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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 833

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

February 26, 2015

An act to add Sections 8203.2 and 8203.25 to the Education Code, relating to early childhood education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 833, as amended, Bonta. Early childhood education.

The Child Care and Development Services Act has a purpose of providing a comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective system of child care and development services for children from infancy to 13 years of age and their parents, including a full range of supervision, health, and support services through full- and part-time programs. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop standards for the implementation of quality child care programs.

~~This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would improve early childhood education and development.~~

This bill would require the Superintendent, on or before an unspecified date, to establish a statewide centralized eligibility list to consolidate child care waiting lists and a statewide quality rating and improvement system to improve the quality of early learning, as provided.

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

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

1 *SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to build a stable,*
2 *comprehensive, and adequately funded high-quality early learning*
3 *and educational support system for children from birth to five*
4 *years of age, inclusive, with alignment and integration into the*
5 *K–12 education system by strategically using state and federal*
6 *funds, and engaging all early care and education stakeholders,*
7 *including K–12 education stakeholders, in an effort to provide*
8 *access to affordable, high-quality services supported by adequate*
9 *rates, integrated data systems, and a strong infrastructure that*
10 *supports children and the educators that serve them.*

11 *SEC. 2. Section 8203.2 is added to the Education Code, to*
12 *read:*

13 *8203.2. On or before _____, and notwithstanding Section 8227,*
14 *the Superintendent shall establish a statewide centralized eligibility*
15 *list to consolidate child care waiting lists.*

16 *SEC. 3. Section 8203.25 is added to the Education Code,*
17 *immediately following Section 8203.2, to read:*

18 *8203.25. On or before _____, and notwithstanding Section*
19 *8203.1, the Superintendent shall establish a statewide quality*
20 *rating and improvement system to improve the quality of early*
21 *learning and increase the number of low-income children in*
22 *high-quality preschool programs that prepare those children for*
23 *success in school and life.*

24 ~~*SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact*~~
25 ~~*legislation that would improve early childhood education and*~~
26 ~~*development.*~~