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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 232**

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**Introduced by Senators Ducheny and Florez**

February 14, 2007

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An act to amend ~~Section~~ *Sections 99200 and 99206* of the Education Code, relating to instructional strategies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 232, as amended, Ducheny. Instructional strategies: subject matter projects.

Existing law provides for the establishment and maintenance of 6 subject matter projects by the Regents of the University of California with the approval of the Concurrence Committee. Existing law provides that these subject matter projects are to create opportunities for researchers, higher education faculty, and elementary and secondary school faculty to work together to identify exemplary teaching practices, examine and develop research on learning, knowledge, and educational materials, and to provide support to teachers to develop and enhance content knowledge and pedagogical skills. Under existing law, these projects become inoperative on June 30, 2007, and are repealed on January 1, 2008.

This bill would *require the Concurrence Committee to provide a final report to the Governor and to appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before January 1, 2011, including specified information relating to the subject matter projects. The bill would delete obsolete language relating to an independent note changes of the subject matter projects that was required to be completed prior to February 1, 2006. The bill would extend the date on which those projects become*

inoperative to June 30, ~~2014~~ 2012, and the repeal date to January 1, 2015 2013, thus extending the existence of these projects by ~~7~~ 5 years.

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. Section 99200 of the Education Code is amended
- 2     to read:
- 3     99200. (a) With funds appropriated therefor, and with the
- 4     approval of the Concurrence Committee, the Regents of the
- 5     University of California shall establish and maintain cooperative
- 6     endeavors designed to accomplish the following:
- 7         (1) Develop and enhance teachers’ subject matter and content
- 8         knowledge in the subject matter areas specified in Section 99201.
- 9         (2) Develop and enhance teachers’ instructional strategies to
- 10        improve student learning and academic performance as measured
- 11        against State Board of Education standards adopted pursuant to
- 12        Section 60605 and, where applicable, to standards adopted pursuant
- 13        to Section 60811.
- 14        (3) Provide teachers with instructional strategies for working
- 15        with English learners.
- 16        (4) Provide teachers with access to and opportunity to examine
- 17        current research that is demonstrably linked to improved student
- 18        learning and achievement as measured by performance levels on
- 19        state tests administered pursuant to Section 60605 or on English
- 20        language development assessments developed, pursuant to Chapter
- 21        7 (commencing with Section 60810) of Part 33 of Division 4 of
- 22        Title 2, for English language learners.
- 23        (5) Maintain subject-specific professional communities that
- 24        create and encourage ongoing opportunities for teacher learning
- 25        and research.
- 26        (6) Develop and deploy as teacher leaders, teachers with
- 27        demonstrated levels of expertise in the classroom and certifiable
- 28        levels of content knowledge.
- 29     (b) The duties of the Concurrence Committee shall include, but
- 30     need not be limited to, all of the following:
- 31         (1) Ensuring that the statewide and local subject matter projects
- 32         comply with requirements of this chapter.

1 (2) Developing rules and regulations for the statewide subject  
2 matter projects.

3 ~~(3) Selecting a contractor for a four-year independent evaluation  
4 of the effectiveness of the subject matter projects.~~

5 ~~(e) An independent evaluation of the effectiveness of the subject  
6 matter projects shall be performed by a contractor selected pursuant  
7 to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), and shall be reported to the  
8 State Board of Education, the Governor, and the Legislature by  
9 February 1, 2006. Preliminary results shall be reported annually  
10 beginning February 1, 2004. The evaluation shall include, but not  
11 be limited to:~~

12 ~~(1) Documenting the impact of participation in the program on  
13 student achievement in the statewide tests administered pursuant  
14 to Section 60605.~~

15 ~~(2) Measuring the results of research that examines the learning,  
16 knowledge, and educational materials developed by the statewide  
17 subject matter projects.~~

18 ~~(3) Documenting the quantity, quality, cost-effectiveness, and  
19 inclusiveness of subject matter project programs.~~

20 ~~(4) The impact of the subject matter projects on the performance  
21 levels of high-priority schools affiliated with the subject matter  
22 projects.~~

23 *(3) Providing a final report to the Governor and to appropriate  
24 policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on or before  
25 January 1, 2011, on the subject matter projects. The report shall  
26 include, but need not be limited to, all of the following information,  
27 compiled for a four-year period:*

28 *(A) The number, and level of experience, of participants in each  
29 subject matter project.*

30 *(B) The total amount of funds expended, on an annual basis,  
31 for each subject matter project.*

32 *(C) An explanation of the type of professional development  
33 activities offered pursuant to each subject matter project.*

34 *(D) A list including the name and location of each school  
35 affiliated with a subject matter project.*

36 ~~(d)~~

37 *(c) Grants to establish local sites of statewide subject matter  
38 projects shall be available to institutions of higher education,  
39 county offices of education and school districts, or any combination  
40 thereof, with a subject matter proposal approved pursuant to this*

1 article. Once established, each subject matter project shall be  
 2 administered by the University of California in cooperation with  
 3 the Concurrence Committee. Local sites of statewide subject matter  
 4 projects shall be distributed throughout the state so that elementary,  
 5 secondary, and postsecondary school personnel located in rural,  
 6 urban, and suburban areas may avail themselves of subject matter  
 7 projects.

8 (e)

9 (d) The Concurrence Committee shall be composed of  
 10 individuals who are affiliated with leadership, management, or  
 11 instruction, in education or education policy entities and shall be  
 12 selected as follows:

13 (1) One representative selected by the Regents of the University  
 14 of California.

15 (2) One representative selected by the Board of Trustees of the  
 16 California State University.

17 (3) Two representatives selected by the State Board of  
 18 Education, at least one of whom has significant experience with  
 19 direct classroom instruction.

20 (4) One representative selected by the Governor.

21 (5) One representative selected by the Commission on Teacher  
 22 Credentialing.

23 (6) One representative selected by the Curriculum Development  
 24 and Supplemental Materials Commission.

25 (7) One representative of the California Community Colleges  
 26 selected by the Board of Governors of the California Community  
 27 Colleges.

28 (8) One representative of an independent postsecondary  
 29 institution selected by the Association of Independent California  
 30 Colleges and Universities.

31 **SECTION 1.**

32 *SEC. 2.* Section 99206 of the Education Code is amended to  
 33 read:

34 99206. This article shall become inoperative on June 30, ~~2014~~  
 35 ~~2012~~, and, as of January 1, ~~2015~~ ~~2013~~, is repealed, unless a later  
 36 enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, ~~2015~~ ~~2013~~, deletes  
 37 or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is  
 38 repealed.

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