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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.