

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 13, 2014  
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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2481**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford**

February 21, 2014

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An act relating to elementary and secondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2481, as amended, Bradford. Elementary and secondary education: length of schoolday and school year: analysis.

Existing law prescribes the minimum number of schooldays per year for public schools.

This bill would require the ~~Legislative Analyst's Office~~ *Superintendent of Public Instruction*, by December 1, 2015, to provide the Legislature with a cost-benefit analysis regarding various potential changes to the length or structure of schooldays or school years in public elementary and secondary schools with the objective of providing increased educational benefits and improved life outcomes to disadvantaged and underperforming pupils, as specified. *The bill would require the Superintendent to contract with an educational institution or research organization to perform the cost-benefit analysis.*

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

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

1 SECTION 1. ~~The Legislative Analyst's Office~~ *Superintendent*  
2 *of Public Instruction*, on or before December 1, 2015, shall provide  
3 the Legislature with a cost-benefit analysis regarding various  
4 potential changes to the length or structure of schooldays or school  
5 years in public elementary and secondary schools with the objective  
6 of providing increased educational benefits and improved life  
7 outcomes to disadvantaged and underperforming pupils. The  
8 analysis shall weigh the potential benefits of these improvements  
9 compared to the potential costs of the improvements, including,  
10 but not limited to, increased school operating costs for personnel  
11 and facilities, and may propose creative solutions in that regard.  
12 The analysis shall specifically consider the decline in academic  
13 achievement occurring each year during the summer vacation  
14 period from interruption of instruction. *The Superintendent of*  
15 *Public Instruction shall contract with an educational institution*  
16 *or research organization to perform the cost-benefit analysis.*

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