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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1181**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon**

February 27, 2015

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*An act to amend Sections 52300 and 52500 of the Education Code, relating to ~~adult education programs~~; career technical education.*

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1181, as amended, Calderon. ~~Adult education programs; qualification; federal Pell Grant Program. Career technical education.~~

(1) *Existing law provides that the Legislature declares that a regional occupational center will serve the state and national interests in providing career technical and technical education to students, including, but not limited to, high school students.*

*This bill would instead provide that the Legislature declares that the regional occupational center will serve the state and national interests in providing secondary and postsecondary career technical and technical education to those pupils.*

(2) *Existing law requires adult schools and evening high schools to consist of classes for adults, and authorizes minors to be admitted into those classes pursuant to policy adopted by the governing board of the school district and if those minors meet certain eligibility requirements.*

*This bill would authorize those classes to include postsecondary career technical education programs.*

~~Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district maintaining secondary schools to establish and maintain classes for adults, as specified.~~

~~This bill would express the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would, to the extent feasible, qualify adult education programs operated by local educational agencies to participate in the federal Pell Grant Program under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 so that students enrolled in those programs may qualify to receive federal Pell Grant Program awards for short-term career technical education programs.~~

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. Section 52300 of the Education Code is amended  
2     to read:

3     52300. (a) In enacting this article, it is the intent of the  
4     Legislature to provide qualified ~~students~~ *pupils* with the opportunity  
5     to attend a technical school or enroll in a career technical or  
6     technical training program, regardless of the geographical location  
7     of their residence in a county or region. The Legislature hereby  
8     declares that a regional occupational center will serve the state and  
9     national interests in providing *secondary and postsecondary* career  
10    technical and technical education to prepare ~~students~~ *pupils* for an  
11    increasingly technological society in which generalized training  
12    and skills are insufficient to prepare high school ~~students~~ *pupils*  
13    and graduates, and out-of-school youth and adults for the many  
14    employment opportunities ~~which~~ *that* require special or technical  
15    training and skills. The Legislature also declares that regional  
16    occupational centers will enable a broader curriculum in technical  
17    subjects to be offered, and will avoid unnecessary duplication of  
18    courses and expensive training equipment, and will provide a  
19    flexibility in operation ~~which~~ *that* will facilitate rapid program  
20    adjustments and meeting changing training needs as they arise.

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22    (b) It is recognized by the Legislature that career technical  
23    programs may achieve great flexibility of planning, ~~scope~~ *scope*,  
24    and operation by the conduct of these programs in a variety of  
25    physical facilities at various training locations.

26    ~~It~~

27    (c) It is the further intent of the Legislature that regional  
28    occupational centers and programs provide career technical and

1 occupational instruction related to the attainment of skills so that  
2 trainees are prepared for gainful employment in the area for which  
3 training was provided, or are upgraded so they have the higher  
4 level skills required because of new and changing technologies or  
5 so that they are prepared for enrollment in more advanced training  
6 programs.

7 *SEC. 2. Section 52500 of the Education Code is amended to*  
8 *read:*

9 52500. Adult schools and evening high schools shall consist  
10 of classes for ~~adults~~; *adults, and may include postsecondary career*  
11 *technical education programs*. Minors may be admitted to those  
12 classes pursuant to board policy and Section 52500.1.

13 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
14 ~~legislation that would, to the extent feasible, qualify adult education~~  
15 ~~programs operated by local educational agencies to participate in~~  
16 ~~the federal Pell Grant Program under Title IV of the federal Higher~~  
17 ~~Education Act of 1965 so that students enrolled in those programs~~  
18 ~~may qualify to receive federal Pell Grant Program awards for~~  
19 ~~short-term career technical education programs.~~