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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2290**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Santiago**

February 18, 2016

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An act to add Section 60605.5 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2290, as amended, Santiago. Pupil instruction: ~~foreign languages.~~ *world languages: revision of content standards.*

Existing law requires the State Board of Education, on or before June 1, 2009, to adopt content standards for teaching foreign languages in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, pursuant to recommendations developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This bill would authorize the Superintendent to recommend ~~modifications~~ *revisions* to the ~~foreign language academic content standards~~ *World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools, adopted pursuant to the above requirement*, to the state board and would require the state board to adopt, reject, or modify the recommendations on or before July ~~30~~, *31*, 2018. The bill would require the state board to explain, in writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the reasons for modifying the *recommended revised content* standards. The bill would require the Superintendent, in consultation with the state board, to select a group of experts for purposes of assisting the Superintendent in developing the recommendations. The bill would

require the Superintendent to hold a minimum of 2 public hearings in order for the public to provide input on the Superintendent’s recommendations and would require the state board to adopt, reject, or modify the recommendations at a subsequent public hearing. *meeting*. The bill would require that ~~modifications~~ *revisions* to the ~~foreign language academic content standards~~ *World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools* be incorporated into the curriculum framework and the evaluation criteria for ~~mathematics world languages~~ for purposes of adopting instructional materials.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 60605.5 is added to the Education Code,  
 2 to read:  
 3 60605.5. (a) The Superintendent may recommend to the state  
 4 board ~~modifications~~ *revisions* to the ~~foreign language academic~~  
 5 ~~content standards adopted by the state board~~ *World Language*  
 6 *Content Standards for California Public Schools adopted by the*  
 7 *state board in 2009* pursuant to Section 60605.3. On or before July  
 8 ~~30, 31, 2018~~, the state board shall adopt, reject, or modify any  
 9 ~~modifications~~ *proposed revisions recommended* by the  
 10 Superintendent. If the state board modifies ~~the foreign language~~  
 11 ~~academic~~ *any revisions recommended* to these content standards,  
 12 it shall explain, in writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the  
 13 reasons for modifying the *recommended revised content* standards.  
 14 (b) In consultation with the state board, the Superintendent shall  
 15 select a group of experts in ~~mathematics~~ *this subject area* for  
 16 purposes of assisting the Superintendent in developing  
 17 recommendations pursuant to this section. ~~The Superintendent~~  
 18 ~~shall ensure that the group of experts includes, but is not limited~~  
 19 ~~to, both researchers and practitioners in the field of foreign~~  
 20 ~~language education, representatives from higher education and the~~  
 21 ~~K-12 educational system, and experts in alphabet-based and~~  
 22 ~~nonalphabet-based languages and American Sign language.~~  
 23 (c) (1) The Superintendent shall hold a minimum of two public  
 24 hearings in order for the public to provide input on the  
 25 ~~modifications~~ *revisions* recommended pursuant this section and

1 the state board shall adopt, reject, or modify those  
2 recommendations at a subsequent public meeting.

3 (2) The public *hearings and* meetings required by this  
4 subdivision shall be held pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open  
5 Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of  
6 Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government  
7 Code).

8 (d) If the ~~foreign language academic content standards are~~  
9 ~~modified~~ *World Language Content Standards for California Public*  
10 *Schools is revised* pursuant to subdivision (a), during the next  
11 revision of the ~~foreign language~~ *corresponding* curriculum  
12 framework and evaluation criteria, the Instructional Quality  
13 Commission shall ensure that the ~~modifications~~ *revisions* are  
14 incorporated into the ~~foreign language~~ *that* curriculum framework  
15 and evaluation criteria for purposes of adopting instructional  
16 materials.