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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1660

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooper
(Coauthor: Assembly Member O'Donnell)

January 13, 2016

An act to amend Section 33353 of the Education Code, relating to interscholastic athletics.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1660, as amended, Cooper. Interscholastic athletics: California Interscholastic Federation: report.

Existing law describes the California Interscholastic Federation as a voluntary organization that consists of school and school-related personnel with responsibility for administering interscholastic athletic activities in secondary schools, and sets forth the Legislature's intent regarding the California Interscholastic Federation's implementation of certain policies. Existing law required the California Interscholastic Federation, on or before January 1, 2016, to report to the Legislature and the Governor on its evaluation and accountability activities undertaken pursuant to specified provisions. Existing law repeals those provisions on January 1, 2017.

This bill would delete the repeal date, and would require the California Interscholastic Federation, on or before January 1, ~~2024~~, 2023, and on or before January 1—of every 7 years thereafter, to report to the *appropriate policy committees of the* Legislature and the Governor on its evaluation and accountability activities undertaken pursuant to specified provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 33353 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 33353. (a) The California Interscholastic Federation is a
4 voluntary organization that consists of school and school-related
5 personnel with responsibility for administering interscholastic
6 athletic activities in secondary schools. It is the intent of the
7 Legislature that the California Interscholastic Federation, in
8 consultation with the department, implement the following policies:
9 (1) Give the governing boards of school districts specific
10 authority to select their athletic league representatives.
11 (2) Require that all league, section, and state meetings affiliated
12 with the California Interscholastic Federation be subject to the
13 notice and hearing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act
14 (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division
15 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code).
16 (3) Establish a neutral final appeals body to hear complaints
17 related to interscholastic athletic policies.
18 (4) Provide information to parents and pupils regarding the state
19 and federal complaint procedures for discrimination complaints
20 arising out of interscholastic athletic activities.
21 (5) Comply with the California Public Records Act (Chapter
22 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of
23 the Government Code), and in doing so, as a third-party recipient
24 of pupil and school personnel information, be afforded the same
25 public records disclosure exemptions as are afforded to school
26 districts, in order to protect the confidentiality of pupil and school
27 personnel records and information.
28 (b) (1) The California Interscholastic Federation shall report
29 to the *appropriate policy committees of the* Legislature and the
30 Governor on its evaluation and accountability activities undertaken
31 pursuant to this section on or before January 1, ~~2024~~, 2023, and
32 on or before January 1 ~~of~~ every seven years thereafter. This report
33 shall include, but not be limited to, the goals and objectives of the
34 California Interscholastic Federation with regard to, and the status
35 of, all of the following:

1 (A) The governing structure of the California Interscholastic
2 Federation, and the effectiveness of that governance structure in
3 providing leadership for interscholastic athletics in secondary
4 schools.

5 (B) Methods to facilitate communication with agencies,
6 organizations, and public entities whose functions and interests
7 interface with the California Interscholastic Federation.

8 (C) The quality of coaching and officiating, including, but not
9 limited to, professional development for coaches and athletic
10 administrators, and parent education programs.

11 (D) Gender equity in interscholastic athletics, including, but not
12 limited to, the number of male and female pupils participating in
13 interscholastic athletics in secondary schools, and action taken by
14 the California Interscholastic Federation in order to ensure
15 compliance with Title IX of the federal Education Amendments
16 of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 et seq.).

17 (E) Health and safety of pupils, coaches, officials, and
18 spectators.

19 (F) The economic viability of interscholastic athletics in
20 secondary schools, including, but not limited to, the promotion
21 and marketing of interscholastic athletics.

22 (G) New and continuing programs available to pupil athletes.

23 (H) Awareness and understanding of emerging issues related
24 to interscholastic athletics in secondary schools.

25 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the California
26 Interscholastic Federation accomplish all of the following:

27 (A) During years in which the California Interscholastic
28 Federation is not required to report to the Legislature and the
29 Governor pursuant to paragraph (1), it shall hold a public comment
30 period relating to that report at three regularly scheduled federation
31 council meetings per year.

32 (B) Annually allow public comment on the policies and practices
33 of the California Interscholastic Federation at a regularly scheduled
34 federation council meeting.

35 (C) Require sections of the California Interscholastic Federation
36 to allow public comment on the policies and practices of the
37 California Interscholastic Federation and its sections, and the report
38 required pursuant to paragraph (1), at each regularly scheduled
39 section meeting.

- 1 (D) Engage in a comprehensive outreach effort to promote the
- 2 public hearings described in subparagraphs (A) and (C).

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