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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1973

Introduced by Assembly Member Campos

February 16, 2016

An act to add Section 17654 to the Education Code, relating to school facilities, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1973, as amended, Campos. School facilities: school districts: energy efficiency projects.

(1) Existing law expresses legislative findings and declarations that it is in the interest of the state and of the people thereof for the state to aid school districts in finding cost-effective methods of conserving energy in school buildings maintained by the school districts.

This bill would appropriate ~~an unspecified amount of money \$20,000,000 to the Santa Clara County Office of State Department of Education~~ for allocation to school districts ~~within the county for a pilot program~~ for purposes of energy efficiency projects. The bill would provide that a school district is eligible for those funds only if it has received specified funding and does ~~certain~~ *at least one of 4 specified* things in connection with those energy efficiency projects, including, partners with an institution of higher education for purposes of providing energy efficiency project-based learning opportunities for pupils enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, leverages private investment, ~~and~~ utilizes state-approved apprenticeship programs and ensures access to those programs for qualified veterans who were

discharged after September 11, 2001. ~~To the extent this bill would impose additional duties on the Santa Clara County Office of Education, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. 2001, or incorporates the reclamation and conservation of water into certain projects, as specified.~~

(2) 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.

~~(3) This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for Santa Clara County.~~

~~(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 17654 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 17654. (a) The sum of ~~_____~~ *twenty million* dollars (~~\$ _____~~)
4 (~~\$20,000,000~~) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to
5 ~~the Santa Clara County Office of Education department~~ for
6 allocation to school districts ~~within the county~~ for a pilot program
7 for purposes of energy efficiency projects.
8 (b) A school district shall be eligible for funds appropriated
9 pursuant to subdivision (a) only if it has received funding pursuant
10 to Proposition 39, an initiative enacted by voters at the November
11 6, 2012, statewide general election, and does ~~all~~ *one or more* of
12 the following in connection with the energy efficiency project that
13 it seeks additional funding for:
14 (1) Partners with an institution of higher education for purposes
15 of providing energy efficiency project-based learning opportunities
16 for pupils enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12,
17 inclusive.

1 (2) Leverages private investment in addition to funds
2 appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section
3 26205 of the Public Resources Code.

4 (3) Utilizes state-approved apprenticeship programs and ensured
5 access to those programs for qualified veterans who were
6 discharged after September 11, 2001.

7 (4) *Incorporates the reclamation and conservation of water into*
8 *projects funded pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of*
9 *Section 26205 of the Public Resources Code.*

10 (c) For purposes of making the computations required by Section
11 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the funds
12 appropriated pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be
13 “General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts,” as
14 defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202, and included within
15 the “total allocations to school districts and community college
16 districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant
17 to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202.

18 ~~SEC. 2.—The Legislature finds and declares that a special law~~
19 ~~is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable~~
20 ~~within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California~~
21 ~~Constitution because of the uniquely proven track record of school~~
22 ~~districts in Santa Clara County in implementing successful energy~~
23 ~~efficiency projects that meet the requirements of this act.~~

24 ~~SEC. 3.—If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~
25 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~
26 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~
27 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~
28 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~