

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 8, 2013

SENATE BILL

No. 696

Introduced by Senator Block
(Coauthor: Senator Wyland)

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 52052.9 of the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 696, as amended, Block. School accountability: Academic Performance Index: civics.

The Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999 requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to develop an Academic Performance Index ~~(API)~~ that measures the performance of schools and the academic performance of pupils. Existing law requires the Superintendent, on or before October 1, 2013, to report to the Legislature and recommend to the state board for adoption a method for increasing emphasis on pupil mastery of standards in science and social science through the system of public school accountability or by other means.

This bill would require the Superintendent, on or before July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015, to report to the Legislature and recommend to the state board for adoption a project-based assessment, as specified, through the system of public school accountability, to measure the civics learning objectives contained in the course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and for grades 7 to 12, inclusive. The bill would require the civics learning objectives to include specified elements.

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 52052.9 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 52052.9. (a) On or before October 1, 2013, the Superintendent
4 shall report to the Legislature and recommend to the state board
5 for adoption a method or methods for increasing the emphasis on
6 pupil mastery of standards in science and social science through
7 the system of public school accountability or by other means.

8 (b) On or before October 1, 2013, the Superintendent, in
9 consultation with the advisory committee established pursuant to
10 Section 52052.5, shall report to the Legislature an alternative
11 method or methods, in place of decile rank, for determining
12 eligibility, preferences, or priorities for any statutory program that
13 currently uses decile rank as a determining factor.

14 (c) (1) On or before July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015, the Superintendent shall
15 report to the Legislature, and recommend to the state board for
16 adoption, a project-based assessment, through the system of public
17 school accountability, to measure the civics learning objectives
18 contained in the course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive,
19 adopted pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 51210 and the course
20 of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, adopted pursuant to
21 subdivision (b) of Section 51220. These civics learning objectives
22 shall include an understanding of the relevance of public policy,
23 the structure of the federal, state, and local governments, and both
24 the California and United States Constitutions. The project-based
25 assessment shall use an approach that engages pupils in learning
26 essential knowledge and skills through a pupil-influenced inquiry
27 process structured around complex, authentic questions and
28 carefully designed projects and tasks.

29 (2) *A report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be*
30 *submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*
31 *Code.*

32 (3) *The requirement for submitting a report imposed under*
33 *paragraph (1) is inoperative on July 1, 2019, pursuant to Section*
34 *10231.5 of the Government Code.*

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