

Senate Bill No. 1832

CHAPTER 810

An act to amend Section 52488 of, and to add and repeal Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 52495) to Chapter 9 of Part 28 of, the Education Code, relating to an education incentive program.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1832, Kelley. Home economics careers and technology vocational education.

(1) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish and convene the Home Economics Careers and Technology Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for state programs in home economics careers and technology education. Existing law requires the recommendations to be made available on or before January 1, 1998, and provides that the advisory committee shall cease to exist on January 1, 1998.

This bill would delete the provision that requires the recommendations to be made available on or before January 1, 1998, and would provide that the advisory committee would cease to exist on January 1, 2000.

(2) Existing law establishes within the State Department of Education a Home Economics Careers and Technology Vocational Education Unit to assist school districts in the establishment and maintenance of home economics careers and technology education programs, and requires a staffing level of an appropriate number of full-time employees.

This bill would establish a grant program for the purpose of improving, expanding, and establishing instructional programs in home economics careers and technology vocational education. The bill would require the program to be implemented to the extent funds are appropriated for these purposes in the annual Budget Act. The bill would, except as specified, require a school district to contribute district funds in an amount equal to the amount of its grant. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer the grant program. The provisions of the bill would be repealed as of January 1, 2003.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52488 of the Education Code is amended to read:

52488. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish on July 1, 1997, and convene the Home Economics Careers and Technology Advisory Committee. The committee shall develop recommendations for state programs in home economics careers and technology education for presentation to the Legislature for review and to the State Board of Education to be used in the development and adoption pursuant to Section 52486 of the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article. Recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the development of a curriculum and a strategy for the purpose of establishing a source of trained and qualified instructors for home economics careers and technology programs throughout the public school system, and a public information outreach strategy regarding the importance of consumer home economics education and home-economics-related occupations in California. Members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation, including travel and per diem. The advisory committee shall cease to exist on January 1, 2000.

(b) The committee shall be representative of consumer home economics education and home-economics-related occupation specialists and representatives of the various fields and industries in California described in Section 52485. Nominations for the committee shall be solicited from the various task forces that have assisted in the development of curriculum standards for home economics careers and technology vocational education programs.

(c) The committee shall be composed of the following:

(1) A voluntary representative from a university conducting a teacher education program in home economics careers and technology.

(2) A voluntary representative from a community college conducting a program in home economics careers and technology education.

(3) A voluntary representative from a high school conducting a consumer home economics program in home economics careers and technology.

(4) A voluntary representative from a high school conducting a home-economics-related occupations program in home economics careers and technology.

(5) A voluntary representative from a middle level school conducting an exploratory program in home economics careers and technology.

(6) A former student of a home economics careers and technology education program.

(7) A parent of a student enrolled in home economics careers and technology education.



(8) Eight other individuals representing diverse industries related to established career paths in home economics careers and technology education from various geographic locations in the state.

The State Supervisor of the Home Economics Careers and Technology Vocational Education Unit shall serve as the committee consultant.

SEC. 2. Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 52495) is added to Chapter 9 of Part 28 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 9.5. Home Economics Careers and Technology Vocational Education Incentive Program

52495. An incentive grant program shall be established for the purpose of improving, expanding, and establishing instructional programs in home economics careers and technology vocational education to improve the academic achievement and career preparation of students in those fields.

52496. This program shall be implemented to the extent funds are appropriated for these purposes in the annual Budget Act.

52497. The governing board of a school district that operates a home economics careers and technology vocational education program may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for an incentive grant pursuant to this article.

52498. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall award two-year grants of an amount to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on a competitive basis, to applicant school districts that meet the following requirements:

(a) The school district shall demonstrate that the home economics careers and technology vocational education program for which grant funds are sought meets specified criteria developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(b) The participating school district shall contribute an amount of funds equal to the amount of its grant for use in improving, expanding, and establishing instructional programs in home economics careers and technology vocational education.

(c) The school district shall certify to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the grant funds received and the matching funds contributed by the school district will be used solely for the purposes described in this article.

(d) The school district shall, evaluate the program funded with a grant pursuant to this article according to outcome indicators determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction

52499. For the purposes of this article, home economics careers and technology vocational education programs means the purchase of instructional resources and equipment appropriate for the instructional program, professional development activities for home economics careers and technology vocational education teachers and



members of interdisciplinary teams working to implement selected career paths in home economics careers and technology vocational education, and student development activities.

52499.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any requirement of this article that requires school districts to contribute local matching funds to be eligible for state funds for nonsalary costs of home economics careers and technology vocational education incentive programs may be waived by the Superintendent of Public Instruction if he or she finds that a matching requirement would create a financial hardship for any school district.

52499.5. The State Board of Education may, with the advice of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, adopt rules and regulations governing the distribution of funds for purposes of this article and shall adopt criteria for assessing whether school districts have met the requirements of Section 52498.

52499.6. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2003, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2003, deletes or extends that date.

