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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1390

**Introduced by Assembly Member Havice
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Washington)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alquist, Cunneen, and
Kuehl)**

February 26, 1999

An act to add Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 32246) to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of the Education Code, relating to pupils, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1390, as amended, Havice. Pupils: violence prevention.

Existing law establishes the School Safety and Violence Prevention Act, a statewide program administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who, pursuant to the act, allocates funds to school districts that maintain any of grades 8 to 12, inclusive, and that certify the funds will be used as required by the act. Funds allocated pursuant to this program are required to be expended for purposes that

include, but are not limited to, providing conflict resolution personnel, providing on-campus communication devices, establishing staff training programs, and establishing cooperative arrangements with law enforcement agencies.

This bill would establish the Bullying Prevention Grant Program for Grades 5 and 6. Schools maintaining grades 5 and 6 would be authorized to apply to the State Department of Education for a \$5,000 grant to implement a 2-year program. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop criteria by which grant recipients will be selected. The bill would authorize grant funds to be expended to implement a locally designed program or to purchase existing bullying prevention materials and programs.

The bill would require the State Department of Education to conduct a study of the overall effectiveness of the Bullying Prevention Grant Program and report to the Governor and the Legislature by July 1, 2003.

This bill would appropriate \$150,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for purposes of awarding 30 \$5,000 grants pursuant to the Bullying Prevention Grant Program for Grades 5 and 6.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) *The Legislature finds and declares*
- 2 *all of the following:*
- 3 (1) *School bullying is a significant problem facing this*
- 4 *state's schoolchildren.*
- 5 (2) *School violence at our schools, including bullying,*
- 6 *can be damaging to a child's sense of security and can*
- 7 *dramatically effect a child's academic achievement.*
- 8 (3) *Young bullies whose behavior goes unchecked are*
- 9 *more likely than other children to grow up and suffer*
- 10 *from personal, professional, and legal problems.*
- 11 (b) *It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the*
- 12 *Bullying Prevention Program to create an intervention*
- 13 *and prevention program that creates a norm in each*



1 *school that discourages bullying, empowers victims to*
2 *take appropriate action, and teaches other youths not to*
3 *be bystanders, but rather to take appropriate action*
4 *against any bullying going on around them.*

5 SEC. 2. Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 32246)
6 is added to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of the Education Code,
7 to read:

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9 Article 4.5. Bullying Prevention Grant Program for
10 Grades 5 and 6

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12 32246. There is hereby established the Bullying
13 Prevention Grant Program for Grades 5 and 6.

14 32247. Subject to an appropriation being made for this
15 purpose, a school district that has jurisdiction over schools
16 maintaining grades 5 and 6 may apply to the State
17 Department of Education for a grant to implement a
18 two-year bullying prevention program. The
19 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop
20 criteria by which grant recipients will be selected. *Grants*
21 *shall be apportioned among schools in the southern,*
22 *central, and northern portions of the state. Priority shall*
23 *be given to those schools that demonstrate a history of*
24 *bullying problems.*

25 32248. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
26 establish and maintain guidelines for bullying prevention
27 programs. *The program shall integrate schoolsite*
28 *personnel, including, but not limited to, teachers, school*
29 *psychologists, school counselors, school nurses, and shall*
30 *seek to involve parents and guardians where appropriate.*
31 *The program shall include, but not be limited to, all of the*
32 *following:*

33 (a) *Direct instruction, including awareness and*
34 *understanding of the bullying and victimization process.*

35 (b) *Individual and group instruction on intervention*
36 *and prevention activities that are educational in nature*
37 *and relate to the school setting.*

38 (c) *Small group counseling settings with the emphasis*
39 *on prevention.*



1 (d) Staff, pupil, and parent training in awareness,
2 understanding, prevention, and intervention in the
3 bullying and victimization process.

4 (e) Materials that are specially designed educational
5 materials that are commonly used in counseling,
6 psychology, and educational settings.

7 32249. The amount of a grant shall be five thousand
8 dollars (\$5,000) for a two-year program. Grant funds may
9 be expended to implement a locally designed program or
10 to purchase existing bullying prevention materials and
11 programs that meet the parameters set forth by this
12 article and those set by the Superintendent of Public
13 Instruction.

14 ~~SEC. 2.—~~

15 SEC. 3. By July 1, 2003, the State Department of
16 Education shall transmit to the Governor and the
17 Legislature a study on the grants that have been awarded
18 and the overall effectiveness of the Bullying Prevention
19 Grant Program.

20 SEC. 4. The sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars
21 (\$150,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund
22 to the State Department of Education for purposes of
23 awarding 30 five thousand ~~dollars~~ dollar (\$5,000) grants
24 pursuant to the Bullying Prevention Grant Program for
25 Grades 5 and 6 pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with
26 Section 32246) of Chapter 2 of Part 19 of the Education
27 Code.

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