

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 8, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1750**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo**

February 14, 2014

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*An act to add and repeal Section 33543 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction, and making an appropriation therefor. instruction.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1750, as amended, Alejo. Pupil instruction: ethnic studies: *studies: report.*

Existing law requires a school district, as part of its adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in specified areas of study, including social sciences. Existing law establishes the Instructional Quality Commission and requires the commission to, among other things, recommend curriculum frameworks to the State Board of Education.

This bill would require the commission to identify model programs, standards, and curricula relating to ethnic studies at the high school level. The bill would require the commission, on or before January 1, 2016, to prepare and submit a report that, among other things, identifies the best practices and standards for establishing and implementing ethnic studies in public high schools, to the Governor and the Legislature, and to make the report available on the State Department of Education's Internet Web site. *The bill would make the implementation of the bill's provisions subject to the availability of funds to the commission for those purposes from any source, including state, federal, and other nonstate funding sources.*

~~This bill would appropriate \$125,000 to the State Department of Education for purposes of funding the report.~~

~~The funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.~~

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

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

1     ~~SECTION 1. (a) The Instructional Quality Commission shall~~  
2     ~~SECTION 1. Section 33543 is added to the Education Code,~~  
3     ~~to read:~~  
4     ~~33543. (a) The commission shall identify model programs,~~  
5     ~~standards, and curricula relating to ethnic studies at the high school~~  
6     ~~level. The commission shall also identify factors to train teachers~~  
7     ~~to work effectively with diverse pupils and families and to~~  
8     ~~encourage respect for diversity in the classroom.~~  
9     ~~(b) The commission shall prepare a report that, at minimum,~~  
10    ~~does all of the following:~~  
11    ~~(1) Reviews the most current research on ethnic studies for~~  
12    ~~secondary education.~~  
13    ~~(2) Reviews and evaluates existing standards, curricula,~~  
14    ~~programs, and training regarding ethnic studies for secondary~~  
15    ~~education.~~  
16    ~~(3) Identifies the best practices and standards for establishing~~  
17    ~~and implementing ethnic studies in public high schools.~~  
18    ~~(4) Assesses the adequacy of current ethnic studies courses in~~  
19    ~~California public high schools.~~  
20    ~~(5) Makes recommendations for establishing a “California~~  
21    ~~Cultures” multicultural or ethnic studies course that can be~~  
22    ~~incorporated into existing high school curriculum.~~  
23    ~~(c) The commission shall complete and submit the report to the~~  
24    ~~Governor and the Legislature on or before January 1, 2016. The~~  
25    ~~report shall also be made available to the public on the State~~  
26    ~~Department of Education’s department’s Internet Web site.~~  
27    ~~(d) The commission may consult with experts on ethnic studies,~~  
28    ~~multiculturalism, or diversity including, but not limited to, all of~~  
29    ~~the following:~~

1 (1) Representatives from the ~~State Department of Education~~  
2 *department*.

3 (2) Representatives from the University of California.

4 (3) Representatives from the California State University.

5 (4) Academic faculty, researchers, and scientists with  
6 backgrounds in ethnic studies, American studies, history, education,  
7 psychology, or medicine.

8 (5) Representatives from community-based organizations  
9 concerned with pupil issues or civil rights.

10 (6) Representatives from professional associations relating to  
11 ethnic studies.

12 (7) Educators in secondary education.

13 (8) Public school board members with expertise in multicultural  
14 or ethnic studies.

15 (e) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (d), this act shall not  
16 apply to the University of California, except to the extent that the  
17 Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution,  
18 make this section applicable.

19 (f) (1) The report to be submitted pursuant to this section shall  
20 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
21 Code.

22 (2) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this  
23 section is repealed on January 1, 2019.

24 (g) *This section shall be implemented only to the extent that*  
25 *funds are available to the commission for purposes of this section*  
26 *from any source, including, but not limited to, state funding, federal*  
27 *funding, and other nonstate funding sources.*

28 ~~SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars~~  
29 ~~(\$125,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the~~  
30 ~~State Department of Education for the purpose of funding the~~  
31 ~~report required pursuant to Section 1 of this act.~~