

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2845

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 32282 of the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2845, as introduced, Williams. School safety plans.

Existing law makes each school district and county office of education responsible for the overall development of comprehensive school safety plans for its schools operating kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive. The plans are required to include an assessment of the current status of school crime committed on each campus and at school-related functions, and identification of appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provisions identifying appropriate strategies and programs.

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 32282 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 32282. (a) The comprehensive school safety plan shall include,
- 4 but not be limited to, both of the following:

1 (1) Assessing the current status of school crime committed on
2 school campuses and at school-related functions.

3 (2) Identifying appropriate strategies and programs that will
4 provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the
5 school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to
6 school safety, which shall include the development of all of the
7 following:

8 (A) Child abuse reporting procedures consistent with Article
9 2.5 (commencing with Section 11164) of Chapter 2 of Title 1 of
10 Part 4 of the Penal Code.

11 (B) Disaster procedures, routine and emergency, including
12 adaptations for pupils with disabilities in accordance with the
13 federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec.
14 12101 et seq.). The disaster procedures shall also include, but not
15 be limited to, both of the following:

16 (i) Establishing an earthquake emergency procedure system in
17 every public school building having an occupant capacity of 50
18 or more pupils or more than one classroom. A school district or
19 county office of education may work with the Office of Emergency
20 Services and the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission to
21 develop and establish the earthquake emergency procedure system.
22 The system shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

23 (I) A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation
24 at any time, for maintaining the safety and care of pupils and staff.

25 (II) A drop procedure whereby each pupil and staff member
26 takes cover under a table or desk, dropping to his or her knees,
27 with the head protected by the arms, and the back to the windows.
28 A drop procedure practice shall be held at least once ~~each~~ a school
29 quarter in elementary schools and at least once a semester in
30 secondary schools.

31 (III) Protective measures to be taken before, during, and
32 following an earthquake.

33 (IV) A program to ensure that pupils and both the certificated
34 and classified staff are aware of, and properly trained in, the
35 earthquake emergency procedure system.

36 (ii) Establishing a procedure to allow a public agency, including
37 the American Red Cross, to use school buildings, grounds, and
38 equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or
39 other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The
40 school district or county office of education shall cooperate with

1 the public agency in furnishing and maintaining the services as
2 the school district or county office of education may deem
3 necessary to meet the needs of the community.

4 (C) Policies pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 48915 for
5 pupils who committed an act listed in subdivision (c) of Section
6 48915 and other school-designated serious acts ~~which~~ *that* would
7 lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion
8 recommendations pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section
9 48900) of Chapter 6 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2.

10 (D) Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils pursuant
11 to Section 49079.

12 (E) A discrimination and harassment policy consistent with the
13 prohibition against discrimination contained in Chapter 2
14 (commencing with Section 200) of Part 1.

15 (F) The provisions of any schoolwide dress code, pursuant to
16 Section 35183, that prohibits pupils from wearing “gang-related
17 apparel,” if the school has adopted that type of a dress code. For
18 those purposes, the comprehensive school safety plan shall define
19 “gang-related apparel.” The definition shall be limited to apparel
20 that, if worn or displayed on a school campus, reasonably could
21 be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school
22 environment. A schoolwide dress code established pursuant to this
23 section and Section 35183 shall be enforced on the school campus
24 and at any school-sponsored activity by the principal of the school
25 or the person designated by the principal. For purposes of this
26 paragraph, “gang-related apparel” shall not be considered a
27 protected form of speech pursuant to Section 48950.

28 (G) Procedures for safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents,
29 and school employees to and from school.

30 (H) A safe and orderly environment conducive to learning at
31 the school.

32 (I) The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted
33 pursuant to Sections 35291 and 35291.5.

34 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that schools develop
35 comprehensive school safety plans using existing resources,
36 including the materials and services of the partnership, pursuant
37 to this chapter. It is also the intent of the Legislature that schools
38 use the handbook developed and distributed by the School/Law
39 Enforcement Partnership Program entitled “Safe Schools: A

1 Planning Guide for Action” in conjunction with developing their
2 plan for school safety.

3 (c) Each schoolsite council or school safety planning committee,
4 in developing and updating a comprehensive school safety plan,
5 shall, where practical, consult, cooperate, and coordinate with
6 other schoolsite councils or school safety planning committees.

7 (d) The comprehensive school safety plan may be evaluated
8 and amended, as needed, by the school safety planning committee,
9 but shall be evaluated at least once a year, to ensure that the
10 comprehensive school safety plan is properly implemented. An
11 updated file of all safety-related plans and materials shall be readily
12 available for inspection by the public.

13 (e) As comprehensive school safety plans are reviewed and
14 updated, the Legislature encourages all plans, to the extent that
15 resources are available, to include policies and procedures aimed
16 at the prevention of bullying.

17 (f) The comprehensive school safety plan, as written and updated
18 by the schoolsite council or school safety planning committee,
19 shall be submitted for approval pursuant to subdivision (a) of
20 Section 32288.