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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 Section ~~47607.3~~ 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 fiscal agent of 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 the *fiscal agent of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence* to ~~give priority to a contractor with also consider, for charter schools, whether a potential contractor has a record of success in working with charter schools in improving pupil~~

~~outcomes, provided that the contractor meets specified conditions.~~
~~outcomes.~~

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 52074 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 52074. (a) The California Collaborative for Educational
- 4 Excellence is hereby established.
- 5 (b) The purpose of the California Collaborative for Educational
- 6 Excellence is to advise and assist school districts, county
- 7 superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the
- 8 goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan adopted
- 9 pursuant to this article.
- 10 (c) The Superintendent shall, with the approval of the state
- 11 board, contract with a local educational agency, or consortium of
- 12 local educational agencies, to serve as the fiscal agent for the
- 13 California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The
- 14 Superintendent shall apportion funds appropriated for the California
- 15 Collaborative for Educational Excellence to the fiscal agent.
- 16 (d) The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence
- 17 shall be governed by a board consisting of the following five
- 18 members:
- 19 (1) The Superintendent or his or her designee.
- 20 (2) The president of the state board or his or her designee.
- 21 (3) A county superintendent of schools appointed by the Senate
- 22 Committee on Rules.
- 23 (4) A teacher appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- 24 (5) A superintendent of a school district appointed by the
- 25 Governor.
- 26 (e) (1) At the direction of the governing board of the California
- 27 Collaborative for Educational Excellence, the fiscal agent shall
- 28 contract with individuals, local educational agencies, or
- 29 organizations with the expertise, experience, and a record of
- 30 success to carry out the purposes of this article. The areas of
- 31 expertise, experience, and record of success shall include, but are
- 32 not limited to, all of the following:
- 33 (1)

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

3 ~~(2)~~

4 (B) Improving the quality of teaching.

5 ~~(3)~~

6 (C) Improving the quality of school district and schoolsite
7 leadership.

8 ~~(4)~~

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

13 (2) *For charter schools, the fiscal agent shall also consider*
14 *whether a potential contractor has a record of success in working*
15 *with charter schools in improving pupil outcomes.*

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

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

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

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

38 ~~SECTION 1. Section 47607.3 of the Education Code is~~
39 ~~amended to read:~~

1 ~~47607.3.— (a) If a charter school fails to improve outcomes for~~
2 ~~three or more pupil subgroups identified pursuant to Section 52052;~~
3 ~~or, if the charter school has less than three pupil subgroups, all of~~
4 ~~the charter school’s pupil subgroups, in regard to one or more state~~
5 ~~or school priorities identified in the charter pursuant to~~
6 ~~subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section~~
7 ~~47605 or subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of~~
8 ~~Section 47605.6, in three out of four consecutive school years, all~~
9 ~~of the following shall apply:~~

10 ~~(1) Using an evaluation rubric adopted by the state board~~
11 ~~pursuant to Section 52064.5, the chartering authority shall provide~~
12 ~~technical assistance to the charter school.~~

13 ~~(2) The Superintendent may assign, at the request of the~~
14 ~~chartering authority and with the approval of the state board, the~~
15 ~~California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to provide~~
16 ~~advice and assistance to the charter school pursuant to Section~~
17 ~~52074. The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence~~
18 ~~shall give priority to a contractor with a record of success in~~
19 ~~working with charter schools in improving pupil outcomes;~~
20 ~~provided that the contractor meets all of the conditions in~~
21 ~~subdivision (e) of Section 52074.~~

22 ~~(b) A chartering authority shall consider for revocation any~~
23 ~~charter school to which the California Collaborative for Educational~~
24 ~~Excellence has provided advice and assistance pursuant to~~
25 ~~subdivision (a) and about which it has made either of the following~~
26 ~~findings, which shall be submitted to the chartering authority:~~

27 ~~(1) That the charter school has failed, or is unable, to implement~~
28 ~~the recommendations of the California Collaborative for~~
29 ~~Educational Excellence.~~

30 ~~(2) That the inadequate performance of the charter school, based~~
31 ~~upon an evaluation rubric adopted pursuant to Section 52064.5, is~~
32 ~~either so persistent or so acute as to require revocation of the~~
33 ~~charter.~~

34 ~~(c) The chartering authority shall consider increases in pupil~~
35 ~~academic achievement for all pupil subgroups served by the charter~~
36 ~~school as the most important factor in determining whether to~~
37 ~~revoke the charter.~~

38 ~~(d) A chartering authority shall comply with the hearing process~~
39 ~~described in subdivision (c) of Section 47607 in revoking a charter.~~

- 1 ~~A charter school may not appeal a revocation of a charter made~~
- 2 ~~pursuant to this section.~~

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