

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 465

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

February 24, 2009

An act to add Section 11505.5 to the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 465, as introduced, Coto. Schools: parent involvement.

Existing law requires the governing board of a school district to adopt a policy on parent involvement and to establish a parent involvement program for each school in the district that receives specified federal funds. The program is required to contain, among other things, regular periodic programs throughout the school year that provide for training, instruction, and information for parents on ways to support and enhance the learning the of their children. Existing law authorizes a school district, to the extent permitted by federal law, to contract with nonprofit organizations and agencies experienced in administering parent involvement programs to design or implement, or both, the parent involvement program of a school.

This bill would encourage school districts to review and, if appropriate, contract with nonprofit community-based organizations that have a proven track record and can provide external longitudinal evaluations that demonstrate their success in educating parents and building direct collaboration with school districts, administrators, and educators. A nonprofit community-based organization that contracts with a school district would be required to demonstrate and provide a culturally and linguistically competent parent involvement program using best practices that address the diversity of the school district. A

low-performing school district would be encouraged to submit an annual report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that demonstrates its efforts to promote parent engagement and the outcomes that result from contracting with the nonprofit community-based organization.

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 11505.5 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 11505.5. School districts are encouraged to review and, if
4 appropriate, contract with nonprofit community-based
5 organizations that have a proven track record and can provide
6 external longitudinal evaluations that demonstrate their success in
7 educating parents and building direct collaboration with school
8 districts, administrators, and educators. A nonprofit
9 community-based organization that contracts with a school district
10 shall demonstrate and provide a culturally and linguistically
11 competent parent involvement program using best practices that
12 address the diversity of the school district. A low-performing
13 school district is encouraged to submit an annual report to the
14 Superintendent that demonstrates its efforts to promote parent
15 engagement and the outcomes that result from contracting with
16 the nonprofit community-based organization.

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