

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1126

Introduced by Assembly Member Rendon

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 17583 to the Education Code, relating to school facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1126, as introduced, Rendon. School facilities: heating, ventilation, and air conditioning: posting of inspection reports.

Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state, and authorizes local educational agencies throughout the state to operate schools and provide instruction to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Existing regulations require schools to have their heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems inspected at least annually.

This bill would require each public school maintaining kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to post a copy of any heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system inspection report on its Internet Web site and on the Internet Web site of its school district or county office of education, as applicable. The bill would also state related findings and declarations of the Legislature. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, this bill would impose 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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Many pupils and staff members in California’s public schools
4 have a variety of respiratory illnesses such as asthma.

5 (b) Many schools are located in agricultural areas, industrial
6 areas, or areas that have an unsafe level of air pollution.

7 (c) Many pupils and staff learn and work in portable classrooms
8 or offices that are extremely vulnerable to rot, mold, and other
9 airborne pathogens.

10 (d) California’s public schools are required to have an annual
11 inspection of their heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
12 systems.

13 (e) California’s public schools are authorized to reserve funding
14 for facility repairs as a condition of participating in the school
15 facilities program under existing law.

16 (f) The documentation of these inspections is often not easily
17 available for review by staff, parents, or pupils to make sure that
18 the inspections are being carried out in accordance with existing
19 law.

20 SEC. 2. Section 17583 is added to the Education Code, to read:

21 17583. Each public school maintaining kindergarten or any of
22 grades 1 to 12, inclusive, shall post a copy of any heating,
23 ventilation, and air conditioning system inspection report on its
24 Internet Web site and on the Internet Web site of its school district
25 or county office of education, as applicable.

26 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
27 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
28 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
29 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
30 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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