

Assembly Bill No. 3086

CHAPTER 778

An act to add Section 51230 to the Education Code, relating to education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3086, Olberg. Education: American government and civics.

(1) Existing law prohibits a pupil from receiving a high school diploma unless he or she completes coursework that, among other things, includes a one semester course in American government and civics.

The bill would require all high school pupils to read and be taught the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, the Federalist Papers, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address, and George Washington's Farewell Address, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

(2) 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, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

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.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51230 is added to the Education Code, to read:

51230. As a part of the course in American government and civics required for high school graduation pursuant to subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 51225.3, all pupils shall read and be taught all of the following:

- (a) The Declaration of Independence.
- (b) The United States Constitution, including the Bill of Rights.
- (c) The Federalist Papers.
- (d) The Emancipation Proclamation.
- (e) The Gettysburg Address.

(f) George Washington's Farewell Address.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

