

Introduced by Senator MorrellFebruary 23, 2015

An act to add and repeal Section 33134 to the Education Code, relating to education technology, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 318, as introduced, Morrell. Education technology and digital resources training pilot program.

(1) Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state, and authorizes local educational agencies throughout the state to operate schools and provide instruction to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

This bill would appropriate, for the 2015–16 fiscal year, \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to be allocated to specified local educational agencies for the purpose of implementing a pilot program in the County of San Bernardino County to train kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, teachers to more effectively utilize technology and digital resources within their instructional day, while also measuring and teaching the critical 21st century skills pupils need to succeed on California's next-generation online assessments, as well as to prepare pupils for college and career objectives, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the Superintendent to develop an application process for the allocation of funds appropriated for the implementation of the pilot program to be limited to local educational agencies servicing the County of San Bernardino. The bill would authorize any local educational agency servicing the County of San Bernardino to apply to the Superintendent for funding to implement the pilot program, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2020.

(2) This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the county of San Bernardino.

(3) Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 33134 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 33134. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for the 2015–16
4 fiscal year, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be appropriated
5 from the General Fund to the Superintendent to be allocated to
6 local educational agencies servicing the County of San Bernardino
7 who apply for the purpose of implementing a pilot program to train
8 kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, teachers to more
9 effectively utilize technology and digital resources within their
10 instructional day, while also measuring and teaching the critical
11 21st century skills pupils need to succeed on California’s
12 next-generation online assessments, as well as to prepare pupils
13 for college and career objectives.

14 (b) (1) The Superintendent shall develop an application process
15 for the allocation of funds appropriated pursuant to subdivision
16 (a) limited to local educational agencies servicing the County of
17 San Bernardino.

18 (2) Any local educational agency servicing the county of San
19 Bernardino may apply for funding from the Superintendent to
20 implement the pilot program described in subdivision (a), and
21 subject to the requirements of subdivision (c).

22 (c) (1) The pilot program shall be operated in the County of
23 San Bernardino County and focus on teachers working with
24 underserved populations.

25 (2) The pilot program shall include the ability to measure 21st
26 century skills of teachers and pupils using the international
27 standards defined by the International Society for Technology in
28 Education. The skills to be measured shall include, but not be
29 limited to, all of the following:

- 1 (A) Creativity and innovation.
- 2 (B) Communication and collaboration.
- 3 (C) Research and information fluency.
- 4 (D) Critical thinking and problem solving.
- 5 (E) Digital citizenship.
- 6 (F) Technology operations and concepts.

7 (3) The pilot program shall provide professional development
8 for teachers to ensure that these skills are met and that assistance
9 is provided when these skills are not met.

10 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2020,
11 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
12 is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.

13 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that this act, which
14 is applicable only to the County of San Bernardino, is necessary
15 because this act will serve as a pilot program for training
16 kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, teachers to, among
17 other things, more effectively utilize technology and digital
18 resources within their instructional day.

19 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
20 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
21 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
22 Constitution because of the need to enact this act on a trial basis
23 only, applied to one appropriately large and diverse county, before
24 extending the act to every county in the state.