

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 49

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 118

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 49—Relative to school safety.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 49, Hughes. School Safety Month and Yellow Ribbon Week.

Existing law and the California Constitution set forth various provisions relating to school safety.

This measure would designate October 1997 as School Safety Month and the week of January 12 through 16, 1998, as Yellow Ribbon Week.

WHEREAS, The Department of Justice crime statistics show that since 1989 the rate of homicides committed by juveniles has significantly exceeded that for adults; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Justice statistics also show that between 1985 and 1995 the juvenile arrest rate for violent crimes has increased 54.9 percent; and

WHEREAS, The number of juveniles in California between 10 and 17 years of age increased 17 percent between 1985 and 1995, the number of juveniles arrested for homicide increased 121 percent during that same period; and

WHEREAS, While the juveniles in California between 10 and 17 years of age make up 11.3 percent of the state's total population, they account for 18.5 percent of those arrested for homicide; and

WHEREAS, The California Constitution guarantees students and staff the right to be safe and secure on public primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high school campuses; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for violence prevention strategies that effectively deal with individual and cultural relations and that include the collaboration of parents, community members, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, School districts, in conjunction with the Senate Select Committee on School Safety, will continue to strengthen their efforts to reduce and prevent violence through unity, harmony, and collaboration; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes October 1997 as School Safety Month and the week of January 12 to 16, 1998, inclusive, as Yellow Ribbon Week; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages all schools to participate in appropriate activities during School Safety Month to recognize the



importance of conflict resolution and violence eradication; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages parents, pupils, teachers, other school personnel, and members of the community to wear yellow ribbons during the week of January 12 to 16, 1998, inclusive, to demonstrate their commitment to school safety and in recognition of pupils who have lost their lives as a direct result of school violence.

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