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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2815**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell**

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An act to amend ~~Section 48240~~ *Sections 48240, 48242, and 48244* of the Education Code, relating to pupil attendance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2815, as amended, O'Donnell. Pupil attendance: supervisors of attendance.

Existing law requires the board of education of any school district and of any county to appoint a supervisor of attendance and any assistant supervisors of attendance as may be necessary to supervise the attendance of pupils in the district or county, and requires the board to prescribe the duties of the supervisor of attendance and assistant supervisors of attendance in accordance with specified provisions. *Existing law authorizes a school district, with the approval of the county board of education, to contract with the county superintendent of schools for the supervision of attendance of pupils in the school district.*

This bill *would delete the requirement that a county board of education approve a contract between a school district and the county superintendent of schools for the supervision of attendance of pupils in the school district.* The bill would express the Legislature's intent that a supervisor of attendance perform specified functions, and would authorize the supervisor of attendance to provide support services and

interventions, as provided. *The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.*

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 48240 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 48240. (a) The governing board of ~~any each~~ school district
- 4 ~~and of any county office of education~~ *each county superintendent*
- 5 *of schools* shall appoint a supervisor of attendance and any assistant
- 6 supervisors of attendance as may be necessary to supervise the
- 7 attendance of pupils in the school district or county. The governing
- 8 board of the school district or ~~of the county office of education~~
- 9 *county superintendent of schools* shall prescribe the duties of the
- 10 supervisor of attendance and assistant supervisors of attendance
- 11 to include, among other duties that may be required, those specific
- 12 duties related to compulsory full-time education, truancy, work
- 13 permits, compulsory continuation education, and opportunity
- 14 schools, classes, and programs, now required of the attendance
- 15 supervisors by this chapter and Article 4 (commencing with Section
- 16 48450) of Chapter 3 and Article 2 (commencing with Section
- 17 48630) of Chapter 4 of this part.
- 18 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that in performing his or
- 19 her duties, the supervisor of attendance shall promote a culture of
- 20 attendance and establish a system to accurately track pupil
- 21 attendance in order to achieve all of the following:
- 22 (1) Raise the awareness of school personnel, parents, guardians,
- 23 caregivers, community partners, and local businesses of the effects
- 24 of chronic ~~absence~~ *absenteeism* and truancy and other challenges
- 25 associated with poor attendance.
- 26 (2) Identify and respond to grade level or pupil subgroup patterns
- 27 of chronic absenteeism or truancy.
- 28 (3) Identify and address factors contributing to chronic
- 29 absenteeism and habitual truancy, including suspension and
- 30 expulsion.
- 31 (4) Ensure that pupils with attendance problems are identified
- 32 as early as possible to provide applicable support services and
- 33 interventions.

- 1 (5) Evaluate the effectiveness of strategies implemented to  
2 reduce chronic absenteeism rates and truancy rates.
- 3 (c) The supervisor of attendance may provide support services  
4 and interventions, which may include, but are not limited to, any  
5 or all of the following:
- 6 (1) A conference between school personnel, the pupil's parent  
7 or guardian, and the pupil.
- 8 (2) Promoting cocurricular and extracurricular activities that  
9 increase pupil connectedness to school, such as tutoring, mentoring,  
10 the arts, service learning, or athletics.
- 11 (3) Recognizing pupils who achieve excellent attendance or  
12 demonstrate significant improvement in attendance.
- 13 (4) Referral to a school nurse, school counselor, school  
14 psychologist, school social worker, and other pupil support  
15 personnel for case management and counseling.
- 16 (5) Collaboration with child welfare services, law enforcement,  
17 courts, public health care agencies, or government agencies, or  
18 medical, mental health, and oral health care providers to receive  
19 necessary services.
- 20 (6) Collaborating with school study teams, guidance teams,  
21 school attendance review teams, or other intervention-related teams  
22 to assess the attendance or behavior problem in partnership with  
23 the pupil and his or her parents, guardians, or caregivers.
- 24 (7) In schools with significantly higher rates of chronic  
25 absenteeism, identify barriers to attendance that may require  
26 schoolwide strategies rather than case management.
- 27 (8) Referral for a comprehensive psychosocial or  
28 psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating  
29 an individualized education program for an individual with  
30 exceptional ~~needs~~ *needs*, as that term is defined in Section 56026,  
31 or plan adopted for a qualified handicapped ~~person~~ *person*, as that  
32 term is defined in regulations promulgated by the United States  
33 Department of Education pursuant to Section 504 of the federal  
34 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794).
- 35 (9) Referral to a school attendance review board established by  
36 the county or by a school district pursuant to Section 48321 or to  
37 the probation department pursuant to Section 48263.
- 38 (10) Referral to a truancy mediation program operated by the  
39 county's district attorney or probation officer pursuant to Section  
40 48260.6.

1     SEC. 2. *Section 48242 of the Education Code is amended to*  
2 *read:*

3     48242. ~~The board of school trustees of any district of a county~~  
4 *governing board of a school district* may appoint a *school* district  
5 supervisor of attendance to act under the direction of the county  
6 supervisor of attendance.

7     SEC. 3. *Section 48244 of the Education Code is amended to*  
8 *read:*

9     48244. ~~A school district may, with the approval of the county~~  
10 ~~board of education,~~ *may* contract with the county superintendent  
11 of schools for the supervision of attendance of pupils in the school  
12 district. The county superintendent of schools shall transfer from  
13 the funds of the *school* district to the county school service fund  
14 an amount equal to the actual cost of providing for the supervision  
15 of attendance.