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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1538

Introduced by Assembly Member Robert Pacheco

February 26, 1999

An act to amend Sections 44701, 44702, 44703, and 44704 of, and to add Section 44703.5 to, the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1538, as amended, Robert Pacheco. Teachers.

Existing law provides for the Classroom Teacher Instructional Improvement Program under which a school district receives ~~an~~ a grant entitlement equal to 5% of the number of permanent full-time teachers, exclusive of teachers in adult education, child care and development, and regional occupational centers and programs, multiplied by \$2,000. Full-time teachers and mentor teachers whose primary duty is classroom instruction are eligible to receive a grant. Under existing law, a local committee recommends to the governing board of the school district a plan for the allocation of the district's grant funding entitlement and the grant proposals to fund. The plan and grants are to address the areas in the district with the greatest need for instructional improvement. The maximum amount of a grant is \$2,000 per

fiscal year for an individual recipient or \$2,000 per fiscal year for each teacher participating in a group proposal.

This bill would remove mentor teachers from those eligible to receive grants. The bill would require the plan ~~and grants~~ ~~also~~ to support the statewide academic content standards *and would require a school district governing board to give priority for grants to certain schools and award grants to projects that support the standards.* The bill would increase the maximum amount of the grants to \$5,000, would state the intent of the Legislature to appropriate increased funding for school districts whose governing board secures a local business partnership that matches the state funding received by the district for the program, and would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to compute an increased entitlement for those school districts whose governing board secures a local business partnership that matches the state contribution.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 44701 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 44701. A teacher eligible to receive an instructional
4 improvement grant or a group of eligible teachers may
5 submit a grant proposal to the grant committee
6 established pursuant to Section 44702.

7 Full-time teachers whose primary duty is classroom
8 instruction are eligible to receive instructional
9 improvement grants.

10 SEC. 2. Section 44702 of the Education Code is
11 amended to read:

12 44702. (a) A school district that applies to the
13 Superintendent of Public Instruction for funding
14 pursuant to this chapter shall establish an instructional
15 improvement grant committee to review grant proposals
16 and make recommendations to the governing board
17 concerning awards of instructional improvement grants.
18 The majority of the members of the committee shall be



1 teachers meeting the requirements of Section 44701 and
2 selected by the teachers of the district. The committee
3 shall also include at least one principal selected by the
4 district superintendent.

5 (b) The committee shall consider all instructional
6 improvement grant proposals submitted by teachers or
7 groups of teachers meeting the requirements of Section
8 44701. The committee shall recommend to the governing
9 board of the district a plan for the allocation of the
10 district's funding entitlement for purposes of this chapter.
11 The plan shall take into account the areas in the district
12 with greatest need for instructional improvement and
13 shall support the statewide academic content standards
14 adopted pursuant to Section 60605. The plan shall include
15 the committee's recommendations for the funding of any
16 grant proposal and shall specify a grant amount not in
17 excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per fiscal year for
18 an individual recipient, or five thousand dollars (\$5,000)
19 per fiscal year for each eligible teacher participating in a
20 group proposal. The committee may recommend the
21 award of grants for proposals which would continue for
22 more than one fiscal year if the committee specifically
23 finds there is a need to provide continued funding.

24 (c) The committee shall establish procedures for the
25 evaluation of grant proposals and for the review of the use
26 of grant funds by grant recipients.

27 (d) Members of the committee shall not receive
28 compensation for participation in committee activities,
29 except that teacher members may receive released time
30 in order to attend meetings of the committee.

31 (e) Instructional materials, supplies, equipment, and
32 other things of value purchased with grant funds are the
33 property of the school district, but the teacher receiving
34 the grant shall maintain control over the items for the
35 duration of his or her employment with the school district
36 and as long as he or she remains teaching at the grade
37 level for which the grant was received. If the grant
38 recipient moves to another grade level, the materials
39 purchased with the grant funds shall remain with the
40 grade level for which the grant was received.



1 SEC. 3. Section 44703 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 44703. (a) The governing board of a school district
4 that applies to the Superintendent of Public Instruction
5 for funding pursuant to this chapter shall review the
6 recommendations of the grant committee and make the
7 final decision on awards of grant funds for purposes of this
8 chapter. The governing board *shall give priority to*
9 *schools in the district with the greatest need to improve*
10 *pupil performance and shall award grants to projects that*
11 *support the statewide academic content standards so as*
12 ~~*to improve instruction in those areas of the district with*~~
13 ~~*greatest need.*~~ *content standards.*

14 The governing board may award for any grant proposal
15 submitted by an individual teacher any amount not in
16 excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per fiscal year.
17 The governing board may award for any grant proposal
18 submitted by a group of teachers any amount not in
19 excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per fiscal year for
20 each eligible teacher in the group.

21 (b) The governing board shall annually certify to the
22 Superintendent of Public Instruction the number of
23 instructional improvement grants awarded and the
24 aggregate amount of money awarded for the grants and
25 may include a request for reimbursement for
26 administrative costs of this chapter in an amount not to
27 exceed 5 percent of the district's entitlement for funding
28 computed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 44704.

29 SEC. 4. Section 44703.5 is added to the Education
30 Code, to read:

31 44703.5. In order to make available exemplary
32 instructional improvement grant programs that support
33 the statewide academic content standards, the governing
34 board of a school district, may, with the agreement of
35 grant recipients, submit proposals to the State Board of
36 Education for inclusion on the State Department of
37 Education website. From among the grant program
38 proposals submitted, the State Board of Education shall
39 select programs that will assist teachers in creative
40 instruction. The programs shall be posted in an easy to



1 download format in a section of the website that is
2 exclusively used to illustrate instructional ideas that
3 support the statewide academic content standards.

4 SEC. 5. Section 44704 of the Education Code is
5 amended to read:

6 44704. (a) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that
7 the Budget Act for each fiscal year appropriate funds for
8 purposes of this chapter in an amount equal to 5 percent
9 of the number of permanent full-time teachers, exclusive
10 of teachers in adult education, child care and
11 development, and regional occupational centers and
12 programs, multiplied by two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

13 (2) For school districts whose governing board secures
14 a local business partnership that matches on a
15 dollar-for-dollar basis the state contribution to the school
16 district for the grant program, it is the intent of the
17 Legislature that the Budget Act for each fiscal year
18 appropriate funds so that these school districts will
19 receive an amount equal to 5 percent of the number of
20 permanent full-time teachers, exclusive of teachers in
21 adult education, child care and development, and
22 regional occupational centers and programs, multiplied
23 by three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

24 (b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
25 compute each fiscal year for each school district, an
26 entitlement equal to 5 percent of the number of
27 permanent, full-time teachers, exclusive of teachers in
28 adult education, child care and development, and
29 regional occupational centers and programs, multiplied
30 by two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or, for school districts
31 whose governing board secures a local business
32 partnership that matches on a dollar-for-dollar basis the
33 state contribution, multiplied by three thousand dollars
34 (\$3,000). The superintendent shall apportion to each
35 school district from funds appropriated for the purposes
36 of this chapter in that fiscal year, the amount certified by
37 the governing board pursuant to Section 44703, but not in
38 excess of the district's entitlement.

39 If sufficient funds are not appropriated in any fiscal
40 year to fully fund each school district requesting



1 apportionments for purposes of this chapter, the
2 superintendent shall reduce each district's
3 apportionment on a pro rata basis.

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