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SENATE BILL

No. 1111

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 19, 2014

An act to amend Sections 1981, 1983, and 48918 of, to add Section 1981.5 to, and to repeal Section 1981.2 of, the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1111, as amended, Lara. Pupils: involuntary transfer: county community schools.

(1) Existing law authorizes a county board of education to establish and maintain one or more community schools into which the county board of education may enroll specified pupils, including, but not limited to, pupils who are expelled for specified reasons, referred as the result of the recommendation by a school attendance review board, probation referred, or homeless children.

This bill would revise the list of pupils who may be involuntarily enrolled in a county community school to limit the kind of probation referrals and remove homeless children. The bill, with regard to pupils referred as the result of a recommendation by the school attendance review board, would require that the school district and the county office of education determine that the county community school has space available to enroll the pupil, that the pupil's educational needs will be met by the county community school, and that the parent, guardian, or responsible adult of the pupil does not expressly object to the referral

based on specified reasons. The bill would authorize the school district to either address the express objections or find an alternative placement in another comprehensive or continuation school within the school district, or, after offering the pupil all other options, refer the pupil to the county community school. The bill would require the school attendance review board to include a school option that is geographically accessible, as defined, to the pupil, if the county community school is not geographically accessible, as specified. The bill would also provide that the pupil has the right to return to his or her previous school, or other appropriate school, at the end of the semester following the semester when the acts leading to referral occurred. The bill would specify the period of time during which the pupil has the right to return. The bill would allow enrollment of certain other pupils in a county community school with the consent of the pupil's parent, guardian, or responsible adult. The bill would authorize, with respect to certain probation referrals to a county community school, certain persons, including the attorney for a pupil who is under the jurisdiction of a delinquency court, to take specified actions related to the enrollment of a pupil in a county community school.

(2) Existing law requires a county community school to prescribe an individually planned educational program based on an educational assessment for each pupil. Existing law requires the course of study of a county community school to be adopted by the county board of education to enable each pupil to continue academic work leading to the completion of a regular high school program.

This bill would require county boards of education operating county community schools to ensure, among other things, that appropriate services and programs specified in a pupil's individualized education program are provided.

(3) This bill would provide a pupil who has been involuntarily enrolled in a county community school the right to reenroll in his or her former school or another comprehensive school immediately after being readmitted from an expulsion order or court-ordered placement. The bill would provide that only the governing board of the school district that issued the initial order or subsequent order to expel may extend the duration of an expelled pupil's placement in a county community school.

(4) Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to establish rules and regulations governing procedures for the expulsion of pupils. Existing law requires the adopted rules and regulations to

require, if a hearing officer or administrative panel decides not to recommend expulsion, the expulsion proceedings to be terminated and the pupil to be immediately reinstated and permitted to return to a classroom instructional program, any other instructional program, a rehabilitation program, or any combination of these programs.

This bill would require the adopted rules and regulations to instead require that the pupil be permitted to return only to the classroom instructional program from which the expulsion referral was made, unless a parent, guardian, or responsible adult of the pupil requests another school placement in writing. The bill would, before the placement decision is made by the parent, guardian, or responsible adult, require the superintendent of schools or the superintendent’s designee to consult with school district personnel, including the pupil’s teachers, and the parent, guardian, or responsible adult regarding any other school placement options for the pupil in addition to the option to return to his or her classroom instructional program from which the expulsion referral was made. By requiring the governing board of a school district to establish or revise the rules and regulations governing procedures for the expulsion of pupils, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(5) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1981 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 1981. The county board of education may enroll pupils in a
- 4 county community school who are any of the following:
- 5 (a) Expelled from a school district for any reason other than
- 6 those specified in subdivision (a) or (c) of Section 48915.
- 7 (b) (1) Referred to a county community school by a school
- 8 district as a result of the recommendation by a school attendance

1 review board. A pupil shall not be referred to a county community
2 school by a school district pursuant to this subdivision unless the
3 school district and the county office of education determine all of
4 the following:

5 (A) The county community school has space available to enroll
6 the pupil.

7 (B) The county community school meets the educational needs
8 of the pupil.

9 (C) (i) The parent, guardian, or responsible adult of the pupil
10 has not expressly objected to the referral based on one or more of
11 the following reasons:

12 (I) Reasonable concerns related to the pupil's safety.

13 (II) Geographic accessibility.

14 (III) Inability to transport.

15 (IV) The school does not meet the pupil's educational needs.

16 (ii) The school district may require the objection to be in writing
17 ~~if the school district has, in writing, it has~~ advised the parent,
18 guardian, or responsible adult that they may object, *in writing*, for
19 one of ~~the reasons described in subclauses (I) to (IV), inclusive,~~
20 ~~of clause (ii) these reasons.~~

21 (2) If the county community school recommended pursuant to
22 paragraph (1) is not geographically accessible to the pupil, the
23 school attendance review board shall also include in its
24 recommendation a school option for the pupil that is geographically
25 accessible to the pupil and meets the criteria specified in paragraph
26 (1).

27 (3) If the parent, guardian, or responsible adult of the pupil
28 objects for any of the reasons described in subclauses (I) to (IV),
29 inclusive, of clause ~~(ii)~~ (i) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1),
30 the school district may either address the express objection or find
31 an alternative placement in another comprehensive or continuation
32 school within the school district. If the school district has offered
33 the pupil all other options, the school district may refer the pupil
34 to the county community school.

35 (4) The pupil has the right to return to his or her prior school or
36 another appropriate school within his or her school district at the
37 end of the semester following the semester when the acts leading
38 to referral occurred. The right to return shall continue until the
39 ~~pupil turns 19 years of age, end of the pupil's 18th year of age,~~
40 except that a pupil with exceptional needs, consistent with Section

1 56041 of this code and Section 1412(a)(1)(A) of Title 20 of the
2 United States Code, shall have the right to return until he or she
3 turns 22 years of age.

4 (c) (1) (A) On probation, with or without the supervision of a
5 probation officer and consistent with an order of a juvenile court,
6 who are considered to be wards of the court under Sections 601
7 and 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and ordered placed
8 pursuant to Sections 725, 729.2, and 791 of, and paragraph (2) of
9 subdivision (a) of Section 727 of, the Welfare and Institutions
10 Code.

11 (B) Under the supervision of a probation officer, with the
12 consent of the minor and the minor's parent or guardian, pursuant
13 to Section 654 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

14 (C) Under the supervision of a probation officer pursuant to
15 Section 726 and paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 727
16 of the Welfare and Institutions Code with the consent of the pupil's
17 parent, guardian, or responsible adult appointed by the juvenile
18 court to make educational decisions for the pupil. The enrollment
19 of a minor covered by this paragraph in a county community school
20 shall be consistent with paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section
21 726 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, which provides that all
22 educational and school placement decisions shall seek to ensure
23 that the youth is in the least restrictive educational program, has
24 access to the academic resources, services, and extracurricular and
25 enrichment activities that are available to all pupils, and are based
26 on the best interests of the child.

27 (D) Unless specifically ordered by a juvenile court, nothing in
28 this subdivision shall be construed to conflict with the existing
29 rights of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult appointed by the
30 juvenile court pursuant to Section 726 of the Welfare and
31 Institutions Code to make educational placement decisions for the
32 minor.

33 (E) With respect to a pupil's enrollment in a county community
34 school pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (C), and consistent with
35 paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 726 of the Welfare and
36 Institutions Code and California Rule of Court 5.651, all of the
37 following shall apply:

38 (i) The attorney for, or the person holding the educational rights
39 of, a pupil who is under the jurisdiction of the delinquency court
40 may use the procedures set forth in California Rule of Court 5.651

1 to address any change of placement that results in the enrollment
2 of the pupil in a county community school that is not his or her
3 school of origin.

4 (ii) The attorney or the person holding the educational rights
5 appointed by the court for a pupil who is under the jurisdiction of
6 the delinquency court may, during a regularly scheduled hearing,
7 raise any concerns with respect to whether the enrollment of the
8 pupil in a county community school is meeting the educational
9 needs of the pupil.

10 (iii) Nothing in this subparagraph is intended to limit in any
11 way the rights or responsibilities of any person as set forth in
12 paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 726 of the Welfare and
13 Institutions Code and California Rule of Court 5.651.

14 (2) On probation or parole and not in attendance at any school,
15 where enrollment is with the consent of the parent, guardian, or
16 responsible adult, or the pupil, if he or she is 18 years of age or
17 older. Nothing in this subdivision shall impact the provision of
18 services or funding for youth up to 25 years of age pursuant to
19 subdivision (b) of Section 1982, as that section read on September
20 25, 2013.

21 (3) Expelled for any of the reasons specified in subdivision (a)
22 or (c) of Section 48915.

23 (4) Enrollment in a county community school pursuant to this
24 subdivision shall be consistent with subdivision (b) of Section
25 48645.5.

26 (d) Pupils whose school districts of attendance, or, for pupils
27 who do not have school districts of attendance, school districts of
28 residence, have, at the request of the pupil's parent, guardian, or
29 responsible adult, approved the pupil's enrollment in a county
30 community school, subject to the following:

31 (1) A pupil shall not be enrolled in a county community school
32 pursuant to this subdivision unless the school district determines
33 that the placement will promote the educational interests of the
34 pupil and the county community school has space available to
35 enroll the pupil.

36 (2) A parent, guardian, or responsible adult of a pupil enrolled
37 in a county community school pursuant to this subdivision may
38 rescind the request for the placement, and the pupil shall be
39 immediately reenrolled in the school that the pupil attended at the

1 time of the referral, or, with the consent of the parent, guardian,
2 or responsible adult, another appropriate school.

3 (e) The procedures outlined in subdivisions (b) to (e), inclusive,
4 of Section 51225.2 govern the transfer of credits, records, including
5 special education records, and grades required pursuant to
6 subdivision (a) of Section 48645.5 and Section 49068 when the
7 pupil transfers to and from the county community school.

8 (f) For purposes of this section, “geographically accessible”
9 means that the pupil can reasonably travel to and from the school
10 and is able to pay for any transportation costs that are above and
11 beyond the costs to attend his or her school of residence or prior
12 school, whichever is farther away.

13 SEC. 2. Section 1981.2 of the Education Code is repealed.

14 SEC. 3. Section 1981.5 is added to the Education Code, to
15 read:

16 1981.5. (a) A pupil who is involuntarily enrolled in a county
17 community school pursuant to subdivision (a) of, or subparagraph
18 (A) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of, Section
19 1981 shall have the right to reenroll in his or her former school or
20 another comprehensive school immediately after being readmitted
21 from the expulsion order pursuant to Section 48916 or
22 court-ordered placement. Nothing in this section is intended to
23 limit the school placement options that a school district may
24 recommend for a pupil being readmitted.

25 (b) Consistent with the process and procedures set forth in
26 Section 48916, only the governing board of the school district that
27 issued the initial order or subsequent order to expel may extend
28 the duration of an expelled pupil’s placement in a county
29 community school.

30 SEC. 4. Section 1983 of the Education Code is amended to
31 read:

32 1983. (a) Pupils enrolled in county community schools shall
33 be assigned to classes or programs deemed most appropriate for
34 reinforcing or reestablishing educational development.

35 (b) These classes or programs may include, but need not be
36 limited to, basic educational skill development, on-the-job training,
37 school credit recovery assistance, tutorial assistance, and individual
38 guidance activities.

39 (c) To the extent that independent study is determined to satisfy
40 the individually planned educational program described in

1 subdivision (d) for a pupil attending a county community school,
2 it shall meet all the requirements of Article 5.5 (commencing with
3 Section 51745) of Chapter 5 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2,
4 including the requirement that entry into that program is voluntary.

5 (d) An individually planned educational program based upon
6 an educational assessment shall be prescribed for each pupil.

7 (e) The course of study of a county community school shall be
8 adopted by the county board of education and shall enable each
9 pupil to continue academic work leading to the completion of a
10 regular high school program.

11 (f) Pursuant to Part 30 (commencing with Section 56000) of
12 Division 4 of Title 2 of this code, Chapter 33 (commencing with
13 Section 1400) of Title 20 of the United States Code, and
14 accompanying state and federal regulatory provisions, county
15 boards of education operating county community schools shall
16 ensure that assessments are administered in all areas of suspected
17 disability and appropriate services and programs, as specified in
18 a pupil's individualized education program, are provided.

19 (g) County boards of education operating county community
20 schools shall ensure that appropriate services and programs
21 designed to address the language needs of pupils identified as
22 English learners are provided in compliance with all applicable
23 state and federal laws and regulatory provisions.

24 SEC. 5. Section 48918 of the Education Code is amended to
25 read:

26 48918. The governing board of each school district shall
27 establish rules and regulations governing procedures for the
28 expulsion of pupils. These procedures shall include, but are not
29 necessarily limited to, all of the following:

30 (a) (1) The pupil shall be entitled to a hearing to determine
31 whether the pupil should be expelled. An expulsion hearing shall
32 be held within 30 schooldays after the date the principal or the
33 superintendent of schools determines that the pupil has committed
34 any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, unless the pupil
35 requests, in writing, that the hearing be postponed. The adopted
36 rules and regulations shall specify that the pupil is entitled to at
37 least one postponement of an expulsion hearing, for a period of
38 not more than 30 calendar days. Any additional postponement may
39 be granted at the discretion of the governing board of the school
40 district.

1 (2) Within 10 schooldays after the conclusion of the hearing,
2 the governing board of the school district shall decide whether to
3 expel the pupil, unless the pupil requests in writing that the decision
4 be postponed. If the hearing is held by a hearing officer or an
5 administrative panel, or if the governing board of the school district
6 does not meet on a weekly basis, the governing board of the school
7 district shall decide whether to expel the pupil within 40 schooldays
8 after the date of the pupil's removal from his or her school of
9 attendance for the incident for which the recommendation for
10 expulsion is made by the principal or the superintendent of schools,
11 unless the pupil requests in writing that the decision be postponed.

12 (3) If compliance by the governing board of the school district
13 with the time requirements for the conducting of an expulsion
14 hearing under this subdivision is impracticable during the regular
15 school year, the superintendent of schools or the superintendent's
16 designee may, for good cause, extend the time period for the
17 holding of the expulsion hearing for an additional five schooldays.
18 If compliance by the governing board of the school district with
19 the time requirements for the conducting of an expulsion hearing
20 under this subdivision is impractical due to a summer recess of
21 governing board meetings of more than two weeks, the days during
22 the recess period shall not be counted as schooldays in meeting
23 the time requirements. The days not counted as schooldays in
24 meeting the time requirements for an expulsion hearing because
25 of a summer recess of governing board meetings shall not exceed
26 20 schooldays, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 48925, and
27 unless the pupil requests in writing that the expulsion hearing be
28 postponed, the hearing shall be held not later than 20 calendar days
29 before the first day of school for the school year. Reasons for the
30 extension of the time for the hearing shall be included as a part of
31 the record at the time the expulsion hearing is conducted. Upon
32 the commencement of the hearing, all matters shall be pursued
33 and conducted with reasonable diligence and shall be concluded
34 without any unnecessary delay.

35 (b) Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the pupil
36 at least 10 calendar days before the date of the hearing. The notice
37 shall include all of the following:

38 (1) The date and place of the hearing.

39 (2) A statement of the specific facts and charges upon which
40 the proposed expulsion is based.

1 (3) A copy of the disciplinary rules of the school district that
2 relate to the alleged violation.

3 (4) A notice of the parent, guardian, or pupil's obligation
4 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 48915.1.

5 (5) Notice of the opportunity for the pupil or the pupil's parent
6 or guardian to appear in person or to be represented by legal
7 counsel or by a nonattorney adviser, to inspect and obtain copies
8 of all documents to be used at the hearing, to confront and question
9 all witnesses who testify at the hearing, to question all other
10 evidence presented, and to present oral and documentary evidence
11 on the pupil's behalf, including witnesses. In a hearing in which
12 a pupil is alleged to have committed or attempted to commit a
13 sexual assault as specified in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or
14 to have committed a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n)
15 of Section 48900, a complaining witness shall be given five days'
16 notice before being called to testify, and shall be entitled to have
17 up to two adult support persons, including, but not limited to, a
18 parent, guardian, or legal counsel, present during his or her
19 testimony. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons
20 shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential. This
21 subdivision shall not preclude the person presiding over an
22 expulsion hearing from removing a support person whom the
23 presiding person finds is disrupting the hearing. If one or both of
24 the support persons is also a witness, the provisions of Section
25 868.5 of the Penal Code shall be followed for the hearing. This
26 section does not require a pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian
27 to be represented by legal counsel or by a nonattorney adviser at
28 the hearing.

29 (A) For purposes of this section, "legal counsel" means an
30 attorney or lawyer who is admitted to the practice of law in
31 California and is an active member of the State Bar of California.

32 (B) For purposes of this section, "nonattorney adviser" means
33 an individual who is not an attorney or lawyer, but who is familiar
34 with the facts of the case, and has been selected by the pupil or
35 pupil's parent or guardian to provide assistance at the hearing.

36 (c) (1) Notwithstanding Section 35145, the governing board of
37 the school district shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion
38 of a pupil in a session closed to the public, unless the pupil
39 requests, in writing, at least five days before the date of the hearing,
40 that the hearing be conducted at a public meeting. Regardless of

1 whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in a closed or public
2 session, the governing board of the school district may meet in
3 closed session for the purpose of deliberating and determining
4 whether the pupil should be expelled.

5 (2) If the governing board of the school district or the hearing
6 officer or administrative panel appointed under subdivision (d) to
7 conduct the hearing admits any other person to a closed deliberation
8 session, the parent or guardian of the pupil, the pupil, and the
9 counsel of the pupil also shall be allowed to attend the closed
10 deliberations.

11 (3) If the hearing is to be conducted at a public meeting, and
12 there is a charge of committing or attempting to commit a sexual
13 assault as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or to commit
14 a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900, a
15 complaining witness shall have the right to have his or her
16 testimony heard in a session closed to the public when testifying
17 at a public meeting would threaten serious psychological harm to
18 the complaining witness and there are no alternative procedures
19 to avoid the threatened harm, including, but not limited to,
20 videotaped deposition or contemporaneous examination in another
21 place communicated to the hearing room by means of closed-circuit
22 television.

23 (d) Instead of conducting an expulsion hearing itself, the
24 governing board of the school district may contract with the county
25 hearing officer, or with the Office of Administrative Hearings
26 pursuant to Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 27720) of Part
27 3 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the Government Code and Section
28 35207 of this code, for a hearing officer to conduct the hearing.
29 The governing board of the school district may also appoint an
30 impartial administrative panel of three or more certificated persons,
31 none of whom is a member of the governing board of the school
32 district or employed on the staff of the school in which the pupil
33 is enrolled. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with all
34 of the procedures established under this section.

35 (e) Within three schooldays after the hearing, the hearing officer
36 or administrative panel shall determine whether to recommend the
37 expulsion of the pupil to the governing board of the school district.
38 If the hearing officer or administrative panel decides not to
39 recommend expulsion, the expulsion proceedings shall be
40 terminated and the pupil immediately shall be reinstated and

1 permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from
2 which the expulsion referral was made, unless the parent, guardian,
3 or responsible adult of the pupil requests another school placement
4 in writing. Before the placement decision is made by the parent,
5 guardian, or responsible adult, the superintendent of schools or
6 the superintendent's designee shall consult with school district
7 personnel, including the pupil's teachers, and the parent, guardian,
8 or responsible adult regarding any other school placement options
9 for the pupil in addition to the option to return to his or her
10 classroom instructional program from which the expulsion referral
11 was made. If the hearing officer or administrative panel finds that
12 the pupil committed any of the acts specified in subdivision (c) of
13 Section 48915, but does not recommend expulsion, the pupil shall
14 be immediately reinstated and may be referred to his or her prior
15 school or another comprehensive school, or, pursuant to the
16 procedures set forth in Section 48432.5, a continuation school of
17 the school district. The decision not to recommend expulsion shall
18 be final.

19 (f) (1) If the hearing officer or administrative panel recommends
20 expulsion, findings of fact in support of the recommendation shall
21 be prepared and submitted to the governing board of the school
22 district. All findings of fact and recommendations shall be based
23 solely on the evidence adduced at the hearing. If the governing
24 board of the school district accepts the recommendation calling
25 for expulsion, acceptance shall be based either upon a review of
26 the findings of fact and recommendations submitted by the hearing
27 officer or panel or upon the results of any supplementary hearing
28 conducted pursuant to this section that the governing board of the
29 school district may order.

30 (2) The decision of the governing board of the school district
31 to expel a pupil shall be based upon substantial evidence relevant
32 to the charges adduced at the expulsion hearing or hearings. Except
33 as provided in this section, no evidence to expel shall be based
34 solely upon hearsay evidence. The governing board of the school
35 district or the hearing officer or administrative panel may, upon a
36 finding that good cause exists, determine that the disclosure of
37 either the identity of a witness or the testimony of that witness at
38 the hearing, or both, would subject the witness to an unreasonable
39 risk of psychological or physical harm. Upon this determination,
40 the testimony of the witness may be presented at the hearing in

1 the form of sworn declarations that shall be examined only by the
2 governing board of the school district or the hearing officer or
3 administrative panel. Copies of these sworn declarations, edited
4 to delete the name and identity of the witness, shall be made
5 available to the pupil.

6 (g) A record of the hearing shall be made. The record may be
7 maintained by any means, including electronic recording, so long
8 as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the
9 proceedings can be made.

10 (h) (1) Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to the
11 hearing, but relevant evidence may be admitted and given probative
12 effect only if it is the kind of evidence upon which reasonable
13 persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs.
14 A decision of the governing board of the school district to expel
15 shall be supported by substantial evidence showing that the pupil
16 committed any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900.

17 (2) In hearings that include an allegation of committing or
18 attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in subdivision
19 (n) of Section 48900 or to commit a sexual battery as defined in
20 subdivision (n) of Section 48900, evidence of specific instances,
21 of a complaining witness' prior sexual conduct is to be presumed
22 inadmissible and shall not be heard absent a determination by the
23 person conducting the hearing that extraordinary circumstances
24 exist requiring the evidence be heard. Before the person conducting
25 the hearing makes the determination on whether extraordinary
26 circumstances exist requiring that specific instances of a
27 complaining witness' prior sexual conduct be heard, the
28 complaining witness shall be provided notice and an opportunity
29 to present opposition to the introduction of the evidence. In the
30 hearing on the admissibility of the evidence, the complaining
31 witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent, guardian,
32 legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion
33 evidence regarding the sexual behavior of the complaining witness
34 is not admissible for any purpose.

35 (i) (1) Before the hearing has commenced, the governing board
36 of the school district may issue subpoenas at the request of either
37 the superintendent of schools or the superintendent's designee or
38 the pupil, for the personal appearance of percipient witnesses at
39 the hearing. After the hearing has commenced, the governing board
40 of the school district or the hearing officer or administrative panel

1 may, upon request of either the county superintendent of schools
2 or the superintendent's designee or the pupil, issue subpoenas. All
3 subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with Sections 1985,
4 1985.1, and 1985.2 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Enforcement
5 of subpoenas shall be done in accordance with Section 11455.20
6 of the Government Code.

7 (2) Any objection raised by the superintendent of schools or the
8 superintendent's designee or the pupil to the issuance of subpoenas
9 may be considered by the governing board of the school district
10 in closed session, or in open session, if so requested by the pupil
11 before the meeting. Any decision by the governing board of the
12 school district in response to an objection to the issuance of
13 subpoenas shall be final and binding.

14 (3) If the governing board of the school district, hearing officer,
15 or administrative panel determines, in accordance with subdivision
16 (f), that a percipient witness would be subject to an unreasonable
17 risk of harm by testifying at the hearing, a subpoena shall not be
18 issued to compel the personal attendance of that witness at the
19 hearing. However, that witness may be compelled to testify by
20 means of a sworn declaration as provided for in subdivision (f).

21 (4) Service of process shall be extended to all parts of the state
22 and shall be served in accordance with Section 1987 of the Code
23 of Civil Procedure. All witnesses appearing pursuant to subpoena,
24 other than the parties or officers or employees of the state or any
25 political subdivision of the state, shall receive fees, and all
26 witnesses appearing pursuant to subpoena, except the parties, shall
27 receive mileage in the same amount and under the same
28 circumstances as prescribed for witnesses in civil actions in a
29 superior court. Fees and mileage shall be paid by the party at whose
30 request the witness is subpoenaed.

31 (j) Whether an expulsion hearing is conducted by the governing
32 board of the school district or before a hearing officer or
33 administrative panel, final action to expel a pupil shall be taken
34 only by the governing board of the school district in a public
35 session. Written notice of any decision to expel or to suspend the
36 enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation
37 shall be sent by the superintendent of schools or his or her designee
38 to the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian and shall be
39 accompanied by all of the following:

1 (1) Notice of the right to appeal the expulsion to the county
2 board of education.

3 (2) Notice of the education alternative placement to be provided
4 to the pupil during the time of expulsion.

5 (3) Notice of the obligation of the parent, guardian, or pupil
6 under subdivision (b) of Section 48915.1, upon the pupil's
7 enrollment in a new school district, to inform that school district
8 of the pupil's expulsion.

9 (k) (1) The governing board of the school district shall maintain
10 a record of each expulsion, including the cause for the expulsion.
11 Records of expulsions shall be nonprivileged, disclosable public
12 records.

13 (2) The expulsion order and the causes for the expulsion shall
14 be recorded in the pupil's mandatory interim record and shall be
15 forwarded to any school in which the pupil subsequently enrolls
16 upon receipt of a request from the admitting school for the pupil's
17 school records.

18 SEC. 6. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
19 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
20 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
21 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
22 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.