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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2033

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

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~~An act relating to career technical education.~~ *An act relating to career
technical education, and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2033, as amended, Salas. ~~Career technical education: agricultural
career technical education.~~ *Agricultural career technical education:
funding.*

*(1) Existing law provides funding for various career technical
education programs, including regional occupational centers and
programs, specialized secondary programs, partnership academies,
and agricultural career technical education programs. Existing law
establishes the Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive
Program, pursuant to which the Superintendent of Public Instruction
is authorized to award grants to applicant school districts for purposes
relating to agricultural career technical education programs.*

This bill would appropriate the sum of \$4,134,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for purposes of funding the Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Program. The bill would also express various findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to agricultural career technical education.

(2) 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.

~~Existing law establishes, within the State Department of Education, an agricultural career technical education unit to assist school districts in the establishment and maintenance of certain educational programs. Existing law requires the department to adopt rules and regulations relating to agricultural career technical education.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to agricultural career technical education.~~

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:*

2 *(a) California, as the leading agriculture producing state in*
3 *the nation for over 60 years, has a compelling interest in ensuring*
4 *that its school system supports and promotes the continued*
5 *development of innovative and thoughtful agricultural leaders.*

6 *(b) The Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive*
7 *Program has given clear guidance and direction to school districts*
8 *throughout California in developing and promoting high-quality*
9 *program standards.*

10 *(c) The Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive*
11 *Program has provided financial incentives for school districts to*
12 *embark on a systematic and sustained process for improving the*
13 *delivery and effectiveness of agricultural education throughout*
14 *California.*

15 *(d) The Future Farmers of America organization, which is*
16 *integral to high school instruction, has long proven itself as an*
17 *outstanding teaching strategy that promotes excellence in*
18 *agriculture education for pupils throughout California. The goal*
19 *of the California Future Farmers of America organization is to*

1 *teach and promote premier leadership, personal growth, and*
2 *career success among its members.*

3 *(e) The Future Farmers of America has a long and*
4 *well-established tradition of providing meaningful, relevant*
5 *leadership development experiences that have had a positive effect*
6 *on the lives of thousands of pupils in their communities.*

7 *(f) California’s reputation for leadership in a variety of*
8 *innovative and expanding science, technology, engineering, and*
9 *agricultural industries has been made possible through the*
10 *availability of well-trained and educated personnel.*

11 *(g) Cocurricular pupil leadership organizations enhance the*
12 *classroom instruction process, provide opportunities to learn in*
13 *a laboratory, and provide leadership training opportunities.*

14 *SEC. 2. (a) The sum of four million one hundred thirty-four*
15 *thousand dollars (\$4,134,000) is appropriated from the General*
16 *Fund to the State Department of Education, to be allocated for*
17 *purposes of funding the Agricultural Career Technical Education*
18 *Incentive Program (Article 7.5 (commencing with Section 52460)*
19 *of Chapter 9 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education*
20 *Code).*

21 *(b) For purposes of making the computations required by*
22 *Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the funds*
23 *appropriated pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be*
24 *“General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts,” as*
25 *defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202 of the Education Code,*
26 *for the 2014–15 fiscal year, and included within the “total*
27 *allocations to school districts and community college districts*
28 *from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to*
29 *Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of*
30 *the Education Code, for the 2014–15 fiscal year.*

31 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
32 ~~legislation relating to agricultural career technical education.~~