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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1311**

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**Introduced by Senator ~~Baea~~ Chesbro**

April 7, 1999

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An act relating to ~~reading instruction~~ and *fish*, making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1311, as amended, ~~Baea~~ Chesbro. ~~Reading instruction~~ *Salmon and steelhead trout habitat.*

*The Budget Act of 1999 prohibits the expenditure of federal funds available from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Account administered by the National Marine Fisheries Service or from any other source for the Watershed and Salmon Restoration Strategy Program that are not appropriated in that act unless and until a statute is enacted authorizing and defining that program and specifying the use of the federal funds.*

*This bill, notwithstanding that provision, would appropriate \$9,000,000 in federal funds from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund to the Secretary of the Resources Agency, in augmentation of a specified item of the Budget Act of 1999, for the protection and recovery of salmon and steelhead trout pursuant to a specified Memorandum of Understanding between the State of California, the Resources Agency, and*

*the United States Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

~~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 research-based reading improvement programs for pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grade 1, and require the University of California to report to the Legislature and the Governor. 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.~~

~~This bill would authorize expenditure of funds appropriated for other reading programs, and programs relating to classroom library materials, for the purpose of this bill. By changing the purpose for which those appropriations may be expended, this bill would make an appropriation.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. 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     ~~SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Provision 1 of Item~~  
 3     ~~0540-001-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 1999~~  
 4     ~~(Ch. 50, Stats. 1999), the sum of nine million dollars~~  
 5     ~~(\$9,000,000) in federal funds from the Pacific Coastal~~  
 6     ~~Salmon Recovery Fund is hereby appropriated to the~~  
 7     ~~Secretary of the Resources Agency, in augmentation of~~  
 8     ~~Item 0540-001-0890 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of~~  
 9     ~~1999, for the protection and recovery of salmon and~~  
 10    ~~steelhead trout pursuant to the Memorandum of~~  
 11    ~~Understanding between the State of California, the~~  
 12    ~~Resources Agency, and the United States Department of~~



1 *Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service, dated*  
2 *February \_\_\_\_\_, 2000, regarding administration of the*  
3 *Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund.*

4 ~~the following:~~

5 ~~(a) Recent assessments have found that academic~~  
6 ~~achievement of pupils in California lags behind pupils in~~  
7 ~~other states. It is estimated that 6 out of 10 fourth graders~~  
8 ~~in California do not read at grade level. A recent federal~~  
9 ~~assessment found that the state's fourth graders were~~  
10 ~~ranked 41 out of 43 states in overall academic~~  
11 ~~achievement.~~

12 ~~(b) Recently, significant steps have been taken to~~  
13 ~~support reading improvement including summer~~  
14 ~~academies to assist pupils and summer institutes to assist~~  
15 ~~teachers. However, there exists a great need to improve~~  
16 ~~education in reading and writing throughout the entire~~  
17 ~~school year, especially in the early grades.~~

18 ~~(c) The University of California is the premier~~  
19 ~~research institution in the state, and perhaps the nation.~~

20 ~~(d) Presently there are insufficient links between~~  
21 ~~ongoing university research and classroom instruction;~~  
22 ~~especially regarding instruction in the early grades.~~

23 ~~(e) In one instance where the University of California~~  
24 ~~at Riverside linked its research to classroom literacy~~  
25 ~~instruction, the initial results found that over 80 percent~~  
26 ~~of a sample of more than 100 at-risk kindergartners went~~  
27 ~~on to perform at or above average in first grade. In this~~  
28 ~~university-school partnership, teachers applied the~~  
29 ~~teaching of phonemic awareness, letter-sound~~  
30 ~~relationship, connections to phonics and spelling, and~~  
31 ~~applications of skills in reading and writing.~~

32 ~~(f) Reading improvement strategies need to take into~~  
33 ~~account the research on different ways that pupils learn.~~

34 ~~(g) The University of California can help elementary~~  
35 ~~school teachers and administrators apply research~~  
36 ~~findings about effective approaches to achieving literacy.~~

37 ~~(h) The goal of this act is to promote the establishment~~  
38 ~~of model schools connected directly with university~~  
39 ~~researchers that will allow for immediate~~



1 ~~implementation and evaluation of innovative literacy~~  
2 ~~programs.~~

3 ~~SEC. 2. (a) This act shall be known, and may be~~  
4 ~~cited, as the Reading Initiative for Pupils in Kindergarten~~  
5 ~~and Grade 1.~~

6 ~~(b) The University of California at Riverside, or the~~  
7 ~~University of California at Berkeley, and any school~~  
8 ~~district may enter into a partnership to establish~~  
9 ~~research-based reading improvement programs for~~  
10 ~~pupils enrolled in kindergarten and pupils enrolled in~~  
11 ~~grade 1.~~

12 ~~(c) Reading improvement programs established~~  
13 ~~pursuant to this act may be conducted during summer~~  
14 ~~school, regular session, and before and after the regular~~  
15 ~~schedule of classes.~~

16 ~~(d) Reading improvement programs established~~  
17 ~~pursuant to this act may include, but are not necessarily~~  
18 ~~limited to, all of the following:~~

19 ~~(1) Training in phonemic awareness, English~~  
20 ~~letter-sound relations, the connection of phonics and~~  
21 ~~spelling, and application of skills to reading and writing.~~

22 ~~(2) The assistance of master teachers to serve as~~  
23 ~~reading coaches to improve reading instruction.~~

24 ~~(e) No provision of this act shall apply to the~~  
25 ~~University of California except to the extent that the~~  
26 ~~Regents of the University of California, by appropriate~~  
27 ~~resolution, make that provision applicable.~~

28 ~~(f) If a University of California campus elects to~~  
29 ~~establish a reading improvement program pursuant to~~  
30 ~~this section, the university campus shall submit, no later~~  
31 ~~than November 1, 2000, an evaluation report to the~~  
32 ~~Legislature and to the Governor that summarizes the~~  
33 ~~findings of the program. In the event several distinct~~  
34 ~~programs are established pursuant to this section, a single~~  
35 ~~evaluation report containing the findings may be~~  
36 ~~submitted.~~

37 ~~(g) Programs established pursuant to this section may~~  
38 ~~be funded with funds appropriated for the purposes of~~  
39 ~~this act in the annual Budget Act or any other measure,~~  
40 ~~with funds appropriated pursuant to Chapter 2 of the~~



1 ~~Statutes of 1999, First Extraordinary Session, or with funds~~  
2 ~~appropriated for purposes of Section 19 of Chapter 78 of~~  
3 ~~the Statutes of 1999, or from grants from private sources,~~  
4 ~~or a combination of public funding and private grants.~~

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6 CORRECTIONS

7 **Title — Lines 2 and 3.**

8 **Digest — Page 2.**

9 **Text — Page 3.**

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