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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2306

Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier

February 18, 2016

An act to add Section 51225 to the Education Code, relating to high school graduation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2306, as amended, Frazier. High school graduation requirements: pupils transferring from juvenile court schools.

Existing law prescribes the course of study a pupil is required to complete while in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in order to receive a diploma of graduation, and authorizes the governing board of a school district to prescribe other coursework requirements that are in addition to the statewide requirements.

This bill would require a school district to exempt a pupil from all other coursework requirements for graduation adopted by the governing board *of the school district* that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements for graduation, unless the school district makes a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the additional coursework requirements in time to graduate from high school. *The bill would require the school to which the pupil transfers to provide notice to the pupil and specified other parties of the availability of the exemption and whether the pupil qualifies for the exemption.* The bill would also require a county office of education to issue a diploma of graduation to a pupil who completes statewide coursework requirements

for graduation while attending a juvenile court school, as specified. By placing additional requirements on school districts and county offices of education, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 51225 is added to the Education Code,
 2 to read:
 3 51225. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for a pupil who at
 4 any time after he or she completes 10th grade transfers to a school
 5 district from a juvenile court school, the school district shall exempt
 6 the pupil from all other coursework requirements for graduation
 7 adopted by the governing board of the school district that are in
 8 addition to the statewide coursework requirements specified in
 9 Section 51225.3, unless the school district makes a finding that
 10 the pupil is reasonably able to complete the additional coursework
 11 requirements in time to graduate from high school.
 12 (b) If a pupil completes the statewide coursework requirements
 13 for graduation specified in Section 51225.3 while attending a
 14 juvenile court school, the county office of education shall issue to
 15 the pupil a diploma of graduation and shall not require the pupil
 16 to complete other coursework requirements that are in addition to
 17 the statewide coursework requirements.
 18 (c) (1) *Within 30 calendar days of the date that a pupil who*
 19 *may qualify for the exemption from local graduation requirements*
 20 *pursuant to subdivision (a) transfers into a school, the school*
 21 *district shall notify the pupil, the person holding the right to make*
 22 *educational decisions for the pupil, and the pupil's social worker*
 23 *or probation officer of the availability of the exemption and*
 24 *whether the pupil qualifies for an exemption.*

1 (2) *If the school district fails to provide timely notice pursuant*
2 *to paragraph (1), the pupil shall be eligible for the exemption from*
3 *local graduation requirements pursuant to this section once*
4 *notified, even if that notification occurs after the termination of*
5 *the court's jurisdiction over the pupil, if the pupil otherwise*
6 *qualifies for the exemption pursuant to this section.*

7 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
8 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
9 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
10 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
11 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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