

**Introduced by Senator Calderon**

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An act to ~~amend Section 51220~~ of *add Sections 51210.5 and 51220.3* to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 552, as amended, Calderon. Pupil instruction: ~~social sciences:~~ violence awareness.

Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, to include instruction in specified areas of study and requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in specified areas of instruction, ~~including social sciences instruction.~~

This bill would ~~provide that instruction in the area of social sciences~~ *may allow all required areas of study specified for those grades, as deemed appropriate by the governing board, to include grade-level appropriate instruction on violence awareness and prevention, which may include a component drawn from including personal testimony in the form of oral or video histories of individuals who were involved with violence awareness efforts.* The bill would specify that it is the intent of the Legislature that the measure be carried out in a manner that does not result in new duties or programs being imposed on a school district.

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

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

1     SECTION 1. Section 51210.5 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:

3     51210.5. The instruction in all areas of study specified in  
4 subdivisions (a) to (g), inclusive, of Section 51210 as deemed  
5 appropriate by the governing board and consistent with the  
6 adopted course of study for each subject area, may include  
7 grade-level appropriate instruction on violence awareness and  
8 prevention, which may include personal testimony in the form of  
9 oral or video histories that illustrate the economic and cultural  
10 effects of violence within a city, the state, and the country.

11     SECTION 1. Section 51220 of the Education Code is amended  
12 to read:

13     51220. The adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12,  
14 inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study:

15     (a) English, including knowledge of and appreciation for  
16 literature, language, and composition, and the skills of reading,  
17 listening, and speaking.

18     (b) (1) Social sciences, drawing upon the disciplines of  
19 anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science,  
20 psychology, and sociology, designed to fit the maturity of the  
21 pupils. Instruction shall provide a foundation for understanding  
22 the history, resources, development, and government of California  
23 and the United States of America; instruction in our American  
24 legal system, the operation of the juvenile and adult criminal justice  
25 systems, and the rights and duties of citizens under the criminal  
26 and civil law and the State and Federal Constitutions; the  
27 development of the American economic system, including the role  
28 of the entrepreneur and labor; the relations of persons to their  
29 human and natural environment; eastern and western cultures and  
30 civilizations; human rights issues, with particular attention to the  
31 study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust,  
32 and contemporary issues.

33     (2) Instruction in the area of social sciences may also include  
34 instruction on violence awareness, which may include a component  
35 drawn from personal testimony in the form of oral or video  
36 histories of individuals who were involved in violence awareness  
37 efforts that exemplify the economic and cultural effects of violence  
38 prevention efforts within a city, the state, and the country.

1 ~~(e) Foreign language or languages, beginning not later than~~  
2 ~~grade 7, designed to develop a facility for understanding, speaking,~~  
3 ~~reading, and writing the particular language.~~

4 ~~(d) Physical education, with emphasis given to physical activities~~  
5 ~~that are conducive to health and to vigor of body and mind, as~~  
6 ~~required by Section 51222.~~

7 ~~(e) Science, including the physical and biological aspects, with~~  
8 ~~emphasis on basic concepts, theories, and processes of scientific~~  
9 ~~investigation and on the place of humans in ecological systems,~~  
10 ~~and with appropriate applications of the interrelation and~~  
11 ~~interdependence of the sciences.~~

12 ~~(f) Mathematics, including instruction designed to develop~~  
13 ~~mathematical understandings, operational skills, and insight into~~  
14 ~~problem-solving procedures.~~

15 ~~(g) Visual and performing arts, including dance, music, theater,~~  
16 ~~and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic~~  
17 ~~appreciation and the skills of creative expression.~~

18 ~~(h) Applied arts, including instruction in the areas of consumer~~  
19 ~~and homemaking education, industrial arts, general business~~  
20 ~~education, or general agriculture.~~

21 ~~(i) Career technical education designed and conducted for the~~  
22 ~~purpose of preparing youth for gainful employment in the~~  
23 ~~occupations and in the numbers that are appropriate to the~~  
24 ~~personnel needs of the state and the community served and relevant~~  
25 ~~to the career desires and needs of the pupils.~~

26 ~~(j) Automobile driver education, designed to develop a~~  
27 ~~knowledge of the provisions of the Vehicle Code and other laws~~  
28 ~~of this state relating to the operation of motor vehicles, a proper~~  
29 ~~acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic, a true appreciation~~  
30 ~~of the causes, seriousness and consequences of traffic accidents,~~  
31 ~~and to develop the knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe~~  
32 ~~operation of motor vehicles. A course in automobile driver~~  
33 ~~education shall include education in the safe operation of~~  
34 ~~motoreycles.~~

35 ~~(k)~~  
36 ~~—Other studies as may be prescribed by the governing board.~~

37 *SEC. 2. Section 51220.3 is added to the Education Code, to*  
38 *read:*

39 *51220.3. The instruction in all areas of study specified in*  
40 *subdivisions (a) to (j), inclusive, of Section 51220 as deemed*

1 *appropriate by the governing board and consistent with the*  
2 *adopted course of study for each subject area, may include*  
3 *grade-level appropriate instruction on violence awareness and*  
4 *prevention, which may include personal testimony in the form of*  
5 *oral or video histories that illustrate the economic and cultural*  
6 *effects of violence within a city, the state, and the country.*

7 ~~SEC. 2.~~

8 SEC. 3. It is the intent of the Legislature that this measure be  
9 carried out in a manner that does not result in new duties or  
10 programs being imposed on school districts. In this regard, the  
11 Legislature finds and declares that this measure does not mandate  
12 costs to local agencies or school districts, and that materials used  
13 to comply with the provisions of this bill shall be a part of materials  
14 purchased in a school district's regular course of business and  
15 purchasing cycles.