Introduced by Senator Galgiani

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 19329 to the Education Code, relating to the State Library.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1371, as introduced, Galgiani. State Library: online homework assistance.

Under existing law, there is in the State Department of Education a division known as the California State Library. The State Librarian is authorized to give advisory, consultive, and technical assistance with respect to public libraries to librarians and library authorities and assist all other authorities, state and local, in assuming their full responsibility for library services. The department is authorized to contract with counties, cities, or districts within this state, agencies of the state, and agencies of the United States Government for the purpose of providing library services and to establish and operate library service centers.

This bill would, subject to an appropriation of funds for that purpose, require the State Librarian to enter into a contract with an entity to establish and maintain a program of online homework assistance through the public libraries in the state. The program would be required to be made available free of charge to all pupils in the state.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 19329 is added to the Education Code, to read:

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19329. Subject to an appropriation of funds for this purpose in the annual Budget Act or other statute, the State Librarian shall enter into a contract with an entity to establish and maintain a program of online homework assistance through the public libraries in the state. The program shall be made available free of charge to all pupils in the state.

SEC. 2. Subject to an appropriation of funds in the annual Budget Act or other statute or the availability of other funds, the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be granted annually to the State Librarian for purposes of establishing and maintaining a program of online homework assistance, as set forth in Section 19329 of the Education Code.