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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1846

**Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chávez and Eduardo Garcia)**

February 9, 2016

An act relating to adult education, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1846, as amended, Lopez. ~~Adult education consortium program.~~
Education Block Grant Program.

Existing law ~~requires~~ *creates the Adult Education Block Grant Program under the administration of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education, pursuant to funding made available in the annual Budget Act, to jointly provide 2-year planning and implementation grants to regional consortia of community college districts and school districts for developing regional plans to better serve the educational needs of adults. Existing law requires the grant funds provided under this program to be used by each regional consortium to create and implement a plan to better provide adults in its region with certain skills, classes, courses, and programs, including, among other things, programs for apprentices. Superintendent of Public Instruction, which provides funds for certain adult education consortia.*

This bill would appropriate \$250,000,000 every fiscal year from the General Fund to the *Chancellor of the California Community Colleges*

and the ~~State Department of Education~~ *Superintendent of Public Instruction* for ongoing support of the ~~adult education consortium program~~ *Adult Education Block Grant Program*.

This bill would also declare the intent of the Legislature to add this appropriation to the \$500,000,000 appropriated annually in recent state budgets for the ~~adult education block grant program~~ *Adult Education Block Grant Program* for a total of \$750,000,000 annually, and would make certain findings and declarations relating to adult education funding.

The funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of
2 the following:

3 (1) According to the Regional Planning Report of 2015 authored
4 by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the
5 ~~Superintendent, Superintendent of Public Instruction~~, between the
6 years of 2008 and 2013 an estimated 65 adult schools across
7 California were closed.

8 (2) Increasing funding for the ~~adult education consortium~~
9 ~~program~~ *Adult Education Block Grant Program established*
10 *pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 84900) of Chapter*
11 *5 of Part 50 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code* to seven
12 hundred fifty million dollars (\$750,000,000) would restore adult
13 education funding to its 2008 level.

14 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to add two hundred fifty
15 million dollars (\$250,000,000) annually to the five hundred million
16 dollars (\$500,000,000) appropriated annually in recent state
17 budgets for the ~~adult education block grant program established~~
18 ~~pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 84900) of Chapter~~
19 ~~5 of Part 50 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code~~ *Adult*
20 *Education Block Grant Program* for a total provided for these
21 purposes each year of seven hundred fifty million dollars
22 (\$750,000,000).

1 (c) The sum of two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000)
2 is hereby appropriated every fiscal year from the General Fund to
3 the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the ~~State~~
4 ~~Department of Education~~ *Superintendent of Public Instruction* for
5 ongoing support of the ~~adult education consortium program~~ *Adult*
6 *Education Block Grant Program* implemented pursuant to Section
7 ~~84830~~ *84900* of the Education Code.

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