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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1056**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chu**  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chan, Dymally, Hancock, Jerome Horton, Jones, Karnette, Laird, Lieber, and Pavley)*

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An act to add and repeal Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 60620) to Chapter 5 of Part 33 of the Education Code, relating to public school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1056, as amended, Chu. Public school curriculum: tolerance and intergroup relations instruction.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content standards in core curriculum areas, including, but not limited to, history/social science, and requires the board to review and modify existing curriculum frameworks where appropriate to bring them into alignment with these content standards.

This bill would establish the Tolerance Education Pilot Program, to be administered by the State Department of Education, to promote

instruction in public schools on tolerance, *as defined*, and intergroup relations as part of the instruction in the history/social science content standards, as specified. The bill would require the department to select 10 schools to participate in the program and receive one-time grants of \$25,000 each *for one of 2 specified purposes. The bill would require each school selected to participate in the program that receives funding through the program to submit a report to the department on the effectiveness of the program and the use of program funds 3 years after the school receives its initial funding. The bill would require each participating school to develop a plan to implement a tolerance and intergroup relations curriculum.* The bill would repeal those provisions ~~inoperative on January 1, 2011, and it would repeal them as of that date.~~

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. Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 60620) is  
 2 added to Chapter 5 of Part 33 of the Education Code, to read:

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 4 Article 2.5. Tolerance Education Pilot Program  
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6 60620. This article shall be known, and may be cited as, the  
 7 Tolerance Education Pilot Program.

8 60621. (a) The Tolerance Education Pilot Program is hereby  
 9 established, and shall be administered by the department.

10 (b) The purpose of the program is to promote instruction on  
 11 tolerance and intergroup relations as part of the instruction in the  
 12 history/social science content standards, as adopted by the state  
 13 board pursuant to Section 60605.

14 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this article that  
 15 funding provided to schools pursuant to the program be used to  
 16 supplement instruction in the history/social science content  
 17 standards, as adopted by the state board pursuant to Section  
 18 60605.

19 (d) For purposes of this article, the term “school” means any  
 20 public school that provides instruction in kindergarten or any of  
 21 grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

1 (e) For purposes of this article, “tolerance” means attitudes  
2 and behaviors that convey respect toward individuals and  
3 groups, especially those individuals and groups that have been,  
4 and continue to be, systematically and historically marginalized.  
5 Tolerance does not mean a passive allowance or indulgence of  
6 the beliefs or practices of another individual.

7 60622. (a) A school may apply to the department to receive  
8 funds pursuant to the program. The department shall select 10  
9 schools to participate in the program and to receive one-time  
10 grants of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) each.

11 (b) Funding provided pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be used  
12 by schools for either of the following purposes:

13 (1) Purchasing supplemental instructional materials that  
14 promote tolerance and intergroup relations.

15 (2) Providing professional development for teachers on  
16 tolerance and intergroup relations.

17 (c) In developing any professional development training on  
18 tolerance and intergroup relations pursuant to the program,  
19 schools are encouraged, prior to providing instructional materials  
20 to pupils and in order to integrate instruction on tolerance and  
21 intergroup relations, to consult *and partner* with human relations  
22 commissions and civil rights organizations that are involved in  
23 addressing discrimination based on actual or perceived gender,  
24 ethnic group identification, race, national origin, religion, mental  
25 or physical disability, sexual orientation, immigrant status,  
26 *familial status*, or association with a person or group with one or  
27 more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

28 (d) Each school that is selected to participate in the program  
29 and that receives funding pursuant to this article shall, three years  
30 after its initial receipt of funding, submit a report to the  
31 department on the effectiveness of the program and the use of  
32 program funds by the school.

33 (e) *Each school that is selected to participate in the program*  
34 *shall develop a plan to implement a tolerance and intergroup*  
35 *relations curriculum.*

36 (e)

37 (f) Implementation of the program is contingent upon funding  
38 made available for this purpose in the annual Budget Act.

39 60623. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,  
40 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted

- 1 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends
- 2 that date.

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