

**Introduced by Senator Solis**

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An act to amend Section 44390 of the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1976, as introduced, Solis. Teachers: recruitment.

Existing law establishes the California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program for the purpose of recruiting paraprofessionals to participate in a program designed to encourage them to enroll in teacher training programs and to provide instructional service as teachers in the public schools. Existing law makes legislative findings and declarations with regard to the program.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in the findings and declarations.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 44390 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 44390. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that  
4 over the next five years, as many as 50 percent of the  
5 classroom teachers in many urban school districts with  
6 large percentages of minority pupils will be eligible for  
7 retirement. The Legislature further finds and declares  
8 that in many school districts there are a number of

1 classified employees, particularly minority group  
2 members, who are enrolled in, who have been enrolled  
3 in, or who would be interested in enrolling in, a teacher  
4 training program leading to a teaching credential if they  
5 were ~~provided—assistance~~ *assisted* in applying for  
6 admission and financial aid for that purpose.

7 The Legislature also finds and declares that ~~educational~~  
8 *teaching* paraprofessionals who serve pupils in the public  
9 schools provide valuable instructional services to public  
10 school pupils. A program to enhance instructional  
11 competencies and to prepare ~~school~~ *teaching*  
12 paraprofessionals to become teachers would result in  
13 improved services in terms of their role in the  
14 instructional program in the classroom.

