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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2111**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano**

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An act to add Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 8253) to Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of, and to repeal Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 54740) of Chapter 9 of Part 29 of Division 4 of Title 2 of, the Education Code, relating to child development services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2111, as amended, Ammiano. Child development services: pregnant and parenting teens: Cal-SAFE.

Existing law, the California School Age Families Education Program (Cal-SAFE), provides state funding and assistance to school districts and county superintendents of schools for the purpose of establishing comprehensive, continuous, community linked, school-based programs that focus on youth development and dropout prevention for pregnant and parenting pupils, and child care and development services for their children. Cal-SAFE requires participating entities to develop a county service coordination plan, which is required to contain specified information, including, but not limited to, the incidence of pregnant and parenting pupils receiving welfare aid by a method to be determined by the State Department of Education.

This bill would revise and recast the Cal-SAFE program. The bill would, among other things, specify that a Cal-SAFE program may provide for any or all of the supportive services for teen parents ~~or any~~, *as specified, and an* early learning and educational support program for

the *voluntarily enrolled* children of the teen parents. The bill would authorize a school district, charter school, or county superintendent of schools to participate in a Cal-Safe program and would authorize the above entities to use funds appropriated according to the local control funding formula for purposes of the Cal-SAFE program. The bill would require the entities, if operating an early learning and educational support program for the children of teen parents participating in the Cal-SAFE program, to adhere to certain health, safety, and quality requirements, including that each child have a developmental profile. *The bill would impose various other requirements.*

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 8253) is  
2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the  
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 9.5. California School Age ~~Family~~ *Families* Education  
6 Program

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8 8253. This article shall be known, and may be cited, as the  
9 California School Age Families Education Program (Cal-SAFE).

10 8253.1. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that  
11 school-based programs for ~~pregnant expectant~~ and parenting ~~teens~~  
12 *pupils* and their children offering a wide range of educational and  
13 support services, including early learning and educational support  
14 services, which begin during pregnancy and continue after  
15 childbirth, have been successful in increasing school enrollment  
16 and high school graduation rates, and reducing the incidence of  
17 low birth weight babies and repeat pregnancies.

18 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage the operation  
19 of comprehensive, continuous, and community linked school-based  
20 programs that focus on youth development, *reduction of chronic*  
21 *school-based absenteeism*, and dropout prevention for ~~pregnant~~  
22 *expectant* and parenting *pupils* and on early learning and  
23 educational support services for their children for the purpose of  
24 improving results for *pupils* and their children.

1 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that these programs achieve  
2 all the following goals:

3 (1) Pupils served who receive program services for one or more  
4 years will earn a high school diploma or its equivalent or  
5 demonstrate progress toward completion of educational goals.

6 (2) Pupils served who graduate will transition to postsecondary  
7 education, including a technical school, or into the world of work.

8 (3) Pupils served and their children will not live their lives in  
9 poverty.

10 (4) Pupils served will demonstrate effective parenting skills.

11 (5) Pupils served will not have a repeat birth or father a repeat  
12 pregnancy before graduation from high school.

13 (6) ~~Pregnant-Expectant~~ pupils served will not have a low birth  
14 weight baby.

15 (7) Children of enrolled teen parents in early learning and  
16 educational support programs will receive services based upon the  
17 assessed developmental and health needs of each child.

18 (8) Children of enrolled teen parents served will receive health  
19 screening and immunizations except when the custodial parent  
20 annually provides a written request for an exemption pursuant to  
21 Section 49451 and Section 120365 of the Health and Safety Code.

22 (9) Children of enrolled teen parents served will have enhanced  
23 school readiness, and demonstrate progress toward meeting their  
24 assessed developmental goals.

25 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that Cal-SAFE programs  
26 should be ~~integrated~~ *coordinated* with any local Adolescent Family  
27 Life programs, *Nurse Family Partnership Home Visiting programs*,  
28 and Cal-Learn programs in a manner that avoids duplication of  
29 services.

30 8253.2. For the purposes of this article, the following  
31 ~~definitions~~ *terms* have the following meanings:

32 (a) “Cal-SAFE” means the California School Age Families  
33 Education Program.

34 (b) “Children” or “child” means the children or child of a teen  
35 parent from the time of the child’s birth until enrollment either in  
36 transitional kindergarten or kindergarten.

37 (c) “Early learning and educational support program” means  
38 developmentally appropriate learning activities for the children of  
39 teen parents that are provided when the child’s teen parent is, or

1 parents are, enrolled in and participating in a school-approved  
2 activity during the school day.

3 (d) *“Intake process” means the interactive process upon*  
4 *enrollment into the Cal-SAFE program to assess the services*  
5 *needed by the teen parent that are deemed necessary to meet*  
6 *program goals.*

7 ~~(d)~~

8 (e) *“Local Control Funding Formula” means the funding*  
9 *provided to county superintendents of schools, school districts,*  
10 *and charter schools as provided pursuant to Chapter 12.5*  
11 *(commencing with Section 2574) of Part 2 and Article 2*  
12 *(commencing with Section 42238.02) of Chapter 7 of Part 24 of*  
13 *Division 3 of Title 2.*

14 ~~(e)~~

15 (f) *“Teen parent” means a female who is pregnant or a male*  
16 *who voluntarily identifies himself as the parent of an unborn child,*  
17 *or who is the parent of a child, and is a minor of any age or a*  
18 *dependent adult, and who is enrolled in a school in the school*  
19 *district-~~or~~, charter school, or school of the county superintendent*  
20 *of schools that provides services.*

21 (g) *“Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 Regulations”*  
22 *means Public Law 92-318 and the regulations set forth in Section*  
23 *106.1 and following of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations,*  
24 *which, among other things, prohibit discrimination against pupils*  
25 *because of their pregnant or parenting status.*

26 8253.3. (a) As provided for in this article, a Cal-SAFE program  
27 may provide any or all of the supportive services for teen parents  
28 set forth in Section 8253.4 *that are assessed to be needed through*  
29 *an intake process relative to pupils who voluntarily enroll in the*  
30 *program, and may provide an early learning and educational*  
31 *support program for the voluntarily enrolled children of teen*  
32 *parents.*

33 (b) Participation by a school district, charter school, or county  
34 superintendent of schools in a Cal-SAFE program is voluntary and  
35 may be paid for with local control funding formula funds  
36 appropriated to the school district, charter school, or county  
37 superintendent of schools.

38 (c) Any school district, charter school, or county superintendent  
39 of schools choosing to provide early learning and educational  
40 support program services located on or near the schoolsite for the

1 children of teen parents ~~participating in the Cal-SAFE program~~  
2 ~~using funds received pursuant to the local control funding formula,~~  
3 ~~or any other funds,~~ shall adhere to all of the following health,  
4 safety, and quality requirements:

5 (1) Each child shall have a health evaluation form signed by a  
6 physician, or the physician's designee, before the child is allowed  
7 on the school campus or is enrolled in an early learning and  
8 educational support program. Health screening and immunization  
9 shall not be required when the custodial parent annually files a  
10 written request as provided for in Section 49451 and Section  
11 120365 of the Health and Safety Code.

12 (2) Each child shall have a developmental profile as specified  
13 in subdivision (b) of Section 8203.5. This profile shall be used by  
14 the program staff to design a program that meets the developmental  
15 needs of the child.

16 (3) The child care site environment shall be safe, healthy, and  
17 comfortable for children and staff, easily maintained, and  
18 appropriate for meeting the developmental needs of the individual  
19 child. Child care sites shall meet the health and safety requirements  
20 specified in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 101151)  
21 including Subchapter 2 (commencing with Section 101351) of  
22 Division 12 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

23 (4) The early learning and educational support component of  
24 the Cal-SAFE program shall operate pursuant to applicable sections  
25 of this chapter. In addition to meeting requirements of Section  
26 8360, teachers shall have at least three semester units, or the  
27 equivalent number of quarter units, of coursework related to the  
28 care of infants and toddlers.

29 (5) The child care site shall be available as a laboratory for  
30 parenting or related courses that are offered by the funded agency  
31 with priority given to pupils whose children are enrolled in the  
32 Cal-SAFE early learning and educational support program.

33 *(d) Cal-SAFE programs shall participate in the established data*  
34 *collection and evaluation system to track outcomes and*  
35 *effectiveness of programming.*

36 8253.4. (a) In addition to providing an academic program that  
37 meets applicable standards, school districts, charter schools, and  
38 county superintendents of schools may provide supportive services  
39 to teen parents *in accordance with the intent of the local control*

- 1 *funding formula to improve the outcomes of high need pupil*  
2 *populations, including, but not limited to, the following services:*  
3 (1) Parenting education and life skills instruction.  
4 (2) Perinatal education and care, including childbirth  
5 preparation.  
6 (3) Safe home-to-school transportation.  
7 (4) Case management services.  
8 (5) Comprehensive health education, including reproductive  
9 health.  
10 (6) Nutrition education, counseling, and meal supplements.  
11 (7) School safety and violence prevention strategies targeted to  
12 expectant and parenting teens and their children.  
13 (8) Academic support and youth development services, such as  
14 tutoring, mentoring, and community service internships.  
15 (9) Career counseling, preemployment skills, and job training.  
16 (10) Substance abuse prevention education, counseling, and  
17 treatment services.  
18 (11) Mental health assessment, interventions, and referrals.  
19 (12) Crisis intervention counseling services, including suicide  
20 prevention.  
21 (13) Peer support groups and counseling.  
22 (14) Family support and development services, including  
23 individual and family counseling.  
24 (15) Child and domestic abuse prevention education, counseling,  
25 and services.  
26 (16) Enrichment and recreational activities, as appropriate.  
27 (17) Services that facilitate transition to postsecondary  
28 education, training, or employment.  
29 (18) Support services for grandparents, siblings, and fathers of  
30 children not enrolled in the Cal-SAFE program.  
31 (19) Outreach activities to identify eligible pupils and to educate  
32 the community about the realities of teen pregnancy and parenting.  
33 (b) School districts, charter schools, and county superintendents  
34 of schools may collaborate with local Adolescent Family Life  
35 programs, Cal-Learn programs, or other local programs, regardless  
36 of fund source, to provide the services in subdivision (a).  
37 (c) *Teen parents may be enrolled in the Cal-SAFE program on*  
38 *an open entry and open exit basis.*  
39 (d) *Although the classroom is the recommended instructional*  
40 *strategy, enrolled teen parents retain their right to voluntarily*

1 *participate in any comprehensive school or educational alternative*  
2 *programs in which they could otherwise enroll and shall not*  
3 *experience discrimination prohibited by the Title IX of the*  
4 *Education Amendments of 1972 Regulations.*

5 *(e) An enrolled teen parent with an active special education*  
6 *individualized education plan (IEP) and who meets the eligibility*  
7 *criteria shall continue to receive services identified in the IEP*  
8 *while concurrently enrolled in a Cal-SAFE program.*

9 *(f) A pupil may not be denied initial or continuous enrollment*  
10 *in a Cal-SAFE program for any of the following reasons:*

11 *(1) The pupil has had multiple pregnancies.*

12 *(2) The pupil has more than one child.*

13 *(3) The pupil's eligibility status changes from expectant to*  
14 *parenting.*

15 *(g) A pupil or the pupil's family shall not be assessed any fees*  
16 *for services provided through the Cal-SAFE program.*

17 SEC. 2. Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 54740) of  
18 Chapter 9 of Part 29 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code  
19 is repealed.