

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 6**

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**Introduced by Senator Baca**

February 8, 1999

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An act to add Chapter 20 (commencing with Section 53090) to Part 28 of the Education Code, relating to reading instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 6, as introduced, Baca. Reading instruction.

Existing law establishes various programs that relate to reading development for elementary pupils, including the Reading Initiative Program, the Comprehensive Reading Leadership Program, and the Back to Basics Summer School Reading Program. Under existing law, the adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, is required to include instruction in the skill of reading.

This bill would authorize the University of California to enter into a partnership with any school district to establish reading improvement programs for pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grade 1. The bill would state that its provisions would not apply to the University of California except to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, make its provisions applicable.

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. Chapter 20 (commencing with Section  
2 53090) is added to Part 28 of the Education Code, to read:

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CHAPTER 20. READING INITIATIVE FOR PUPILS IN  
KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1

7 53090. This chapter shall be known and may be cited  
8 as the Reading Initiative for Pupils in Kindergarten and  
9 Grade 1.

10 53091. The University of California and any school  
11 district may enter into a partnership to establish reading  
12 improvement programs for pupils enrolled in  
13 kindergarten and pupils enrolled in grade 1.

14 53092. Reading improvement programs established  
15 pursuant to this chapter may be conducted during  
16 summer school, regular sessions, and after the regular  
17 schedule of classes.

18 53093. Reading improvement programs established  
19 pursuant to this chapter may include, but are not  
20 necessarily limited to, all of the following:

21 (a) Training in phonemic awareness and the use of  
22 phonetic sounds.

23 (b) The assistance of master teachers to serve as  
24 reading coaches to improve reading instruction.

25 53094. No provision of this chapter shall apply to the  
26 University of California except to the extent that the  
27 Regents of the University of California, by appropriate  
28 resolution, make that provision applicable.

29 53095. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact  
30 legislation that would establish an evaluation process for  
31 programs established pursuant to this chapter.

32 53096. It is the intent of the Legislature that programs  
33 established pursuant to this chapter be funded by an  
34 appropriation in the annual Budget Act or another  
35 measure, or, to the extent funds are available, from  
36 existing appropriations.

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