

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 5, 2000

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1917

Introduced by Assembly Member Jackson

February 11, 2000

~~An act to add Sections 32232.3, 51214, and 51220.6 to the~~ *An act to add Sections 51202.1, 51210.5, and 51226.7 to the Education Code, relating to domestic violence prevention education.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1917, as amended, Jackson. Domestic violence prevention instruction.

~~(1) Existing~~

Existing law requires the State Department of Education, through its Healthy Kids Resource Center, to identify, and distribute information to public schools about; programs or curricula on self-reliance and safety that are designed to teach pupils the skills and to help pupils develop the self-esteem necessary to recognize and prevent child endangerment, such as abduction, abuse, and neglect.

~~This bill would require the State Department of Education to provide information to school districts and county offices of education about domestic violence prevention programs and related programs. The bill would also require the State Department of Education to provide to each school district on or before September 1, 2001, a sample curriculum that may be~~

~~used by schools to provide domestic violence prevention instruction.~~

~~(2) Existing law also establishes requirements for the course of study in grades 1 to 12, inclusive.~~

This bill would ~~authorize~~ *require*, commencing with the 2002–03 school year, the adopted course of study ~~for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and in personal and public safety and accident prevention for grades 7 to 12, inclusive,~~ to include age-appropriate instruction in domestic violence prevention, *thus imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize any parent or guardian to request that his or her child not receive instruction in domestic violence prevention.*

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 32232.3 is added to the~~
2 ~~Education Code, to read:~~
3 ~~32232.3. The State Department of Education shall~~
4 ~~provide information to school districts and county offices~~
5 ~~of education about domestic violence prevention~~
6 ~~programs, the sample curriculum developed pursuant to~~
7 ~~Section 51214, and any other appropriate referral~~
8 ~~services. Referral services under this section shall include,~~
9 ~~but not be limited to, programs that provide counseling~~
10 ~~for minors who have witnessed or been victims of~~
11 ~~domestic violence or other violent incidents.~~



1 ~~SEC. 2. Section 51214 is added to the Education Code,~~
2 ~~to read:~~

3 ~~51214. (a) Commencing with the 2002-03 school~~
4 ~~year, the adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6,~~
5 ~~inclusive, may include a recommended minimum of two~~

6 *SECTION 1. Section 51202.1 is added to the*
7 *Education Code, to read:*

8 *51202.1. (a) Commencing with the 2002-03 school*
9 *year, the adopted course of study in personal and public*
10 *safety and accident prevention, as set forth in Section*
11 *51202, for pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall include*
12 *a recommended minimum of four hours annually of*
13 *age-appropriate instruction in domestic violence*
14 *prevention. The goal of the instruction shall be to provide*
15 *education and training to pupils regarding domestic*
16 *violence prevention instruction.*

17 ~~(b) The instruction provided pursuant to this section~~
18 ~~may be incorporated within another offered course of~~
19 ~~study. The~~

20 *(b) The instruction provided pursuant to this section*
21 *may be conducted by individuals, agencies, or*
22 *coordinating councils with expertise in domestic*
23 *violence.*

24 *(c) The content of the instruction provided pursuant*
25 *to this section may include, but need not be limited to,*
26 *information designed to develop knowledge of all of the*
27 *following:*

28 *(1) The nature of violence, including a definition of*
29 *abuse or violence, the characteristics of abusers and*
30 *victims, and the dynamics of power and control.*

31 *(2) The legal rights of a person in an abusive*
32 *relationship.*

33 *(3) The effect of violence on both the victim of*
34 *domestic violence and the children who are living or have*
35 *lived in violent homes.*

36 *(4) Referral services, including local battered*
37 *women's programs, where a victim of domestic violence*
38 *can seek assistance.*

39 ~~(d) (1) The State Department of Education shall~~
40 ~~provide to each school district on or before September 1,~~



1 ~~2001, a sample curriculum that may be used by schools to~~
2 ~~provide instruction pursuant to this section. The sample~~
3 ~~curriculum shall be developed by the State Department~~
4 ~~of Education in consultation with any combination of the~~
5 ~~following: local battered women's programs, statewide~~
6 ~~domestic violence coalitions, and the coordinating~~
7 ~~council or agency in each county that currently provides~~
8 ~~this training.~~

9 ~~(2) The State Department of Education shall review~~
10 ~~and update as necessary, the content of the instruction in~~
11 ~~domestic violence prevention on a regular basis, but not~~
12 ~~less often than every four years.~~

13 ~~SEC. 3. Section 51220.6 is added to the Education~~
14 ~~Code, to read:~~

15 ~~51220.6. (a) Commencing with the 2002-03 school~~
16 ~~year, the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12,~~
17 ~~inclusive, may include a recommended minimum of four~~
18 ~~hours annually of age-appropriate instruction in domestic~~
19 ~~violence prevention. The goal of the instruction shall be~~
20 ~~to provide education and training to pupils regarding~~
21 ~~domestic violence prevention.~~

22 ~~(b) The instruction provided pursuant to this section~~
23 ~~may be incorporated within another offered course of~~
24 ~~study. The~~

25 ~~(d) Any parent or guardian may request that his or her~~
26 ~~child or ward not receive instruction in domestic violence~~
27 ~~prevention.~~

28 ~~SEC. 2. Section 51210.5 is added to the Education~~
29 ~~Code, to read:~~

30 ~~51210.5. (a) Commencing with the 2002-03 school~~
31 ~~year, the adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6,~~
32 ~~inclusive, in health, pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section~~
33 ~~51210, shall include a minimum of two hours annually of~~
34 ~~age-appropriate instruction in domestic violence~~
35 ~~prevention. The goal of the instruction shall be to provide~~
36 ~~education and training to pupils regarding domestic~~
37 ~~violence prevention instruction.~~

38 ~~(b) The instruction provided pursuant to this section~~
39 ~~may be conducted by individuals, agencies, or~~



1 coordinating councils with expertise in domestic
2 violence.

3 (c) The content of the instruction provided pursuant
4 to this section may include, but need not be limited to,
5 information designed to develop knowledge of all of the
6 following:

7 (1) The nature of violence, including a definition of
8 abuse or violence, the characteristics of abusers and
9 victims, teen dating violence, and the dynamics of power
10 and control.

11 (2) The legal rights of a person in an abusive
12 relationship.

13 (3) The effect of violence on both the victim of
14 domestic violence and the children who are living or have
15 lived in violent homes.

16 (4) Referral services, including local battered
17 women's programs, where a victim of domestic violence
18 can seek assistance.

19 ~~(d) (1) The State Department of Education shall~~
20 ~~provide to each school district on or before September 1,~~
21 ~~2001, a sample curriculum that may be used by schools to~~
22 ~~provide instruction pursuant to this section. The sample~~
23 ~~curriculum shall be developed by the State Department~~
24 ~~of Education in consultation with any combination of the~~
25 ~~following: local battered women's programs, statewide~~
26 ~~domestic violence coalitions, and the coordinating~~
27 ~~council or agency in each county that currently provides~~
28 ~~this training.~~

29 ~~(2) The State Department of Education shall review~~
30 ~~and update as necessary, the content of the instruction in~~
31 ~~domestic violence prevention on a regular basis, but not~~
32 ~~less often than every four years.~~

33 ~~SEC. 4. It is the intent of the Legislature that school~~
34 ~~districts and county offices of education use existing~~
35 ~~resources to provide the instruction required pursuant to~~
36 ~~Sections 51214 and 51220.6 of the Education Code, if they~~
37 ~~implement those provisions.~~

38 ~~(d) Any parent or guardian may request that his or her~~
39 ~~child or ward not receive instruction in domestic violence~~
40 ~~prevention.~~



1 SEC. 3. Section 51226.7 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:

3 51226.7. Age-appropriate instruction in domestic
4 violence prevention shall be considered in the next cycle
5 in which the curriculum framework for health for grades
6 1 to 6, inclusive, and personal and public safety and
7 accident prevention for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and their
8 accompanying instructional materials are adopted.

9 SEC. 4. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the
10 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates
11 determines that this act contains costs mandated by the
12 state, reimbursement to local agencies and school
13 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7
14 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
15 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the
16 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million
17 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from
18 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

