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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, to amend Section 84917 of the Education Code, relating to adult education.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1846, as amended, Lopez. Adult Education Block Grant ~~Program~~.
Program: report.

Existing law creates the Adult Education Block Grant Program under the administration of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public ~~Instruction, which provides funds for certain adult education consortia.~~ *Instruction. Under this program, the chancellor and Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director of the State Board of Education, are required to divide the state into adult education regions and approve one adult education consortium in each adult education region. Existing law requires the chancellor and the Superintendent to submit to the Director of Finance, the State Board of Education, and the Legislature, by September 30 following any year for which funds are appropriated for the program, a report about the use of specified funds and outcomes for adults statewide and in each adult education region.*

~~This bill would appropriate \$250,000,000 every fiscal year from the General Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction for ongoing support of the 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 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.~~

~~This bill would require that report to also include a summary of the extent to which funds provided to each consortium were insufficient to address the adult education demands within the service area of the consortium.~~

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 84917 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 84917. (a) To inform actions taken by the Governor and the
- 4 Legislature related to adult education, the chancellor and the
- 5 Superintendent shall submit to the Director of Finance, ~~to~~ the State
- 6 Board of Education, and, in conformity with Section 9795 of the
- 7 Government Code, ~~to~~ the Legislature, by September 30 following
- 8 any fiscal year for which funds are appropriated for the program,
- 9 a report about the use of these funds and outcomes for adults
- 10 statewide and in each adult education region. The report shall
- 11 include at least all of the following:
- 12 (1) A summary of the adult education plan operative for each
- 13 consortium.
- 14 (2) The distribution schedule for each consortium.
- 15 (3) The types and levels of services provided by each
- 16 consortium.
- 17 (4) The effectiveness of each consortium in meeting the
- 18 educational needs of adults in its respective region.

1 (5) Any recommendations related to delivery of education and
2 workforce services for adults, including recommendations related
3 to improved alignment of state programs.

4 (6) *A summary, based on an assessment by each consortium,*
5 *regarding the extent to which funds provided to the consortium*
6 *pursuant to this article were insufficient to address the demands*
7 *for adult education within the service area of the consortium.*

8 (b) (1) The chancellor and the Superintendent may require a
9 consortium, as a condition of receipt of an apportionment, to submit
10 any reports or data necessary to produce the report described in
11 subdivision (a).

12 (2) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall align the data
13 used to produce the report described in subdivision (a) with data
14 reported by local educational agencies for other purposes, such as
15 data used for purposes of the federal Workforce Opportunity and
16 Innovation Act (Public Law 113-128).

17 (3) The Employment Development Department and the
18 California Workforce Investment Board shall provide any
19 assistance needed to align delivery of services across state and
20 regional workforce, education, and job service programs.

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

23 ~~(1) According to the Regional Planning Report of 2015 authored~~
24 ~~by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the~~
25 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction, between the years of 2008~~
26 ~~and 2013 an estimated 65 adult schools across California were~~
27 ~~closed.~~

28 ~~(2) Increasing funding for the Adult Education Block Grant~~
29 ~~Program established pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with~~
30 ~~Section 84900) of Chapter 5 of Part 50 of Division 7 of Title 3 of~~
31 ~~the Education Code to seven hundred fifty million dollars~~
32 ~~(\$750,000,000) would restore adult education funding to its 2008~~
33 ~~level.~~

34 ~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature to add two hundred fifty~~
35 ~~million dollars (\$250,000,000) annually to the five hundred million~~
36 ~~dollars (\$500,000,000) appropriated annually in recent state~~
37 ~~budgets for the Adult Education Block Grant Program for a total~~
38 ~~provided for these purposes each year of seven hundred fifty~~
39 ~~million dollars (\$750,000,000).~~

1 ~~(e) 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~~
4 ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction for ongoing support of the~~
5 ~~Adult Education Block Grant Program implemented pursuant to~~
6 ~~Section 84900 of the Education Code.~~

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