

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2615**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wood**

February 19, 2016

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An act to amend Section 8483 of the Education Code, relating to after school programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2615, as introduced, Wood. After school programs.

Existing law establishes the After School Education and Safety Program to serve pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 9, inclusive, at participating public elementary, middle, junior high, and charter schools. The act states that it is the intent of the Legislature that elementary school pupils participate in the full day of the program every day during which pupils participate and that pupils in middle school or junior high school attend a minimum of 9 hours a week and 3 days a week to accomplish program goals.

This bill would instead state that it is the intent of the Legislature that elementary school and middle school or junior high school pupils participate in the full day of the program every day during which the pupils participate.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 8483 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

1 8483. (a) (1) Every after school component of a program  
 2 established pursuant to this article shall commence immediately  
 3 upon the conclusion of the regular schoolday, and operate a  
 4 minimum of 15 hours per week, and at least until 6 p.m. on every  
 5 regular schoolday. Every after school component of the program  
 6 shall establish a policy regarding reasonable early daily release of  
 7 pupils from the program. For those programs or schoolsites  
 8 operating in a community where the early release policy does not  
 9 meet the unique needs of that community or school, or both,  
 10 documented evidence may be submitted to the department for an  
 11 exception and a request for approval of an alternative plan.

12 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that elementary school *and*  
 13 *middle school or junior high school* pupils participate in the full  
 14 day of the program every day during which pupils ~~participate and~~  
 15 ~~that pupils in middle school or junior high school attend a minimum~~  
 16 ~~of nine hours a week and three days a week to accomplish program~~  
 17 ~~goals.~~ *participate.*

18 (3) In order to develop an age-appropriate after school program  
 19 for pupils in middle school or junior high school, programs  
 20 established pursuant to this article may implement a flexible  
 21 attendance schedule for those pupils. Priority for enrollment of  
 22 pupils in middle school or junior high school shall be given to  
 23 pupils who attend daily.

24 (b) The administrators of a program established pursuant to this  
 25 article have the option of operating during any combination of  
 26 summer, intersession, or vacation periods for a minimum of three  
 27 hours per day for the regular school year pursuant to Section  
 28 8483.7.