

Assembly Bill No. 1056

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CHAPTER _____

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, 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 on January 1, 2011.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 60620) is added to Chapter 5 of Part 33 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 2.5. Tolerance Education Pilot Program

60620. This article shall be known, and may be cited as, the Tolerance Education Pilot Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) In developing any professional development training on tolerance and intergroup relations pursuant to the program, schools are encouraged, prior to providing instructional materials to pupils and in order to integrate instruction on tolerance and intergroup relations, to consult and partner with human relations commissions and civil rights organizations that are involved in

addressing discrimination based on actual or perceived gender, ethnic group identification, race, national origin, religion, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, immigrant status, familial status, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

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

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

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

60623. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends that date.

Approved _____, 2006

Governor