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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2519

Introduced by Assembly Members Poochigian and Pringle
(Coauthor: Senator McPherson)

February 20, 1998

An act to add and repeal Section 60200.1 of the Education Code, relating to school instructional materials, *making an appropriation therefor*, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2519, as amended, Poochigian. Instructional materials: adoption: criteria.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt basic instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, in language arts, mathematics, science, social science, and bilingual or bicultural subjects. Existing law requires the State Board of Education, in reviewing and adopting or recommending for adoption, submitted basic instructional materials, to ensure that those instructional materials are consistent with the criteria and standards of quality prescribed in the curriculum frameworks, comply with the requirements of certain provisions of the Education Code and the board's guidelines for social content, are factually accurate and incorporate principles of instruction reflective of current and confirmed research, adequately cover the subject area for the grade level or levels for which

they are submitted and meet other criteria as are established by the board provided the State Board of Education approves this criteria at least 30 months before the instructional materials are to be approved for adoption.

This bill would, until April 1, 2002, make the requirement that 30 months elapse between the board’s approval of other criteria and the adoption of instructional material inapplicable if certain conditions are met.

This bill would appropriate \$250,000 from the General Fund to the State Board of Education for the purposes of this bill.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: ~~no~~—yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that
2 providing textbooks and other instructional materials
3 that are aligned to academic content standards adopted
4 by the State Board of Education in a judicious and
5 systematic fashion is of paramount interest in improving
6 instruction for the 5,700,000 pupils in California.
7 Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to assist the
8 State Board of Education in its constitutional duty of
9 adopting textbooks and other instructional materials for
10 kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, by allowing
11 restrictions on timelines to be shortened while new
12 materials are being provided in alignment with these
13 academic content standards.

14 SEC. 2. Section 60200.1 is added to the Education
15 Code, to read:

16 60200.1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
17 law, the limitation in paragraph (5) of subdivision (c) of
18 Section 60200, which requires that other criteria be
19 approved at least 30 months prior to the date that the
20 materials are to be approved for adoption, shall not apply
21 if all of the following conditions are met:

22 (1) The criteria adopted are consistent with the
23 content standards adopted by the State Board of



1 Education in each of the four core content areas for which
2 standards are adopted.

3 (2) The schedule for the adoption of instructional
4 materials requires instructional materials for history and
5 social science to be adopted by March 31, 1999,
6 instructional materials for science to be adopted by
7 March 31, 2000, instructional materials for mathematics to
8 be adopted by March 31, 2001, and instructional materials
9 for language arts and reading to be adopted by March 31,
10 2002.

11 (3) The State Board of Education approves criteria for
12 the adoption of instructional materials in science at least
13 12 months before the board adopts instructional materials
14 in science.

15 (4) Except as provided in paragraph (5), the State
16 Board of Education approves the criteria for the adoption
17 of instructional materials for language arts, reading, and
18 mathematics at least 18 months before the board adopts
19 instructional materials in language arts, reading, and
20 mathematics.

21 (5) The State Board of Education adopts a policy
22 allowing additional submissions and adoptions of
23 instructional materials in language arts, and reading,
24 including spelling, and mathematics to be added to those
25 already adopted if the following conditions are met:

26 (A) The additional instructional materials cover a
27 course of study, or a substantial portion of a course of
28 study, essential to meeting adopted academic content
29 standards and are aligned with the adopted academic
30 content standards.

31 (B) At least 120 days is provided from the adoption of
32 the other criteria to submission of the additional
33 instructional materials for review.

34 (b) This section shall become inoperative on April 1,
35 2002, and, as of January 1, 2003, is repealed, unless a later
36 enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before
37 January 1, 2003, deletes or extends the dates on which it
38 becomes inoperative and is repealed.

39 SEC. 3. *The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars*
40 *(\$250,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund*



1 *to the State Board of Education for the purposes of this*
2 *act.*

3 *SEC. 4.* This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
5 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the
6 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
7 constituting the necessity are:

8 In order to allow the State Board of Education to adopt,
9 as soon as possible, instructional materials that are aligned
10 with the recently adopted academic content standards, it
11 is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

