

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 796

Introduced by Assembly Member Shelley

February 22, 2001

An act to amend Section 32228 of the Education Code, relating to school safety and violence prevention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 796, as introduced, Shelley. School safety and violence prevention.

Existing law, the School Safety and Violence Prevention Act, states the Legislature's intent relating to school safety and violence prevention and that schoolsites receiving funds pursuant to that act accomplish specified goals, including, among others, teaching pupils techniques for resolving conflicts without violence.

This bill would revise the statement of intent regarding that goal to specify that it is the intent of the Legislature that schoolsites receiving funds under that act accomplish the goal of teaching pupils techniques for preventing and resolving conflicts without violence, including dating violence and interpersonal violence.

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 32228 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 32228. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that public
4 schools serving pupils in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12,

1 inclusive, have access to supplemental resources to establish
2 programs and strategies that promote school safety and emphasize
3 violence prevention among children and youth in the public
4 schools.

5 (b) It is also the intent of the Legislature that public schools
6 have access to supplemental resources to combat bias on the basis
7 of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender,
8 or sexual orientation, as defined in subdivision (q) of Section
9 12926 of the Government Code, and to prevent and respond to acts
10 of hate violence and bias related incidents. Sexual orientation shall
11 not include pedophilia.

12 (c) It is further the intent of the Legislature that schoolsites
13 receiving funds pursuant to this article accomplish all of the
14 following goals:

15 (1) Teach pupils techniques for *preventing and* resolving
16 conflicts without violence, *including dating violence and*
17 *interpersonal violence*.

18 (2) Train school staff and administrators to support and
19 promote conflict resolution and mediation techniques for
20 resolving conflicts between and among pupils.

21 (3) Reduce incidents of violence at the schoolsite with an
22 emphasis on prevention and early detection.

