

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 17, 1995

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995–96 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1802

Introduced by Assembly Member Valerie Brown

February 24, 1995

An act to ~~amend Section 32235 of, and to add Section 32232 to the Education Code, relating to pupils, and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1802, as amended, V. Brown. Child abduction and child abuse: curriculum: ~~School Safety Account.~~

Existing law sets forth provisions for school safety, including a grant program for conflict resolution projects under the Conflict Resolution and School Violence Reduction Program. ~~The School Safety Account, a continuously appropriated fund in the General Fund, was established under that program for allocation by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as specified.~~

The bill would require the Superintendent to ~~allocate from funds in the School Safety Account an amount not to exceed \$150,000 in the 1996-97 fiscal year for the development of~~ *develop* a model curriculum to teach pupils the skills, and to help pupils to develop the self-esteem, necessary to recognize and prevent child abduction and child abuse *using existing funds within the State Department of Education.* ~~The bill would require the State Department of Education to develop that model curriculum.~~

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Appropriation: ~~yes~~ no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) *The Legislature finds and declares:*
2 (1) *It is estimated that there are 1.5 million children*
3 *reported missing in the United States each year.*
4 (2) *It is estimated that of those missing children,*
5 *between 4,000 and 6,000 are abducted by strangers.*
6 (3) *One out of every three girls and one out of every*
7 *seven boys are abused before the age of 18.*
8 (4) *Implementation of abduction prevention*
9 *programs to educate school children on how to avoid*
10 *abduction could prevent many of these abductions from*
11 *occurring.*
12 (5) *Education is an integral part of an abduction*
13 *prevention program and is necessary to protect the*
14 *health and safety of the children of our state.*
15 (6) *In the wake of recent tragedies involving the*
16 *disappearance, abduction, and murder of our children,*
17 *the demand for abduction prevention programs has*
18 *increased significantly.*
19 (b) *Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that*
20 *the model curriculum developed by the State*
21 *Department of Education entitled “Self Reliance and*
22 *Safety Programs for Children” empower children with*
23 *the knowledge and skills needed to remove themselves*
24 *from potentially harmful situations before they occur by*
25 *providing awareness skills, information, self-confidence,*
26 *and support.*
27 SEC. 2. Section 32232 is added to the Education Code,
28 to read:
29 32232. (a) The State Department of Education shall
30 develop a model curriculum designed to teach pupils the
31 skills, and to help pupils develop the self-esteem,
32 necessary to recognize and prevent child abduction and
33 child abuse. This model curriculum shall be entitled “Self
34 Reliance and Safety Programs for Children.”



1 (b) In developing the model curriculum specified in
2 subdivision (a), the department may consult with
3 statewide or national entities that train children to equip
4 themselves with the skills and self-esteem necessary to
5 recognize and prevent child abduction and child abuse.

6 ~~SEC. 2. Section 32235 of the Education Code is~~
7 ~~amended to read:~~

8 ~~32235. (a) There is hereby established in the General~~
9 ~~Fund a School Safety Account, which is hereby~~
10 ~~continuously appropriated for purposes of this article.~~
11 ~~Funds made available pursuant to Section 11489 of the~~
12 ~~Health and Safety Code, as amended by Chapter 314 of~~
13 ~~the Statutes of 1994, shall be deposited in the School~~
14 ~~Safety Account. The Superintendent of Public~~
15 ~~Instruction shall allocate funds in the School Safety~~
16 ~~Account in the following manner:~~

17 ~~(1) For the 1995-96 fiscal year, an amount not to~~
18 ~~exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for distribution in~~
19 ~~accordance with subdivision (b) to participating county~~
20 ~~offices of education for purposes of awarding grants~~
21 ~~pursuant to this article.~~

22 ~~(2) For the 1996-97 fiscal year, an amount not to~~
23 ~~exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for distribution in~~
24 ~~accordance with subdivision (b) to participating county~~
25 ~~offices of education for purposes of awarding grants~~
26 ~~pursuant to this article.~~

27 ~~(3) An amount not to exceed one hundred thousand~~
28 ~~dollars (\$100,000) for the contract for the evaluation to be~~
29 ~~conducted pursuant to Section 32237.~~

30 ~~(4) For the 1996-97 fiscal year, an amount not to~~
31 ~~exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for~~
32 ~~the development of the model curriculum program as~~
33 ~~required pursuant to Section 32232.~~

34 ~~(b) The superintendent shall retain 2 percent of the~~
35 ~~money to be allocated to county offices of education for~~
36 ~~the purposes specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision~~
37 ~~(d), and shall distribute the funds specified in paragraphs~~
38 ~~(1) and (2) of subdivision (a) as follows:~~

39 ~~(1) Divide the total funds available for distribution~~
40 ~~pursuant to paragraph (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) in~~



1 each applicable fiscal year by the total statewide number
2 of units of average daily attendance for kindergarten and
3 grades 1 to 12, inclusive, for the applicable fiscal year.

4 (2) Multiply the amount specified in paragraph (1) of
5 this subdivision by the total number of units of average
6 daily attendance generated by schools within the
7 jurisdiction of the participating county offices of
8 education for the applicable fiscal year.

9 (3) Distribute the product specified in paragraph (2)
10 of this subdivision to each participating county office of
11 education.

12 (e) The superintendent may allocate funds to any
13 consortium of county offices of education participating in
14 the grant program pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section
15 32230. The amount allocated to the consortium shall be
16 the total amount that would have been distributed to
17 each individual county office of education in the
18 consortium in the applicable fiscal year pursuant to
19 subdivision (b) had that office received a grant on an
20 individual basis.

21 (d) (1) Any participating county office of education
22 or consortium of county offices of education may utilize
23 no more than 5 percent of the funds received by that
24 county office of education or consortium pursuant to this
25 section for expenses associated with the implementation
26 of the grant program.

27 (2) The State Department of Education may utilize no
28 more than 2 percent of the funds appropriated from the
29 School Safety Account for the purposes of this article for
30 evaluation of the Conflict Resolution and School Violence
31 Reduction Program and for the dissemination of
32 information regarding successful programs that are
33 developed and implemented by participating county
34 offices of education to other county offices of education.

35 *SEC. 3. The State Department of Education shall*
36 *develop the model curriculum required by Section 32232*
37 *of the Education Code using funds within the existing*
38 *budget of the department. The department may receive*
39 *or solicit funds from private entities that may be made*



- 1 *available to offset the costs associated with developing*
- 2 *that model curriculum.*

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