

**Introduced by Senator Wyland**February 21, 2014

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An act to amend Section 51225.3 of the Education Code, relating to school curriculum.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1419, as introduced, Wyland. School curriculum: social studies: genocide.

Existing law requires each pupil completing grade 12 to satisfy certain requirements as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation from high school. These requirements include the successful passage of the high school exit examination and the completion of designated coursework in grades 9 to 12, inclusive. The coursework requirements include the completion of 3 courses in social studies, including United States history and geography, world history, culture, and geography, a one-semester course in American government and civics, and a one-semester course in economics.

This bill, commencing with the 2015–16 school year, would prohibit a pupil from receiving credit for passing a course in world history, culture, and geography, without exposure in that course to an oral history component, as defined, specifically related to genocides, as specified. To the extent that school districts would be required to provide a higher level of service in order for pupils to meet this requirement, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

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 51225.3 of the Education Code, as  
2 amended by Section 2 of Chapter 324 of the Statutes of 2013, is  
3 amended to read:  
4 51225.3. (a) A pupil shall complete all of the following while  
5 in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in order to receive a diploma of  
6 graduation from high school:  
7 (1) At least the following numbers of courses in the subjects  
8 specified, each course having a duration of one year, unless  
9 otherwise specified:  
10 (A) Three courses in English.  
11 (B) Two courses in mathematics.  
12 (C) Two courses in science, including biological and physical  
13 sciences.  
14 (D) (i) Three courses in social studies, including United States  
15 history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a  
16 one-semester course in American government and civics; and a  
17 one-semester course in economics.  
18 (ii) *Commencing with the 2015–16 school year, a pupil shall*  
19 *not receive credit for passing a course in world history, culture,*  
20 *and geography, without exposure to an oral history component in*  
21 *that course, specifically related to genocides, including, but not*  
22 *limited to, the Armenian, Cambodian, Darfur, or Rwandan*  
23 *genocides, or the Jewish Holocaust. As used in this clause,*  
24 *“exposure to an oral history component” includes, but is not*  
25 *necessarily limited to, in-person testimony, video, or a multimedia*  
26 *option, such as a DVD or online video.*  
27 (E) One course in visual or performing arts, foreign language,  
28 or, commencing with the 2012–13 school year, career technical  
29 education.  
30 (i) For purposes of satisfying the requirement specified in this  
31 subparagraph, a course in American Sign Language shall be  
32 deemed a course in foreign language.

1 (ii) For purposes of this subparagraph, “a course in career  
2 technical education” means a course in a district-operated career  
3 technical education program that is aligned to the career technical  
4 model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the state  
5 board, including courses through a regional occupational center  
6 or program operated by a county superintendent of schools or  
7 pursuant to a joint powers agreement.

8 (iii) This subparagraph does not require a school or school  
9 district that currently does not offer career technical education  
10 courses to start new career technical education programs for  
11 purposes of this section.

12 (iv) If a school district or county office of education elects to  
13 allow a career technical education course to satisfy the requirement  
14 imposed by this subparagraph, the governing board of the school  
15 district or county office of education, before offering that  
16 alternative to pupils, shall notify parents, teachers, pupils, and the  
17 public at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board of  
18 all of the following:

19 (I) The intent to offer career technical education courses to fulfill  
20 the graduation requirement specified in this subparagraph.

21 (II) The impact that offering career technical education courses,  
22 pursuant to this subparagraph, will have on the availability of  
23 courses that meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the  
24 California State University and the University of California, and  
25 whether the career technical education courses to be offered  
26 pursuant to this subparagraph are approved to satisfy those  
27 eligibility requirements. If a school district elects to allow a career  
28 technical education course to satisfy the requirement imposed by  
29 this subparagraph, the school district shall comply with subdivision  
30 (m) of Section 48980.

31 (III) The distinction, if any, between the high school graduation  
32 requirements of the school district or county office of education,  
33 and the eligibility requirements for admission to the California  
34 State University and the University of California.

35 (F) Two courses in physical education, unless the pupil has been  
36 exempted pursuant to the provisions of this code.

37 (2) Other coursework requirements adopted by the governing  
38 board of the school district.

39 (b) The governing board, with the active involvement of parents,  
40 administrators, teachers, and pupils, shall adopt alternative means

1 for pupils to complete the prescribed course of study that may  
2 include practical demonstration of skills and competencies,  
3 supervised work experience or other outside school experience,  
4 career technical education classes offered in high schools, courses  
5 offered by regional occupational centers or programs,  
6 interdisciplinary study, independent study, and credit earned at a  
7 postsecondary educational institution. Requirements for graduation  
8 and specified alternative modes for completing the prescribed  
9 course of study shall be made available to pupils, parents, and the  
10 public.

11 (c) On or before July 1, 2017, the department shall submit a  
12 comprehensive report to the appropriate policy committees of the  
13 Legislature on the addition of career technical education courses  
14 to satisfy the requirement specified in subparagraph (E) of  
15 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), including, but not limited to, the  
16 following information:

17 (1) A comparison of the pupil enrollment in career technical  
18 education courses, foreign language courses, and visual and  
19 performing arts courses for the 2005–06 to 2011–12 school years,  
20 inclusive, to the pupil enrollment in career technical education  
21 courses, foreign language courses, and visual and performing arts  
22 courses for the 2012–13 to 2016–17 school years, inclusive.

23 (2) The reasons, reported by school districts, that pupils give  
24 for choosing to enroll in a career technical education course to  
25 satisfy the requirement specified in subparagraph (E) of paragraph  
26 (1) of subdivision (a).

27 (3) The type and number of career technical education courses  
28 that were conducted for the 2005–06 to 2011–12 school years,  
29 inclusive, compared to the type and number of career technical  
30 education courses that were conducted for the 2012–13 to 2016–17  
31 school years, inclusive.

32 (4) The number of career technical education courses that  
33 satisfied the subject matter requirements for admission to the  
34 University of California or the California State University.

35 (5) The extent to which the career technical education courses  
36 chosen by pupils are aligned with the California Career Technical  
37 Education Standards, and prepare pupils for employment, advanced  
38 training, and postsecondary education.

39 (6) The number of career technical education courses that also  
40 satisfy the visual and performing arts requirement, and the number

1 of career technical education courses that also satisfy the foreign  
2 language requirement.

3 (7) Annual pupil dropout and graduation rates for the 2011–12  
4 to 2014–15 school years, inclusive.

5 (d) For purposes of completing the report described in  
6 subdivision (c), the Superintendent may use existing state resources  
7 and federal funds. If state or federal funds are not available or  
8 sufficient, the Superintendent may apply for and accept grants,  
9 and receive donations and other financial support from public or  
10 private sources for purposes of this section.

11 (e) For purposes of completing the report described in  
12 subdivision (c), the Superintendent may accept support, including,  
13 but not limited to, financial and technical support, from high school  
14 reform advocates, teachers, chamber organizations, industry  
15 representatives, research centers, parents, and pupils.

16 (f) This section shall become inoperative on the earlier of the  
17 following two dates:

18 (1) On July 1, immediately following the first fiscal year after  
19 the enactment of the act that adds this paragraph in which the  
20 number of career technical education courses that, as determined  
21 by the department, satisfy the foreign language requirement for  
22 admission to the California State University and the University of  
23 California is at least twice the number of career technical education  
24 courses that meet these admission requirements as of January 1,  
25 2012. This section shall be repealed on the following January 1,  
26 unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before  
27 that date, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes  
28 inoperative and is repealed. It is the intent of the Legislature that  
29 new career technical education courses that satisfy the foreign  
30 language requirement for admission to the California State  
31 University and the University of California focus on world  
32 languages aligned with career preparation, emphasizing real-world  
33 application and technical content in related career and technical  
34 education courses.

35 (2) On July 1, 2017, and, as of January 1, 2018, is repealed,  
36 unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before  
37 January 1, 2018, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes  
38 inoperative and is repealed.

1 SEC. 2. Section 51225.3 of the Education Code, as amended  
2 by Section 3 of Chapter 324 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended  
3 to read:

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1 offered by regional occupational centers or programs,  
2 interdisciplinary study, independent study, and credit earned at a  
3 postsecondary educational institution. Requirements for graduation  
4 and specified alternative modes for completing the prescribed  
5 course of study shall be made available to pupils, parents, and the  
6 public.

7 (c) If a pupil completed a career technical education course that  
8 met the requirements of subparagraph (E) of paragraph (1) of  
9 subdivision (a) of Section 51225.3, as amended by the act adding  
10 this section, before the inoperative date of that section, that course  
11 shall be deemed to fulfill the requirements of subparagraph (E) of  
12 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of this section.

13 (d) This section shall become operative upon the date that  
14 Section 51225.3, as amended by the act adding this section,  
15 becomes inoperative.

16 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
17 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
18 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
19 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
20 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.