

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2527

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 52063.5 to the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2527, as introduced, Weber. School accountability: model surveys.

Existing law required, on or before July 1, 2014, the governing boards of school districts and county boards of education to adopt a local control and accountability plan using a state template adopted by the State Board of Education. Existing law requires the local control and accountability plan to include, among other things, a description of annual goals for all pupils and specified subgroups of pupils to be achieved for certain state priorities, including a school climate priority, as measured by, among other things, local surveys of pupils, parents, and teachers on the sense of safety and school connectedness, and a parental involvement priority. Existing law provides that an adopted local control and accountability plan is effective for 3 years and requires the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to update its local control and accountability plan before July 1 of each year. Existing law requires the governing boards of school districts and county offices of education to each establish a parent advisory committee to provide advice to the governing board of the school district or the county office of education regarding the requirements of local control and accountability plans.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene an advisory committee consisting of representatives from the state board, public schools, governing boards of school districts, local educational agencies, parent groups, parent and youth-serving community-based organizations, and advocacy organizations to provide general guidance on, and to make recommendations relating to, the creation of model survey questions. The bill would require the Superintendent, on or before July 1, 2017, to recommend model surveys to the state board for consideration and adoption, and, if the state board adopts the model surveys, would require the model surveys to be made available to local educational agencies and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence as a resource to assist local educational agencies, including in assisting them in meeting the local survey requirement on safety and school connectedness. The bill also would express the Legislature’s intent to, among other things, provide funding to support local educational agencies with the implementation of the surveys.

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 52063.5 is added to the Education Code,
 2 to read:
 3 52063.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish model
 4 survey questions for pupils, parents, and teachers that are aligned
 5 with the state priorities established in subdivision (d) of Section
 6 52060 and subdivision (d) of Section 52066, including, but not
 7 limited to, questions on the sense of safety and school
 8 connectedness and on parental involvement.
 9 (b) The Superintendent shall convene an advisory committee
 10 consisting of representatives from the state board, public schools,
 11 governing boards of school districts, local educational agencies,
 12 parent groups, parent and youth-serving community-based
 13 organizations, and advocacy organizations to provide general
 14 guidance on, and to make recommendations relating to, the creation
 15 of model survey questions.
 16 (c) On or before July 1, 2017, the Superintendent shall
 17 recommend model surveys to the state board for consideration and
 18 adoption.

1 (d) If the model surveys are adopted by the state board, the
2 model surveys shall be made available to local educational agencies
3 and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence as a
4 resource to assist local educational agencies, including in assisting
5 them in meeting the local survey requirement on safety and school
6 connectedness, as specified in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (6)
7 of subdivision (d) of Section 52060 and subparagraph (C) of
8 paragraph (6) of subdivision (d) of Section 52066.
9 (e) It is further the intent of the Legislature to provide funding
10 to support local educational agencies with the implementation of
11 the surveys referenced in subdivision (d).

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