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SENATE BILL

No. 725

Introduced by Senator Hancock

(Principal coauthors: Senators De León, Leno, and Liu)

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Chiu~~ *Chiu, Thurmond*, and
Ting)

(Coauthor: Senator Hertzberg)

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Quirk)

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 60851.1 to the Education Code, relating to pupil ~~testing~~; *testing*, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 725, as amended, Hancock. Pupil testing: high school exit examination: exemption.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to develop a high school exit examination in English language arts and mathematics in accordance with state academic content standards. Existing law requires, commencing with the 2003–04 school year and each school year thereafter, each pupil completing grade 12 to successfully pass the high

school exit examination as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation or a condition of graduation from high school.

This bill would provide that the high school exit examination shall not be required as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation or a condition of graduation from high school for a pupil completing grade 12 in 2015 and who has met all other high school graduation requirements. ~~To the extent that this requirement would impose additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 60851.1 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 60851.1. Notwithstanding any other law, the high school exit
4 examination shall not be required as a condition of receiving a
5 diploma of graduation or a condition of graduation from high
6 school for a pupil completing grade 12 in 2015 and who has met
7 all other high school graduation requirements.

8 ~~SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
9 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
10 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
11 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
12 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~

13 *SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
14 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
15 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into
16 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

1 *In order to ensure that pupils who have not passed the high*
2 *school exit examination but have met all other high school*
3 *graduation requirements receive a high school diploma as soon*
4 *as possible, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.*

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