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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1719

Introduced by Assembly Members Weber and Buchanan
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonilla and Campos)
(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)

February 13, 2014

An act to add *Section 48003 to, and to add* and repeal Section 46116 of, the Education Code, relating to kindergarten.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1719, as amended, Weber. ~~Full-day kindergarten: feasibility study and implementation plan.~~ *Kindergarten: evaluation and annual reporting.*

Existing law provides that school districts offering kindergarten may maintain kindergarten classes at different schoolsites for different lengths of time.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide the Legislature no later than ~~September~~ *July 1, 2015, 2017*, with ~~a feasibility study and implementation plan for providing a~~ *an evaluation of kindergarten program implementation in the state,*

including part-day and full-day kindergarten program in all public schools, programs as specified. The bill would make these provisions operative only upon an appropriation by the Legislature for these purposes.

The bill would require a local educational agency, commencing with the 2015–16 school year, to provide an annual report to the State Department of Education that contains information on the type of kindergarten program offered by the local educational agency, as provided, in a manner determined by the department. By expanding the duties of a local educational agency, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 46116 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 46116. (a) No later than ~~September 1, 2015, July 1, 2017~~, the
- 4 Superintendent shall provide the Legislature with ~~a feasibility~~
- 5 ~~study and implementation plan for providing a~~ *an evaluation of*
- 6 *kindergarten program implementation in the state, including*
- 7 *part-day and full-day kindergarten program in all public schools.*
- 8 *programs. The feasibility study and implementation plan evaluation*
- 9 *shall include recommendations recommended best practices for*
- 10 *statutory changes and budgetary requirements to ensure a seamless*
- 11 *transition to providing a full-day kindergarten program in all public*
- 12 *schools. The Superintendent, at a minimum, shall consider all of*
- 13 *the following: programs.*
- 14 (1) ~~The instructional, social, emotional, and developmental~~
- 15 ~~needs of children.~~
- 16 (2) ~~Teacher and other school staffing issues.~~

1 ~~(3) Classroom capacity issues.~~

2 ~~(b) The Superintendent may convene a task force to advise the~~
3 ~~Superintendent on feasibility and implementation issues for the~~
4 ~~purposes of preparing the report required pursuant to subdivision~~
5 ~~(a). The task force shall include representatives of school district~~
6 ~~superintendents, principals, kindergarten teachers, related pupil~~
7 ~~support services and facility personnel, child development~~
8 ~~professionals, and parents.~~

9 *(b) The evaluation shall include a sample of local educational*
10 *agencies' full day and part-day kindergarten programs from across*
11 *the state. It is the intent of the Legislature that this sample be*
12 *representative of the diversity of the state, and shall include both*
13 *urban and rural and small and large local educational agencies*
14 *within school districts.*

15 (c) The report required pursuant to this section shall be submitted
16 in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

17 (d) *This section shall not become operative until the Legislature*
18 *makes an appropriation for these purposes in the annual Budget*
19 *Act or in any other statute.*

20 ~~(d)~~

21 (e) *This section shall become inoperative on September July 1,*
22 *2015, 2017, and, as of January 1, 2016, 2018, is repealed, unless*
23 *a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January*
24 *1, 2016, 2018, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes*
25 *inoperative and is repealed.*

26 *SEC. 2. Section 48003 is added to the Education Code, to read:*
27 *48003. Commencing with the 2015–16 school year, a local*
28 *educational agency shall provide an annual report to the State*
29 *Department of Education that contains information on the type of*
30 *kindergarten program offered by the local educational agency,*
31 *including part-day, full-day, or both, in a manner determined by*
32 *the department.*

33 *SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
34 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
35 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
36 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
37 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*