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No. 82

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 82—Relative to public education and discrimination-free zones.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 82, as amended, Hall. Public education: “Discrimination Free Zones.”

This measure would encourage public education institutions to designate each campus as a “Discrimination-Free Zone” to provide a safe haven from intolerance or discrimination, to enact appropriate procedures that meaningfully address acts of discrimination that occur on campus, to notify parents and the campus community of existing policies and procedures that encourage tolerance of others, and to use existing resources to identify themselves as “Discrimination-Free Zones” to create a campus climate that welcomes diversity and supports the tolerance of others.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California has the largest public school system in
2 the nation, prekindergarten through university, which is key in
3 addressing California’s infrastructure and economic needs, and
4 represents a state that honors and respects the diversity of its
5 citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, California’s public educators encourage
7 inclusiveness among the students they educate, and serve the needs
8 of a diverse student body that reflects the diversity of the state;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, That diversity reflects the racial, cultural, religious,
11 disability, gender, gender identity, economic circumstance, and
12 sexual orientation of its citizens seeking access to California’s
13 public education; and

14 WHEREAS, The Legislature condemns all acts of
15 discrimination, intolerance, and hate aimed at individuals that
16 reflect the state’s diversity; and

17 WHEREAS, Although the state has enacted numerous laws to
18 oppose acts of discrimination, intolerance continues to pervade
19 many of our public schools and colleges; and

20 WHEREAS, The Legislature is committed to upholding
21 fundamental and inalienable rights, including the freedoms of
22 religion, speech, assembly, and privacy; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof, concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California
25 hereby encourages all public education institutions, working with

1 students, teachers, faculty, and other members of the public
2 education community, to designate each campus as a
3 “Discrimination-Free Zone” to provide a safe haven from
4 intolerance or discrimination; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That all public education institutions, prekindergarten
6 through university campuses, are encouraged to develop and enact
7 policies that support tolerance and acceptance of others regardless
8 of their race or ethnicity, religion, disability, gender, gender
9 identity, sexual orientation, nationality, or any other characteristic
10 that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section
11 422.55 of the Penal Code; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That all public education institutions are encouraged
13 to enact procedures, such as counseling services and conflict
14 management, that meaningfully address acts of discrimination that
15 occur on campus; and be it further

16 *Resolved*, That *all public education institutions are encouraged*
17 *to notify* parents and the campus community ~~should be notified~~ of
18 existing policies and procedures that encourage tolerance of others;
19 and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That all public education institutions are encouraged
21 to use existing resources to identify themselves as
22 “Discrimination-Free Zones” through placards, signs, notices of
23 available services, and other appropriate identifications to create
24 a campus climate that welcomes diversity and supports the
25 tolerance of others; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
27 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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