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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2384**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford**

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An act to add Chapter 11.5 (commencing with Section 52780) to Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of, and to repeal Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 52800) of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of, the Education Code, relating to schoolsite councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2384, as amended, Bradford. Schoolsite councils.

Under existing law, the School-Based Program Coordination Act, which is applicable only to school districts and schools that participate in school-based coordinated categorical programs, is established to provide flexibility to coordinate categorical funds. The act requires a school that participates in school-based program coordination to establish a schoolsite council, and requires the schoolsite council to establish a school plan that includes, among other things, curricula, instructional strategies, and materials responsive to the individual needs and learning styles of each pupil, and proposed expenditure of funds received through various categorical programs.

Existing law, enacted in 2013, revised provisions of the public school financing system, and requires state funding for schools to be calculated pursuant to a local control funding formula, and authorizes local educational agencies to expend for any local educational purpose funds previously required to be spent for various categorical education

programs. Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to adopt a local control and accountability plan that includes, among other things, a description of the annual goals to be achieved for each of the state priorities identified pursuant to specified provisions.

This bill would repeal the School-Based Program Coordination Act, and would instead authorize any school to establish a schoolsite council. The bill would specify that schoolsite councils operating pursuant to the School-Based Program Coordination Act may continue in existence and operate pursuant to the bill’s provisions. The bill would enact provisions relating to the functions, composition, and duties of a schoolsite council that are similar, but not identical, to the provisions in the School-Based Program Coordination Act.

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. Chapter 11.5 (commencing with Section 52780)  
 2 is added to Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code,  
 3 to read:

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 5 CHAPTER 11.5. SCHOOLSITE COUNCILS  
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7 52780. Parent advisory committees and schoolsite councils  
 8 operating pursuant to Chapter 12 (commencing with Section  
 9 52800), as that chapter existed on January 1, 2014, may continue  
 10 in existence in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

11 52781. (a) A schoolsite council may be established at any  
 12 school in accordance with this chapter. A schoolsite council shall  
 13 include, but is not limited to, representatives from the following  
 14 groups:

- 15 (1) Teachers, to be selected by teachers at the school.
- 16 (2) School employees other than teachers, to be selected by  
 17 nonteaching school employees at the school.
- 18 (3) Parents of pupils attending the school, to be selected by  
 19 parents of pupils *at attending* the school.
- 20 ~~(4) Community organizations that have a preexisting working~~  
 21 ~~relationship with the schoolsite, that participate at the schoolsite,~~  
 22 ~~and that are focused on the educational outcomes of the school, to~~

1 be selected by the principal and other schoolsite council members  
2 selected pursuant to this section.

3 ~~(5)~~

4 (4) In secondary schools, pupils, to be selected by pupils  
5 attending the school.

6 (b) The schoolsite council or the governing board of the school  
7 district may expand the composition of a schoolsite council based  
8 on the operational structure of the school, in accordance with the  
9 following:

10 (1) For an elementary school, the schoolsite council shall be  
11 composed to ensure parity between the following two groups:

12 (A) The principal, classroom teachers, and other school  
13 employees. Classroom teachers shall comprise the majority of  
14 persons from this group. To the extent possible, the school shall  
15 ensure that at least one classified employee is part of this group.

16 (B) Parents.

17 (2) For a secondary school, the schoolsite council shall be  
18 composed to ensure parity between the following two groups:

19 (A) The principal, classroom teachers, and other school  
20 employees. Classroom teachers shall comprise the majority of  
21 persons from this group. To the extent possible, the school shall  
22 ensure that at least one classified employee is part of this group.

23 (B) An equal number of parents and pupils. To the extent  
24 possible, the school shall ensure that socioeconomically  
25 disadvantaged pupils, foster youth, and English learners are  
26 represented on the schoolsite council.

27 ~~(e) Members selected pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision~~  
28 ~~(a) shall not be included for purposes of ensuring parity pursuant~~  
29 ~~to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b).~~

30 *(c) A schoolsite council is encouraged to include participation*  
31 *from community organizations that participate at the schoolsite*  
32 *and that are focused on the educational outcomes of the school.*  
33 *Members of this group shall not be included for purposes of*  
34 *ensuring parity pursuant to subdivision (b).*

35 52782. A schoolwide advisory group or a school support group  
36 may also be used as a schoolsite council, in accordance with the  
37 provisions of this chapter.

38 52783. The Superintendent shall provide several examples of  
39 selection and replacement procedures that may be considered by  
40 schoolsite councils.

1 52784. The governing board of a school district shall set term  
2 limits for schoolsite council members other than the principal.

3 52785. A schoolsite council shall maximize public input and  
4 other means of advancing a democratic process.

5 52786. A school employee who is also a parent or guardian  
6 of a pupil who attends another school in the school district may  
7 serve on the schoolsite council of the school of his or her  
8 employment as a teacher or other school employee representative.  
9 The school employee may also serve on the schoolsite council of  
10 the school that his or her child or ward attends as a parent  
11 representative.

12 52787. (a) A school district operating a schoolsite council  
13 shall provide training to members of the schoolsite council on ~~both~~  
14 ~~of the following:-~~

- 15 ~~(1) Budget and funding.~~
- 16 ~~(2) Implementing the objectives contained in the school district's~~  
17 ~~local control and accountability plan and other laws.~~

18 ~~(b) The school district shall also provide information on the~~  
19 ~~schoolsite council selection process to the general public. *the*~~  
20 ~~*purpose and role of the schoolsite council.*~~

21 52788. (a) A schoolsite council shall develop a school plan  
22 that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- 23 (1) Curricula, instructional strategies, and materials that address  
24 the individual needs and learning styles of each pupil.
- 25 (2) Instructional and auxiliary services to meet the special needs  
26 of the following pupils:
  - 27 (A) Pupils of limited English proficiency, including instruction  
28 in a language these pupils understand.
  - 29 (B) Educationally disadvantaged pupils.
  - 30 (C) Pupils eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
  - 31 (D) Foster youth.
  - 32 (E) Gifted and talented pupils.
  - 33 (F) Pupils with exceptional needs.

34 ~~(3) (A) A staff development program for teachers, other school~~  
35 ~~employees, paraprofessionals, and volunteers, including those~~  
36 ~~participating in special programs. Staff development programs~~  
37 ~~may include the use of program guidelines that have been~~  
38 ~~developed by the Superintendent for specific learning disabilities;~~  
39 ~~including dyslexia, and other related disorders.~~

1 ~~(B) The strategies included in the guidelines and instructional~~  
2 ~~materials that focus on successful approaches for working with~~  
3 ~~pupils who have been exposed to drugs or alcohol prenatally,~~  
4 ~~suffered trauma, as well as other at-risk pupils, may also be~~  
5 ~~provided to teachers.~~

6 ~~(4)~~

7 (3) Ongoing evaluation of the educational program of the school.

8 ~~(5)~~

9 (4) Other activities and objectives, as established by the  
10 schoolsite council.

11 ~~(6)~~

12 (5) The proposed expenditure of funds available to the school,  
13 ~~including, but not limited to, salary and staff benefits, and including~~  
14 ~~funds available to the school through federal programs, including,~~  
15 ~~but not limited to, the federal Improving America's Schools Act~~  
16 ~~of 1994 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.); programs.~~

17 ~~(7)~~

18 (6) Mechanisms to ensure that the objectives in the school  
19 district's local control and accountability plan are being met.

20 *(b) A schoolsite council is encouraged to develop a professional*  
21 *development program for teachers, other school employees, and*  
22 *volunteers.*

23 ~~(b)~~

24 (c) The schoolsite council shall annually review the school plan,  
25 establish a new budget, and, if necessary, make other modifications  
26 in the school plan to reflect changing needs and priorities.

27 52789. The governing board of the school district shall review  
28 and approve or disapprove school plans. A school plan shall not  
29 be approved unless it was developed and recommended by the  
30 schoolsite council. If a plan is not approved by the governing board  
31 of the school district, specific reasons for that action shall be  
32 communicated to the schoolsite council. Modifications to any  
33 school plan shall be developed, recommended, and approved or  
34 disapproved in the same manner.

35 SEC. 2. Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 52800) of Part  
36 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code is repealed.

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