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SENATE BILL

No. 1455

Introduced by Senator Block

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 48204.3 to the Education Code, relating to pupil enrollment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1455, as amended, Block. Pupil enrollment: military dependents.

Existing law requires persons between 6 and 18 years of age, inclusive, to attend a public school within the school district in which the pupil's parent or legal guardian resides, unless otherwise exempted. Existing law provides that a pupil complies with a school district's residency requirements for school attendance in that school district if the pupil meets one of the specified requirements.

This bill would additionally provide that a pupil complies with a school district's residency requirements for school attendance in that school district if he or she is a pupil whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the boundaries of the school district while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order. The bill would require a school district to accept applications by electronic means for enrollment and course registration for those pupils. The bill would require the parent to provide proof of residence within 10 days after the published arrival date provided on ~~the military order.~~ *official documentation*. By imposing new duties on school districts with regard to the review and acceptance of requests for school attendance by children of military personnel, 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.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 48204.3 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 48204.3. (a) For purposes of this section, the following
4 definitions apply:

5 (1) “Active military duty” means full-time military duty status
6 in the active uniformed service of the United States, including
7 members of the *California* National Guard and the State *Military*
8 Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to ~~Chapters 1209 and 1211~~
9 ~~of Title 10 or 32 of the United States Code. Code or Part 1~~
10 *(commencing with Section 100) of Division 2 of the Military and*
11 *Veterans Code.*

12 (2) “Military installation” means a base, camp, post, station,
13 yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under
14 the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense.

15 (3) “Parent” means the natural or adoptive parent or guardian
16 of a dependent child.

17 (b) ~~(1)~~ Notwithstanding Section 48200, a pupil complies with
18 the residency requirements for school attendance in a school
19 district, if he or she is a pupil whose parent is transferred or is
20 pending transfer to a military installation within the boundaries of
21 the school district while on active military duty pursuant to an
22 official military order.

23 ~~(2) For purposes of this paragraph, a parent may use the military~~
24 ~~installation’s main billeting office address instead of a residential~~
25 ~~address.~~

26 (c) A school district shall accept applications by electronic
27 means for enrollment, including enrollment in a specific school

1 or program within the school district, and course registration for
2 pupils described in subdivision (b).

3 (d) (1) The parent shall provide proof of residence within 10
4 days after the published arrival date provided on ~~the military order.~~
5 *official documentation.*

6 (2) *For purposes of paragraph (1), a parent may use any of the*
7 *following addresses as related to his or her military move:*

8 (A) *A temporary on-base billeting facility.*

9 (B) *A purchased or leased home or apartment.*

10 (C) *Federal government or public-private venture off-base*
11 *military housing.*

12 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
13 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
14 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
15 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
16 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.