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SENATE BILL

No. 621

Introduced by Senator Florez
(Coauthors: Senators Alquist and Padilla)

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An act to amend Section ~~51226~~ 51226.1 of the Education Code, relating to career technical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 621, as amended, Florez. Career technical education: individuals with exceptional needs.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, on a cyclical basis, to coordinate the development of model curriculum standards for the prescribed course of study and of a career technical education course of study necessary to assist school districts with complying with their obligation to offer qualified pupils a course of study that provides an opportunity for pupils to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school. *Existing law requires the Superintendent, upon the adoption of these model curriculum standards, to develop a curriculum framework consistent with specified criteria that offers a blueprint for implementation of career and technical education.*

~~This bill would require the Superintendent, in coordinating the development of model curriculum standards for a career technical education course of study, to include model curriculum standards appropriate for individuals with exceptional needs.~~

This bill would require the Superintendent, in coordinating the development of the next revision of this curriculum framework that is

submitted to the State Board of Education for approval, to include guidance for adapting work-based learning for individuals with exceptional needs.

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 51226.1 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 51226.1. (a) Upon adoption of the model curriculum standards
4 developed pursuant to Section 51226, the Superintendent shall
5 develop a curriculum framework consistent with criteria set forth
6 in subdivision (a) of Section 60005 that offers a blueprint for
7 implementation of career and technical education. The framework
8 shall be adopted no later than November 1, 2006.

9 (b) In developing the framework, the Superintendent shall work
10 in consultation and coordination with an advisory group, including,
11 but not limited to, representatives from all of the following:

- 12 (1) Business and industry.
- 13 (2) Labor.
- 14 (3) The California Community Colleges.
- 15 (4) The University of California.
- 16 (5) The California State University.
- 17 (6) Classroom teachers.
- 18 (7) School administrators.
- 19 (8) Pupils.
- 20 (9) Parents and guardians.
- 21 (10) Representatives of the Legislature.
- 22 (11) The department.
- 23 (12) The Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

24 (c) In convening the membership of the advisory group set forth
25 in subdivision (b), the Superintendent is encouraged to seek
26 representation broadly reflective of the state population.

27 (d) Costs incurred by the superintendent in complying with this
28 section shall be covered, to the extent permitted by federal law,
29 by the state administrative and leadership funds available pursuant
30 to the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of
31 1998 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 2301 et seq.).

(e) In developing the framework, the Superintendent shall consider developing frameworks for various career pathways that will prepare pupils for both career entry and matriculation into postsecondary education.

(f) *In coordinating the development of the next revision of the framework that is submitted to the state board for approval, the Superintendent shall include guidance for adapting work-based learning for individuals with exceptional needs.*

(g) Upon completion of the framework, the advisory group is encouraged to identify career technical education courses that meet state-adopted academic content standards and that satisfy high school graduation requirements and admissions requirements of the University of California and the California State University, and to determine the extent to which local educational agencies accept credit earned for the completion of those courses, in lieu of other courses of study.

(h) The adoption of the framework developed and adopted pursuant to this section by a local educational agency shall be voluntary.

~~SECTION 1. Section 51226 of the Education Code is amended to read:~~

~~51226. The Superintendent shall coordinate the development, on a cyclical basis, of model curriculum standards for the course of study required by Section 51225.3 and for a career technical education course of study necessary to assist school districts with complying with subdivision (b) of Section 51228. In coordinating the development of model curriculum standards for a career technical education course of study, the Superintendent shall include model curriculum standards appropriate for individuals with exceptional needs. The Superintendent shall set forth these standards in terms of a wide range of specific competencies, including higher level skills, in each academic subject area. The Superintendent shall review currently available textbooks in conjunction with the curriculum standards. The Superintendent shall seek the advice of classroom teachers, school administrators, parents, postsecondary educators, and representatives of business and industry in developing these curriculum standards. The superintendent shall recommend policies to the state board for~~

1 ~~consideration and adoption by the board. The state board shall~~
2 ~~adopt these policies no later than January 1, 1985. However, neither~~
3 ~~the Superintendent nor the state board shall adopt rules or~~
4 ~~regulations for course content or methods of instruction.~~

5 The Superintendent shall, to the extent applicable, incorporate
6 the integration of career technical and academic education into the
7 development of curriculum standards for career technical education
8 courses. The standards for a career technical education course of
9 study shall be adopted no later than June 1, 2005.