

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 17, 1997
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 12, 1997
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 16, 1997
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 1, 1997

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 568

Introduced by Assembly Member Lempert

February 25, 1997

An act to add Section 35258 to the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 568, as amended, Lempert. Education: school mission statement.

(1) Existing law requires school development plans that are required of schools that receive specified funding for staff development to include staff development activities directly related to the annual school improvement objectives that are developed by a process that involves classroom teachers, parents, community members, and, in secondary schools, pupils.

Existing law requires the recipient of a school-based education technology grant awarded under the Morgan-Farr-Quackenbush Education Technology Act of 1992 to develop a technology use plan that is developed in concert with school improvement plans, school development

plans, and other established state and federally mandated planning procedures.

Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to develop and cause to be implemented for each school in the school district a School Accountability Report Card.

Existing law authorizes a school district governing board to grant a charter for the operation of a school as a charter school if, among other requirements, the proposed school charter contains a description of certain items including the education program of the school, the measurable pupil outcomes identified for use by the charter school, the method by which pupil progress in meeting those pupil outcomes is to be measured, and the qualifications to be met by individuals to be employed by the school.

This bill would require the governing board of each school district maintaining an elementary or secondary school to develop a statement of the educational mission of each school, as prescribed, on or before July 1, 1998. The bill would require each school district that ~~has the necessary technology in order to connect~~ *is connected* to the Internet to make that mission statement and the information contained in the School Accountability Report Card accessible on the Internet on or before that date, and to update the statement and report card information annually. The bill would make a related legislative finding and declaration and a statement of legislative intent.

By imposing additional duties on public schools, this bill would create 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.

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. (a) The Legislature finds and declares
2 that, although our state has embraced technology in
3 creating a revolution of growth, our schools have not kept
4 pace with this technology revolution. Access to
5 information through the use of technology has become an
6 integral and crucial part in the decisionmaking processes
7 of government, industry, and the home. However, our
8 schools do not facilitate access to information through one
9 of the most available information technology mediums,
10 the Internet.

11 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to improve the
12 access of parents and the community to school-based
13 information.

14 SEC. 2. Section 35258 is added to the Education Code,
15 to read:

16 35258. (a) On or before July 1, 1998, the governing
17 board of each school district maintaining an elementary
18 or secondary school shall develop a statement of the
19 educational mission of each school. The mission
20 statement may include, among other educational goals,
21 the specific goals of the school that are unique to the
22 community. To the extent the district has educational
23 goals that cannot be implemented because of the
24 provisions of this code, the governing board of the school
25 district may submit a report to the State Department of
26 Education identifying those areas.

27 (b) On or before July 1, 1998, each school district that
28 ~~has the necessary technology in order to connect to the~~
29 *is connected to the* Internet shall make the mission
30 statement required by subdivision (a) for each school and
31 the information contained in the School Accountability
32 Report Card developed pursuant to Section 35256
33 accessible on the Internet. The mission statement and



1 School Accountability Report Card information shall be
2 updated annually.

3 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the
4 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates
5 determines that this act contains costs mandated by the
6 state, reimbursement to local agencies and school
7 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7
8 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
9 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the
10 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million
11 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from
12 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

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

