

Assembly Bill No. 3228

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CHAPTER ____

An act to add and repeal Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 52060) of Part 28 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3228, Campbell. American Indian early childhood education.

The American Indian Early Childhood Education Program, which became inoperative on June 30, 1995, and was repealed by operation of law on January 1, 1996, authorizes the governing board of specified rural school districts to apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a project in American Indian early childhood education.

This bill would reenact the program until December 31, 2001, but would eliminate the requirement that participating school districts be rural school districts.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to prepare a request for proposal in consultation with an advisory committee consisting of a representative from one or more American Indian organizations, the Department of Finance, and the Legislative Analyst's Office, to contract for an independent evaluation of this program to be performed on or before December 31, 2000.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 52060) is added to Part 28 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 6.5. AMERICAN INDIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION PROGRAM

52060. It is the intent and purpose of the Legislature that the American Indian Early Childhood Education Program provided for by this chapter be directed to



improve the educational accomplishments of American Indian pupils in the educational systems in California.

It is the intent of the Legislature to establish projects in American Indian education that are designed to develop and test educational models that increase competence in reading and mathematics. These instructional projects shall be provided in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 4, inclusive.

The Legislature recognizes the importance of American Indian parent-community involvement in the planning, implementing, and evaluation of the American Indian early childhood education programs.

52061. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(b) "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(c) "Project" means an organized undertaking in American Indian early childhood education that includes, but is not limited to, a description of the undertaking, a listing of the goals and objectives to be achieved, a statement of methods to be used, and the methods to be used in evaluating the success of the project.

52062. From the funds appropriated by the Legislature to the State Department of Education for the purposes of this chapter, the superintendent, with the approval of the board shall administer this chapter and make apportionments to school districts to meet the total approved expense of the school districts incurred in establishing American Indian early childhood education programs.

52063. The governing board of any school district receiving equalization aid, having a school in which there is a concentration of 10 percent or more of American Indian pupils, and which maintains prekindergarten or kindergarten, or both, and grades 1 to grade 4, inclusive, may apply to the superintendent for a project in American Indian early childhood education.

The governing boards of two or more of such school districts may jointly apply for a project in American Indian early childhood education.



The application shall be made on forms provided by the superintendent, and in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the board.

The dates for making application shall be established by the superintendent.

52064. Upon approval by the board of an application under Section 52063, the superintendent shall certify the amount to be apportioned to the applicant school district.

52065. Each school district receiving funds provided by Section 52062 shall establish a districtwide American Indian advisory committee for American Indian early childhood education.

At each participating school, an American Indian parent advisory group shall be established to increase communication and understanding between members of a community and the school officials. Each committee shall provide advice and suggestions on all parts of the program.

52066. The State Department of Education shall prepare a request for proposal in consultation with an advisory committee consisting of a representative of one or more American Indian organizations, the Department of Finance, and the Legislative Analyst to contract for an independent evaluation of this program to be performed on or before December 31, 2000.

52067. This chapter shall remain in effect only until December 31, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before December 31, 2001, deletes or extends that date.



Approved _____, 1996

Governor

