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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 103

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 103—Relative to teen dating and violence prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 103, as amended, Leyva. Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of February 2016 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and would encourage all Californians to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness

and Prevention Month with programs and activities that raise awareness about teen dating violence.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence, also known as dating abuse,
2 is a serious and growing problem throughout California; and

3 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence intervention and prevention
4 programs can help to ensure a positive school climate and safe
5 learning environment for all pupils, address warning signs of dating
6 violence among pupils before behaviors escalate, and protect the
7 safety of targeted students; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year, an estimated one in 10 American
9 teenagers is physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or a
10 girlfriend; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the federal Centers for Disease
12 Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 10 percent of high school
13 students have been hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by
14 a boyfriend or a girlfriend in the past year; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the American Psychological
16 Association, one in three teens ages 14 to 20 years of age have
17 experienced dating abuse, and about the same number say they
18 have committed dating abuse themselves; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the CDC, Dating Matters: Strategies
20 to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships, one in four adolescents
21 report verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual dating abuse each
22 year; and

23 WHEREAS, Forty-three percent of LGBT teens reported
24 experiencing physical dating violence, compared to 29 percent of
25 heterosexual youth; and

26 WHEREAS, Fifty-nine percent of LGBT teens reported
27 experiencing emotional abuse, compared to 46 percent of
28 heterosexual youth; and

29 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence has been linked to other forms
30 of violence and aggression against peers, including bullying, sexual
31 harassment, sexual violence, and physical violence; and

32 WHEREAS, Twenty percent of students with mostly D and F
33 grades have engaged in dating violence in the last year, while only
34 6 percent of students with mostly A's have engaged in dating
35 violence; and

1 WHEREAS, Victims of teen dating violence have increased
2 risk for truancy, dropout, teen pregnancy, suicide, eating disorders,
3 and engaging in other harmful behaviors, such as use of alcohol,
4 tobacco, and other drugs; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly one-half of students who experience dating
6 violence have reported that some of the abuse took place on school
7 grounds; and

8 WHEREAS, Victims of teen dating violence are also at increased
9 risk for carrying a weapon to school, being threatened or injured
10 with a weapon at school, and damaging school property; and

11 WHEREAS, Pupils who are victims in high school are at higher
12 risk for victimization during college, and adolescent perpetrators
13 of dating violence are more likely to abuse their intimate partners
14 as adults; and

15 WHEREAS, The establishment of Teen Dating Violence
16 Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools,
17 communities, families, and all youth; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
19 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
20 February 2016 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention
21 Month, and supports communities to empower teens to develop
22 healthy and violence-free relationships throughout their lives; and
23 be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Legislature calls upon the people of
25 California, including schools, community groups, youth, and
26 families, to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness and
27 Prevention Month with programs and activities that raise awareness
28 about the dynamics of teen dating violence and support young
29 people in learning the skills to have safe and healthy relationships.

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