

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 11, 2009

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SENATE BILL

No. 552

Introduced by Senator Padilla

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 51882 to the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 552, as amended, Padilla. Schools: health education.

The Comprehensive Health Education Act of 1977 requires the State Department of Education to prepare and distribute to school districts guidelines for the preparation of comprehensive health education plans, and, in cooperation with county offices of education that desire to participate, to assist school districts in developing comprehensive health education plans and programs.

This bill would require school districts that offer health classes to grade 9 or 10 pupils to provide at least 15 minutes of instruction on organ procurement and tissue donation that would be designed to develop a knowledge of the potentially life-saving achievement involved in organ and tissue transplantation.

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. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:

1 (a) There are more than 100,000 people on the national organ
2 transplant waiting list, and more than 21,000, or 21 percent, of
3 those people live in California.

4 (b) Currently only ~~18 percent of California drivers are designated~~
5 *25 percent of applicants for California driver's licenses register*
6 as organ or tissue donors.

7 (c) Californians who apply for a California drivers license are
8 asked whether or not they would like to donate their organs and
9 tissue. It is important that, if we are asking that question, we are
10 allowing the individual to make an informed decision.

11 (d) There is an urgent need to educate the public about organ
12 and tissue donation.

13 SEC. 2. Section 51882 is added to the Education Code, to read:
14 51882. Commencing with the 2010–11 school year, a school
15 district that elects to offer health classes to grade 9 or 10 pupils
16 shall offer at least 15 minutes of instruction on organ procurement
17 and tissue donation designed to develop a knowledge of the
18 potentially life-saving achievement involved in organ and tissue
19 transplantation. Nonprofit *organ-procurement* organizations,
20 including among others, Donate Life California, shall provide
21 school districts with the information that will be provided through
22 the instruction required pursuant to this section.