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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 713

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

February 25, 2015

An act to amend Section ~~99200.5~~ of 48010 of, and to add Section 48001 to, the Education Code, relating to ~~postsecondary education~~: kindergarten.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 713, as amended, Weber. ~~Postsecondary education: instructional strategies~~. Elementary education: kindergarten.

Under existing law, a person between the ages of 6 and 18 years who is not exempted by law is subject to compulsory full-time education. Existing law excludes a child under 6 years of age from the public schools, subject to specified exceptions.

Existing law requires a school district maintaining a kindergarten to admit a child who will have his or her 5th birthday on or before certain specified dates during that school year. Existing law also requires that a child who will have his or her 6th birthday on or before specified dates be admitted to the first grade of an elementary school.

This bill, beginning with the 2017–18 school year, would require a child to have completed one year of kindergarten before he or she may be admitted to the first grade, thereby imposing 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.

~~Existing law authorizes the Regents of the University of California to establish and maintain cooperative endeavors designed to develop and enhance teachers' subject matter and content knowledge in specified subject matter project areas. Existing law provides goals to be accomplished by the subject matter projects, including, among others, the goal to provide support to teachers to develop and enhance the content knowledge and pedagogical skills necessary to implement State Board of Education standards or curriculum frameworks adopted pursuant to specified provisions, and any subsequently adopted standards or curriculum frameworks.~~

~~This bill would explicitly include the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade 12, among the listed state board standards and curriculum frameworks that teachers are to receive support for implementing under this subject matter project goal. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.~~

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

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

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 48001 is added to the Education Code,*
- 2 *to read:*
- 3 *48001. Beginning with the 2017–18 school year, a child shall*
- 4 *have completed one year of kindergarten before he or she may be*
- 5 *admitted to the first grade.*
- 6 *SEC. 2. Section 48010 of the Education Code is amended to*
- 7 *read:*
- 8 48010. (a) A child shall be admitted to the first grade of an
- 9 elementary school during the first month of a school year if the
- 10 child *has completed one year of kindergarten and* will have his or
- 11 her sixth birthday on or before one of the following dates:
- 12 (1) December 2 of the 2011–12 school year.
- 13 (2) November 1 of the 2012–13 school year.
- 14 (3) October 1 of the 2013–14 school year.

(4) September 1 of the 2014–15 school year and each school year thereafter.

(b) For good cause, the governing board of a school district may permit a child of proper age to be admitted to a class after the first school month of the school term.

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

~~SECTION 1. Section 99200.5 of the Education Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 632 of the Statutes of 2011, is amended to read:~~

~~99200.5. The statewide subject matter projects shall create opportunities for researchers, higher education faculty, and elementary and secondary school faculty to work together to accomplish all of the following:~~

~~(a) Identify exemplary teaching practices.~~

~~(b) Examine and develop research on learning, knowledge, and educational materials.~~

~~(c) Provide support to teachers to develop and enhance the content knowledge and pedagogical skills necessary to implement state board standards or curriculum frameworks adopted pursuant to Sections 51226, 60605, 60605.1, 60605.2, 60605.3, and 60605.8, and the Next Generation Science Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade 12 adopted pursuant to former Section 60605.85, and any subsequently adopted standards or curriculum frameworks.~~

~~(d) In partnership with the University of California Curriculum Integration Institute or other appropriate entities, provide teachers with support in the implementation of career-oriented, integrated academic and technical courses that meet course requirements for admission to the University of California and the California State University, and align with high-priority industry sectors as determined pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 99200.~~