

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 2, 2014
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 18, 2014
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AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 2, 2014

SENATE BILL

No. 837

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

January 6, 2014

An act relating to early childhood education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 837, as amended, Steinberg. Early childhood education: professional development.

Existing law authorizes a school district or charter school to maintain a transitional kindergarten program and defines transitional kindergarten as the first year of a 2-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer all California state preschool programs. Existing law requires those programs to include part-day age and developmentally appropriate programs designed to facilitate the transition to kindergarten for three- and four-year-old children.

Of the moneys appropriated in the ~~2014 Annual Budget Act~~, *Budget Act of 2014*, this bill would allocate certain of those moneys for purposes of professional development for teachers in transitional kindergarten and teachers in the California state preschool ~~programs~~, *program*, as provided. The bill would require the State Department of Education to

consult with various entities, including the California Community Colleges, for purposes of administering the above provisions.

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. (a) Of the moneys appropriated in Item
2 6110-196-0001 of the Budget Act of 2014, the sum of fifteen
3 million dollars (\$15,000,000) shall be allocated to the ~~department~~
4 *State Department of Education* to be used to fund professional
5 development for teachers. The funds shall be allocated as follows:
6 (1) (A) First priority shall be for professional development for
7 transitional kindergarten teachers.
8 (B) For purposes of this paragraph, professional development
9 shall include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following:
10 (i) Stipends for teachers to complete at least 24 units in early
11 childhood education or childhood development, or a combination
12 of both, pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (g) of Section
13 48000 *of the Education Code*.
14 (ii) Strengthening teacher knowledge of the California Preschool
15 Learning Foundations, as developed by the department.
16 (2) Second priority shall be for professional development for
17 teachers in the California state preschool program, pursuant to
18 Article 7 (commencing with Section 8235) of Chapter 2 of Part 6
19 of Division 1 of Title 1 *of the Education Code*.
20 (b) Of the moneys appropriated in Item 6110-196-0001 of the
21 Budget Act of 2014, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)
22 shall be allocated to the ~~department~~ *State Department of Education*
23 to be used for other professional development projects, not
24 described in subdivision (a), for transitional kindergarten and
25 California state preschool program teachers, as determined by the
26 department.
27 (c) The ~~department~~ *State Department of Education* shall consult
28 with the California Community Colleges, *the California State*
29 *University, resource and referral programs*, the California Children
30 and Families Commission, school administrators, and teachers in
31 administering this section.

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