

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2548

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

February 19, 2016

An act to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 52053) to Chapter 6.1 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2548, as introduced, Weber. School accountability: statewide accountability system.

(1) 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 each state priority, as specified, and a description of the specific actions the school district or county superintendent of schools will take to achieve those goals. Existing law requires the charter petition for a charter school to include those same elements. Existing law provides that an adopted local control and accountability plan is effective for 3 years and shall be updated annually on or before July 1. Existing law requires the state board, on or before October 1, 2016, to adopt evaluation rubrics to, among other things, assist a school district, county office of education, or charter school in evaluating its strengths, weaknesses, and areas that require improvement. Existing law establishes the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence for purposes of advising and assisting school districts, county

superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan.

This bill would, for purposes of a statewide accountability system and to ensure alignment and fidelity with the state priorities and federal law, require the state board to adopt a statewide accountability system. The bill would require the system to satisfy the accountability requirements of specified federal law, rely upon data from key indicators established by the evaluation rubrics adopted by the state board, and, working in concert with the collaborative, utilize a multitiered system of review, support, collaboration, and intervention, aligning the level of support to the needs of the local educational agency or individual school. The bill would authorize the state board to require local educational agencies to submit additional data to the state board or the State Department of Education in order to satisfy the federal accountability system requirements. To the extent this bill would impose additional duties on local educational agency officials, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) 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 no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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. Article 3 (commencing with Section 52053) is
2 added to Chapter 6.1 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 3. Statewide Accountability System

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7 52053. For purposes of a statewide accountability system and
8 to ensure alignment and fidelity with the state priorities established
9 pursuant Sections 52060 and 52066 and with federal law, the state
10 board shall adopt a statewide accountability system that does all
11 of the following:

12 (a) (1) Satisfies the accountability system requirements of the
13 federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.), as amended by the Every Student
2 Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95).

3 (2) The state board may require local educational agencies to
4 submit additional data to the state board or the department in order
5 to meet those requirements.

6 (b) Relies upon data from key indicators established pursuant
7 to the evaluation rubrics adopted by the state board pursuant to
8 Section 52064.5.

9 (c) Working in concert with the California Collaborative for
10 Educational Excellence established pursuant to Section 52074,
11 utilizes a multitiered system of review, support, collaboration, and
12 intervention, aligning the level of support to the needs of the local
13 educational agency or individual school.

14 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
15 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
16 this act implements a federal law or regulation and results only in
17 costs mandated by the federal government, within the meaning of
18 Section 17556 of the Government Code.