

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 16, 2013

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 619**

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**Introduced by Senator Yee**  
*(Coauthors: Senators Lara and Wyland)*

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An act to add Section 33319.4 to the Education Code, and to amend Section 19995 of the Government Code, relating to state employees.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 619, as amended, Yee. State employees: training: civics orientation.

Existing law requires the Department of Human Resources (CalHR) to devise plans for and cooperate with appointing powers and other supervising officials in the conduct of employee training programs so that the quality of service rendered by persons in the state civil service may be continually improved.

This bill would require the State Department of Education, on or before January 1, 2015, to develop and make available online a state employee civics orientation on federal and state government. The bill would require private matching funds before any appropriation to the State Department of Education for those purposes is encumbered. The bill would require, *if the orientation is developed*, an appointing power or other supervising official for an employee hired, promoted, or reclassified after July 1, 2015, to certify annually to CalHR that the employee has completed that orientation.

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. Section 33319.4 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:

3 33319.4. (a) On or before January 1, 2015, the State  
4 Department of Education shall, *to the extent that moneys may be*  
5 *encumbered pursuant to subdivision (b)*, develop and make  
6 available online a state employee civics orientation on federal and  
7 state government to facilitate a basic understanding of the  
8 responsibilities and operation of the three branches of government  
9 and the importance of civic engagement. The orientation shall  
10 include practical examples and shall be updated as necessary.

11 (b) Moneys, or a portion of moneys, appropriated to the State  
12 Department of Education by the Legislature for the development  
13 of the orientation pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not be  
14 encumbered unless the total amount encumbered is matched by  
15 private funds. Moneys appropriated that are not matched by private  
16 funds shall revert to the General Fund.

17 SEC. 2. Section 19995 of the Government Code is amended  
18 to read:

19 19995. (a) The department shall devise plans for and cooperate  
20 with appointing powers and other supervising officials in the  
21 conduct of employee training programs so that the quality of  
22 service rendered by persons in the state civil service may be  
23 continually improved.

24 (b) The appointing power or other supervising official for an  
25 employee hired, promoted, or reclassified after July 1, 2015, using  
26 existing processes and resources, shall, *if the employee training*  
27 *described in Section 33319.4 of the Education Code is developed*,  
28 certify annually to the department that the employee has completed  
29 ~~this employee training developed pursuant to Section 33319.4 of~~  
30 ~~the Education Code.~~

31 (c) If the provisions of this section are in conflict with the  
32 provisions of a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant  
33 to Section 3517.5, the memorandum of understanding shall be  
34 controlling without further legislative action, except that if such  
35 provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the

- 1 expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective
- 2 unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

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