

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 9, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 70

Introduced by Senator Bates

(Coauthors: Senators *Fuller, Jackson, Leno, Morrell, Nguyen, and Vidak*)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to Student Safety Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 70, as amended, Bates. Student Safety Month.

This bill would designate the month of June 2015 as Student Safety Month, and would recognize the importance of providing young people with a learning environment and foundation that will promote successful careers and that will be the force to help California grow and prosper.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, In the State of California, children, youth, and
- 2 young adults under 25 years of age comprise roughly one-third of
- 3 the state's population; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The youth of California are among the state's
- 5 greatest assets, and are an important indicator of our future
- 6 prosperity. The youth of the state are tomorrow's entrepreneurs,
- 7 educators, and community leaders, and need the education and
- 8 training to participate and succeed in the global economy; and
- 9 *WHEREAS, The youth of California are human beings entitled*
- 10 *to dignity, respect, equality, and a life free from violence and*
- 11 *harassment. Violence and harassment can have lifelong negative*

1 *impacts on an individual's self-esteem, mental and physical health,*
2 *growth, and opportunity for advancement; and*

3 WHEREAS, All California children deserve a safe and
4 high-quality education; and

5 WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of many students,
6 teachers, and school staff are ~~unnecessarily~~ jeopardized by crime,
7 violence, and other issues, such as substance abuse, gangs,
8 vandalism, *sexual violence, harassment, bullying,* and absenteeism
9 in our schools; and

10 WHEREAS, Students should be ~~assured~~ *ensured* of a safe
11 elementary and secondary education that is free from disruption
12 so that they *can grow and develop in healthy and positive ways*
13 *and lead happy and fulfilling lives and* are prepared to either enter
14 into the workforce or start a successful college career; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates the month of
18 June 2015 as Student Safety Month; and be it further

19 *Resolved,* That the Legislature recognizes the importance of
20 providing young people with a learning environment and
21 foundation that will promote successful careers and that will be
22 the force to help California grow and prosper; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.