

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2216

Introduced by Assembly Member Escutia

February 19, 1998

An act to amend Sections 52240 and 52241 of, and to add Sections 52244 and 52245 to, the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2216, as introduced, Escutia. Pupils: advanced placement.

Existing law authorizes a school district receiving economic impact aid funds to expend any portion of those funds to pay for all or part of the costs of one or more advanced placement examinations that are charged to economically disadvantaged pupils who are defined as either coming from a family that receives Aid to Families with Dependent Children or having limited English proficiency.

This bill, in addition, would establish a competitive grant program, administered by the Student Aid Commission, for the purpose of awarding grants to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees. Any economically disadvantaged pupil who is enrolled in an advanced placement course would be authorized to apply to the commission for a grant. The bill would change the definition of economically disadvantaged pupil to a public school pupil who is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch program, eligible to receive services under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, a member of a family

that receives public assistance, or a member of a family that earns less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

This bill would also establish a competitive grant program, administered by the State Department of Education, for the purpose of awarding grants to school districts with which they may provide teachers employed by the district with training to enable them to offer instruction in advanced placement courses. A school district would be authorized to apply on behalf of any school in the district that offers services under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

This bill would appropriate \$3,500,000 from the General Fund as follows: \$2,500,000 to the Student Aid Commission for purposes of awarding the grants to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees and \$1,000,000 to the State Department of Education for the purposes of awarding grants to school districts with which they may provide teachers with training to enable them to offer instruction in advanced placement courses.

This bill would provide that for the purposes of making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the appropriation made by this bill would be deemed to be “General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts,” as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 1998-99 fiscal year, and included within the “total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52240 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 52240. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares
- 4 all of the following:



1 (1) Advanced placement courses, for which school
2 credit is awarded, provide rigorous academic coursework
3 opportunities for high school pupils and help to improve
4 the overall curriculum at schools where they are
5 provided.

6 (2) The successful completion of advanced placement
7 courses and subsequent advanced placement
8 examinations, which are conducted by the College
9 Entrance Examination Board and for which college
10 credit is awarded, provide a cost-effective means for high
11 school pupils to obtain college-level coursework
12 experience.

13 (3) To the extent that economically disadvantaged
14 pupils are provided financial assistance to take advanced
15 placement examinations, they will be provided with
16 successful college-level experience and be encouraged to
17 pursue postsecondary education opportunities.

18 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature, therefore, that
19 certain state funding that currently is provided to school
20 districts be made available to provide financial assistance
21 to economically disadvantaged pupils in the payment of
22 advanced placement examination fees. *It is further the*
23 *intent of the Legislature that a competitive grant*
24 *program also be established for the purpose of awarding*
25 *grants to economically disadvantaged pupils to cover the*
26 *costs of advanced placement examination fees, thereby*
27 *creating a second source of financial assistance for*
28 *economically disadvantaged pupils taking advanced*
29 *placements.*

30 SEC. 2. Section 52241 of the Education Code is
31 amended to read:

32 52241. For purposes of this chapter, the following
33 terms have the following meanings:

34 (a) “Advanced placement examinations” means the
35 advanced placement examinations conducted by the
36 College Entrance Examination Board, on the basis of
37 which participating institutions of postsecondary
38 education award postsecondary academic credit.

39 (b) “Economically disadvantaged pupil” means a
40 *public school* pupil between the ages of 5 and 18 years,



1 inclusive, who ~~either is from a family that receives Aid to~~
2 ~~Families with Dependent Children or has been identified~~
3 ~~as having limited English proficiency pursuant to the~~
4 ~~definition set forth in Section 52163 is any of the following:~~

- 5 (a) *Eligible for a free or reduced price lunch program.*
- 6 (b) *Eligible to receive services under Title I of the*
7 *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20*
8 *U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq.).*
- 9 (c) *A member of a family that receives public*
10 *assistance.*
- 11 (d) *A member of a family that earns less than 200*
12 *percent of the federal poverty level.*

13 SEC. 3. Section 52244 is added to the Education Code,
14 to read:

15 52244. There is hereby established a competitive
16 grant program for the purpose of awarding grants to
17 cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees.
18 The Student Aid Commission shall administer this
19 program. Any economically disadvantaged pupil who is
20 enrolled in an advanced placement course may apply to
21 the commission for a grant pursuant to this section.
22 Grants shall be expended only to pay the fees required of
23 pupils to take an advanced placement examination.

24 SEC. 4. Section 52245 is added to the Education Code,
25 to read:

26 52245. There is hereby established a competitive
27 grant program for the purpose of awarding grants to
28 school districts with which they may provide teachers
29 employed by the district with training to enable them to
30 offer instruction in advanced placement courses. A school
31 district may apply on behalf of any school in the district
32 that offers services under Title I of the Elementary and
33 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et
34 seq.). The State Department of Education shall
35 administer this program.

36 SEC. 5. (a) The sum of three million five hundred
37 thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) is hereby appropriated
38 from the General Fund according to the following
39 schedule:



1 (1) Two million five hundred thousand dollars
2 (\$2,500,000) to the Student Aid Commission for purposes
3 of Section 52244 of the Education Code.

4 (2) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the State
5 Department of Education for the purposes of Section
6 52245 of the Education Code.

7 (b) For the purposes of making the computations
8 required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California
9 Constitution, the appropriation made by subdivision (a)
10 shall be deemed to be “General Fund revenues
11 appropriated for school districts,” as defined in
12 subdivision (c) of Section 41202 of the Education Code,
13 for the 1998-99 fiscal year, and included within the “total
14 allocations to school districts and community college
15 districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes
16 appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in
17 subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code,
18 for the 1998–99 fiscal year.

