

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 943**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen**

February 26, 2015

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An act to amend Sections 47607.3 and 52074 of the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 943, as introduced, Travis Allen. Charter schools: California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

Existing law establishes the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to advise and assist school districts, county superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving their local control and accountability plan goals, and requires individuals and entities contracted by the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence for those purposes to have expertise, experience, and a record of success in certain areas. Existing law authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to assign the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to provide advice and assistance to a charter school that, for 3 out of 4 consecutive school years, fails to improve pupil outcomes for one or more priorities identified in the school's charter, as specified.

This bill would require a contractor assigned by the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence pursuant to those provisions to have the experience, expertise, and a record of success in working with charter schools in improving pupil outcomes. The bill would also identify working with charter schools in improving pupil outcomes as one of the required areas of experience, expertise, and record of success for individuals and entities contracted by the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

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. Section 47607.3 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 47607.3. (a) If a charter school fails to improve outcomes for  
4 three or more pupil subgroups identified pursuant to Section 52052,  
5 or, if the charter school has less than three pupil subgroups, all of  
6 the charter school’s pupil subgroups, in regard to one or more state  
7 or school-~~priority~~ *priorities* identified in the charter pursuant to  
8 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section  
9 47605 or subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of  
10 Section 47605.6, in three out of four consecutive school years, all  
11 of the following shall apply:  
12 (1) Using an evaluation rubric adopted by the state board  
13 pursuant to Section 52064.5, the chartering authority shall provide  
14 technical assistance to the charter school.  
15 (2) The Superintendent may assign, at the request of the  
16 chartering authority and with the approval of the state board, the  
17 California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to provide  
18 advice and assistance to the charter school pursuant to Section  
19 52074. *A contractor assigned by the California Collaborative for*  
20 *Educational Excellence pursuant to this section shall have*  
21 *expertise, experience, and a record of success in working with*  
22 *charter schools in improving pupil outcomes.*  
23 (b) A chartering authority shall consider for revocation any  
24 charter school to which the California Collaborative for Educational  
25 Excellence has provided advice and assistance pursuant to  
26 subdivision (a) and about which it has made either of the following  
27 findings, which shall be submitted to the chartering authority:  
28 (1) That the charter school has failed, or is unable, to implement  
29 the recommendations of the California Collaborative for  
30 Educational Excellence.  
31 (2) That the inadequate performance of the charter school, based  
32 upon an evaluation rubric adopted pursuant to Section 52064.5, is  
33 either so persistent or so acute as to require revocation of the  
34 charter.

1 (c) The chartering authority shall consider increases in pupil  
2 academic achievement for all pupil subgroups served by the charter  
3 school as the most important factor in determining whether to  
4 revoke the charter.

5 (d) A chartering authority shall comply with the hearing process  
6 described in subdivision (e) of Section 47607 in revoking a charter.  
7 A charter school may not appeal a revocation of a charter made  
8 pursuant to this section.

9 SEC. 2. Section 52074 of the Education Code is amended to  
10 read:

11 52074. (a) The California Collaborative for Educational  
12 Excellence is hereby established.

13 (b) The purpose of the California Collaborative for Educational  
14 Excellence is to advise and assist school districts, county  
15 superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the  
16 goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan adopted  
17 pursuant to this article.

18 (c) The Superintendent shall, with the approval of the state  
19 board, contract with a local educational agency, or consortium of  
20 local educational agencies, to serve as the fiscal agent for the  
21 California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The  
22 Superintendent shall apportion funds appropriated for the California  
23 Collaborative for Educational Excellence to the fiscal agent.

24 (d) The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence  
25 shall be governed by a board consisting of the following five  
26 members:

27 (1) The Superintendent or his or her designee.

28 (2) The president of the state board or his or her designee.

29 (3) A county superintendent of schools appointed by the Senate  
30 Committee on Rules.

31 (4) A teacher appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

32 (5) A superintendent of a school district appointed by the  
33 Governor.

34 (e) At the direction of the governing board of the California  
35 Collaborative for Educational Excellence, the fiscal agent shall  
36 contract with individuals, local educational agencies, or  
37 organizations with the expertise, experience, and a record of  
38 success to carry out the purposes of this article. The areas of  
39 expertise, experience, and record of success shall include, but are  
40 not limited to, all of the following:

1 (1) State priorities as described in subdivision (d) of Section  
2 52060.

3 (2) Improving the quality of teaching.

4 (3) Improving the quality of school district and schoolsite  
5 leadership.

6 (4) Successfully addressing the needs of special pupil  
7 populations, including, but not limited to, English learners, pupils  
8 eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal, pupils in foster  
9 care, and individuals with exceptional needs.

10 (5) *Working with charter schools in improving pupil outcomes.*

11 (f) The Superintendent may direct the California Collaborative  
12 for Educational Excellence to advise and assist a school district,  
13 county superintendent of schools, or charter school in any of the  
14 following circumstances:

15 (1) If the governing board of a school district, county board of  
16 education, or governing body ~~or~~ of a charter school requests the  
17 advice and assistance of the California Collaborative for  
18 Educational Excellence.

19 (2) If the county superintendent of schools of the county in  
20 which the school district or charter school is located determines,  
21 following the provision of technical assistance pursuant to Section  
22 52071 or 47607.3 as applicable, that the advice and assistance of  
23 the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence is  
24 necessary to help the school district or charter school accomplish  
25 the goals described in the local control and accountability plan  
26 adopted pursuant to this article.

27 (3) If the Superintendent determines that the advice and  
28 assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational  
29 Excellence is necessary to help the school district, county  
30 superintendent of schools, or charter school accomplish the goals  
31 set forth in the local control and accountability plan adopted  
32 pursuant to this article.