

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1873

Introduced by Assembly Member Holden

February 10, 2016

An act to amend Section 51225.35 of the Education Code, relating to school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1873, as introduced, Holden. School curriculum: high school graduation requirements: mathematics: computer science.

Existing law requires each pupil completing grade 12 to satisfy certain requirements as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation from high school. These requirements include the completion of designated coursework in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, including the completion of at least 2 courses in mathematics, 2 courses in science, including biological and physical sciences, and one course in visual or performing arts, foreign language, or career technical education. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to adopt additional coursework requirements. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district that requires the completion of more than 2 courses in mathematics for graduation from high school to award a pupil up to one mathematics course credit for successfully completing an approved computer science course, as provided.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that latter provision.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 51225.35 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51225.35. (a) (1) If the governing board of a school district requires more than two courses in mathematics for graduation from high school, the governing board of the school district may award a pupil up to one mathematics course credit pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 51225.3 for successfully completing a “category C” approved computer science course.

(2) The governing board of ~~a~~ *the* school district is encouraged to ensure that any computer science course that the school district awards a pupil mathematics course credit for pursuant to paragraph (1) builds upon fundamental mathematics content.

(3) The governing board of ~~a~~ *the* school district is encouraged to support schools in submitting any computer science course that a school wishes to use to fulfill school district imposed mathematics subject area requirements to the University of California for certification and addition to the school’s “A–G” course list.

(b) For purposes of this section, “category C” refers to the “A–G” admission requirements for the California State University and the University of California.