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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 93

Introduced by ~~Senators DeSaulnier and Cedillo~~ *Senator DeSaulnier*
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 93—Relative to Summer Learning and Wellness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 93, as amended, DeSaulnier. Summer Learning and Wellness Month.

This measure would designate July 2010 as “Summer Learning and Wellness Month.”

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, A child’s need for meaningful learning and
2 enrichment experiences does not end in June when the school doors
3 close for summer vacation, these needs continue into and through
4 the summer months. ~~Whether or not these needs are being met~~
5 ~~may boil down to a child’s neighborhood or family income level~~
6 *Many of these needs are not being met in neighborhoods where*
7 *poverty is high; and*

8 WHEREAS, All children need summer learning opportunities
9 in order to stay on course academically. Without ongoing summer
10 opportunities to reinforce and learn skills, children, especially
11 children in low-income communities, may fall behind dramatically
12 in many areas of academic achievement; and

13 WHEREAS, The debilitating effect of an absence of summer
14 learning and enrichment is often referred to as “the summer slide.”

1 The summer slide is characterized by measurable learning loss
2 that includes reading loss and significant achievement gaps between
3 children with lower and higher income parents; and

4 WHEREAS, ~~The summer slide affects children from low-income~~
5 ~~families disproportionately. *Unequal* The lack of summer learning~~
6 ~~opportunities during elementary school years are responsible for~~
7 ~~about two-thirds of~~ *contribute to* the ninth-grade achievement gap
8 between youths with lower and higher income parents. As a result,
9 youths with low-income parents are less likely to graduate from
10 high school or enter college; and

11 WHEREAS, While parents in California consistently cite
12 summer as the most difficult time to ensure that their children have
13 productive things to do, the supply of low-cost summer programs
14 in California is extremely limited relative to the number of children
15 ~~with low-income parents. A 2008 study of five California cities~~
16 ~~revealed that nearly 75 percent of children and youth are not served~~
17 ~~by the most common providers of summer programming; and~~ *with*
18 *low-income parents; and*

19 WHEREAS, Summer school is currently the largest provider
20 of summer programming in California, but budget cuts have had
21 a devastating effect on program availability; and

22 WHEREAS, ~~The health of many~~ *Many* children with low-income
23 ~~parents is put at risk during the summer because they lose access~~
24 ~~to healthy school meals and organized physical activity~~ *during the*
25 *summer months; and*

26 WHEREAS, ~~Most~~ *In California, nearly one-third (32 percent)*
27 *of 5th graders are overweight or obese. Some studies indicate that*
28 *children gain weight more rapidly when they are out of school for*
29 *summer. Summer weight gains are especially large for African*
30 *American and Hispanic children. In California, nearly one-third*
31 *(32 percent) of 5th graders are overweight or obese; and children;*
32 *and*

33 WHEREAS, The national Summer Learning Day on June 21
34 celebrates how *public and private* summer programs send young
35 people back to school ready to learn, support ~~working~~ families,
36 and help keep children safe and healthy; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
38 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates July 2010 as
39 Summer Learning and Wellness Month; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the California Legislature recognizes that all
2 children need fun, safe, and educational opportunities in the
3 summertime that prevent summer learning loss and summer weight
4 gain; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
6 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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