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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2290

Introduced by Assembly Member Santiago

February 18, 2016

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: 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~~ *require* the ~~Superintendent~~ *Superintendent*, *in consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission*, to recommend revisions to the World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools, adopted pursuant to the above requirement, to the state board and *to present those recommended revisions to the state board by a specified date. The bill would require the*

Superintendent, in consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission and the state board, to select a group of experts, as specified, to assist the Superintendent in developing the recommended revisions, and would require the recommended revisions to be based on the work of this group of experts. The bill would also require the Superintendent, before presenting his or her recommended revisions to the state board, to hold a minimum of 2 public hearings in order for the public to provide input on the recommended revisions. The bill would require the state board, by a specified date, to adopt, reject, or modify the recommendations on or before January 31, 2019. recommended revisions. 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, the majority of which would be required to be current public school elementary or secondary classroom teachers who have professional teaching credentials that are valid under state law, 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 meeting. The bill would require the Instructional Quality Commission, by July 31, 2020, to ensure that these adopted recommendations are incorporated into the corresponding World Language Curriculum Framework and inform the evaluation criteria for purposes of adopting world language instructional materials. board to take specified actions if it rejects the recommended revisions or if it modifies the recommended revisions. If the state board adopts either the Superintendent's recommended revisions or its own modified revisions to the World Language Content Standards, the bill would require the state board to consider adopting curriculum framework and evaluation criteria for instructional materials that are aligned to the revised World Language Content Standards and authorize the state board to adopt instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, that are aligned to those standards.

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) (1) ~~The~~*In consultation with the Instructional*
4 *Quality Commission, the Superintendent may shall* recommend to
5 the state board revisions to the World Language Content Standards
6 for California Public Schools adopted by the state board in 2009
7 pursuant to Section 60605.3. ~~On or before January 31, 2019, the~~
8 ~~state board shall adopt, reject, or modify any revisions~~
9 ~~recommended by the Superintendent. If the state board modifies~~
10 ~~any revisions recommended to these content standards, it shall~~
11 ~~explain, in writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the reasons~~
12 ~~for modifying the recommended revised content standards.~~

13 (2) *These recommended revisions shall be based on the work*
14 *of the group of experts convened pursuant to subdivision (b).*

15 (3) *On or before January 31, 2019, the Superintendent, in*
16 *consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission, shall*
17 *present his or her recommended revisions to the state board.*

18 (b) *In consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission*
19 *and the state board, the Superintendent shall select a group of*
20 *experts in this subject area for purposes of assisting to assist the*
21 *Superintendent in developing recommendations recommended*
22 *revisions pursuant to this section. A majority of this group of*
23 *experts shall be current public school elementary or secondary*
24 *classroom teachers who have a professional teaching credential*
25 *that is valid under state law.*

26 (c) (1) ~~The Superintendent~~*Before presenting his or her*
27 *recommended revisions to the state board pursuant to paragraph*
28 *(3) of subdivision (a), the Superintendent, in consultation with the*
29 *Instructional Quality Commission, shall hold a minimum of two*
30 *public hearings in order for the public to provide input on the*
31 *revisions recommended pursuant to this section and the state board*
32 *shall adopt, reject, or modify those recommendations at a*
33 *subsequent public meeting. recommended revisions.*

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

~~(d) When the World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools are adopted pursuant to subdivision (a), the Instructional Quality Commission shall ensure that the adopted World Language Content Standards are incorporated into the corresponding World Language Curriculum Framework and inform the evaluation criteria for purposes of adopting world language instructional materials by no later than July 31, 2020.~~

(d) (1) On or before March 31, 2019, the state board shall adopt, reject, or modify the recommended revisions.

(2) If the state board modifies the recommended revisions, it shall do both of the following:

(A) It shall explain, in writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the reasons for those modifications.

(B) It shall, in a meeting conducted pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), provide written reasons for its modifications. The state board shall not adopt its modified revisions at the same meeting it provides its written reasons, but, instead, shall adopt these modified revisions at a subsequent meeting conducted on or before May 31, 2019.

(3) If the state board rejects the recommended revisions, the state board shall transmit to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature a detailed written explanation of its reasons for rejecting the recommended revisions.

(e) If the state board adopts revisions to the World Language Content Standards pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (d), the state board shall consider adopting curriculum framework and evaluation criteria for instructional materials that are aligned to the revised World Language Content Standards on or before September 30, 2020, based on any recommendations the Instructional Quality Commission may make.

(f) If the state board adopts revisions to the World Language Content Standards pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (d), the state board may adopt instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, that are aligned to the revised World Language Content Standards on or before January 31, 2022, based

- 1 *on any recommendations the Instructional Quality Commission*
- 2 *may make.*

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