c) shall provide a current uniform resource locator for their Internet Web site to the department.

(e) This section shall become operative on June 1, 2015.

Approved _____, 2014

Governor