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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 943

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

February 26, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 943, as amended, 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 to give priority to a contractor~~ with 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-
outcomes, provided that the contractor meets specified conditions.~~

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 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. The California~~
23 ~~Collaborative for Educational Excellence shall give priority to a~~
24 ~~contractor with a record of success in working with charter schools~~
25 ~~in improving pupil outcomes, provided that the contractor meets~~
26 ~~all of the conditions in subdivision (e) of Section 52074.~~

27 (b) A chartering authority shall consider for revocation any
28 charter school to which the California Collaborative for Educational
29 Excellence has provided advice and assistance pursuant to
30 subdivision (a) and about which it has made either of the following
31 findings, which shall be submitted to the chartering authority:

1 (1) That the charter school has failed, or is unable, to implement
2 the recommendations of the California Collaborative for
3 Educational Excellence.

4 (2) That the inadequate performance of the charter school, based
5 upon an evaluation rubric adopted pursuant to Section 52064.5, is
6 either so persistent or so acute as to require revocation of the
7 charter.

8 (c) The chartering authority shall consider increases in pupil
9 academic achievement for all pupil subgroups served by the charter
10 school as the most important factor in determining whether to
11 revoke the charter.

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

16 ~~SEC. 2. Section 52074 of the Education Code is amended to~~
17 ~~read:~~

18 ~~52074. (a) The California Collaborative for Educational~~
19 ~~Excellence is hereby established.~~

20 ~~(b) The purpose of the California Collaborative for Educational~~
21 ~~Excellence is to advise and assist school districts, county~~
22 ~~superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the~~
23 ~~goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan adopted~~
24 ~~pursuant to this article.~~

25 ~~(c) The Superintendent shall, with the approval of the state~~
26 ~~board, contract with a local educational agency, or consortium of~~
27 ~~local educational agencies, to serve as the fiscal agent for the~~
28 ~~California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The~~
29 ~~Superintendent shall apportion funds appropriated for the California~~
30 ~~Collaborative for Educational Excellence to the fiscal agent.~~

31 ~~(d) The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence~~
32 ~~shall be governed by a board consisting of the following five~~
33 ~~members:~~

34 (1) ~~The Superintendent or his or her designee.~~

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

36 (3) ~~A county superintendent of schools appointed by the Senate~~
37 ~~Committee on Rules.~~

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

39 (5) ~~A superintendent of a school district appointed by the~~
40 ~~Governor.~~

1 ~~(e) At the direction of the governing board of the California~~
2 ~~Collaborative for Educational Excellence, the fiscal agent shall~~
3 ~~contract with individuals, local educational agencies, or~~
4 ~~organizations with the expertise, experience, and a record of~~
5 ~~success to carry out the purposes of this article. The areas of~~
6 ~~expertise, experience, and record of success shall include, but are~~
7 ~~not limited to, all of the following:~~

8 ~~(1) State priorities as described in subdivision (d) of Section~~
9 ~~52060.~~

10 ~~(2) Improving the quality of teaching.~~

11 ~~(3) Improving the quality of school district and schoolsite~~
12 ~~leadership.~~

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

17 ~~(5) Working with charter schools in improving pupil outcomes.~~

18 ~~(f) The Superintendent may direct the California Collaborative~~
19 ~~for Educational Excellence to advise and assist a school district,~~
20 ~~county superintendent of schools, or charter school in any of the~~
21 ~~following circumstances:~~

22 ~~(1) If the governing board of a school district, county board of~~
23 ~~education, or governing body of a charter school requests the advice~~
24 ~~and assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational~~
25 ~~Excellence.~~

26 ~~(2) If the county superintendent of schools of the county in~~
27 ~~which the school district or charter school is located determines,~~
28 ~~following the provision of technical assistance pursuant to Section~~
29 ~~52071 or 47607.3 as applicable, that the advice and assistance of~~
30 ~~the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence is~~
31 ~~necessary to help the school district or charter school accomplish~~
32 ~~the goals described in the local control and accountability plan~~
33 ~~adopted pursuant to this article.~~

34 ~~(3) If the Superintendent determines that the advice and~~
35 ~~assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational~~
36 ~~Excellence is necessary to help the school district, county~~
37 ~~superintendent of schools, or charter school accomplish the goals~~

- 1 ~~set forth in the local control and accountability plan adopted~~
- 2 ~~pursuant to this article.~~

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