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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1931

Introduced by Assembly Member Scott
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cunneen, Honda, Knox,
Kuehl, Longville, Mazzoni, Murray, and Steinberg)
(Coauthors: Senators Solis and Vasconcellos)

February 15, 2000

An act to add Section 233.8 to the Education Code, relating to hate violence, ~~and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1931, as amended, Scott. Hate violence.

Existing law requires at the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the State Board of Education adopt policies directed toward creating a school environment free from discriminatory attitudes, practices, and acts of hate violence and that the state board revise, as needed,

curriculum to include human relations education with the aim of fostering an appreciation of people of different ethnicities.

This bill would require, subject to funds being appropriated therefor in the Budget Act of 2000, the State Department of Education to provide regional training to assist school district personnel in the identification and determination of hate violence on school campuses. The bill would establish a grant program for school districts to enable pupils and teachers to participate in educational programs focused on fostering ethnic sensitivity, overcoming racism and prejudice, and countering hatred and intolerance.

This bill would, subject to funds being appropriated therefor in the Budget Act of 2000, allocate \$150,000 to contract for the services of an organization with the experience to provide regional training programs throughout the state to assist school district personnel in the identification and determination of hate violence on school campuses, and allocate \$2,000,000 for the purpose of providing grants on a competitive basis, as specified, to school districts and county offices of education to enable pupils and teachers to participate in educational programs focused on fostering ethnic sensitivity, overcoming racism and prejudice, and countering hatred and intolerance.

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

Vote: ²/₃—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. The Legislature finds and declares all of
2 the following:

3 (a) The number of hate crimes against pupils is
4 dramatically increasing throughout the state.

5 (b) Hate crimes impact not only the individuals or
6 group victimized but also have a dramatic impact on the
7 school learning environment for all pupils.

8 (c) Pupil achievement depends, in part, on a safe
9 learning environment.



1 (d) Understanding and identifying hate crimes on
2 school campuses and determination of motive requires
3 specialized training of school staff.

4 (e) To address hate crimes, educational programs
5 have been created to expose pupils to the dynamics and
6 history of racism and prejudice and issues of intolerance,
7 and to foster ethnic sensitivity and counter hatred.

8 SEC. 2. Section 233.8 is added to the Education Code,
9 to read:

10 233.8. (a) The State Department of Education shall
11 provide regional training to assist school district
12 personnel in the identification and determination of hate
13 violence on school campuses.

14 (b) (1) A grant program for school districts shall be
15 established by the department for the purpose of
16 enabling pupils and teachers to participate in educational
17 programs focused on fostering ethnic sensitivity,
18 overcoming racism and prejudice, and countering hatred
19 and intolerance. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
20 grants be awarded on a competitive basis with similar
21 sized school districts and county offices of education
22 competing against each other for grant funds. The
23 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish grant
24 competition bands as follows:

25 (A) Districts with less than 2,501 average daily
26 attendance.

27 (B) Districts with more than 2,500 average daily
28 attendance but less than 5,001.

29 (C) Districts with more than 5,000 average daily
30 attendance but less than 15,001.

31 (D) Districts with more than 15,000 average daily
32 attendance but less than 30,001.

33 (E) Districts with more than 30,000 average daily
34 attendance.

35 (F) County offices of education.

36 (2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
37 allocate the appropriated funds for competitive grants to
38 each of the competitive bands based on the amount of
39 average daily attendance in all districts in the
40 competitive range compared to the statewide average



1 daily attendance in all school districts and county offices
2 of education.

3 The grant program is not required to be implemented
4 under this section unless funds are appropriated for that
5 purpose.

6 SEC. 3. Subject to funding being appropriated in the
7 Budget Act of 2000 for the purposes of this act, the State
8 Department of Education shall allocate funding
9 according to the following schedule:

10 (a) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to
11 contract for the services of an organization with the
12 experience to provide, pursuant to Section 233.8 of the
13 Education Code, training programs throughout the state
14 to assist school district personnel in the identification and
15 determination of hate violence on school campuses.

16 (b) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of
17 providing grants to school districts to enable pupils and
18 teachers to participate in educational programs pursuant
19 to Section 233.8 of the Education Code, that foster ethnic
20 sensitivity, overcoming racism and prejudice, and
21 countering hatred and intolerance.

22 ~~SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
23 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
24 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the
25 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
26 constituting the necessity are:~~

27 ~~The number of hate crimes among pupils is
28 dramatically increasing. In order to preserve pupil safety,
29 it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.~~

