

Assembly Bill No. 1390

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Private Secretary of the Governor



CHAPTER _____

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, 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.

Appropriation: yes.



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

SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) School bullying is a significant problem facing this state's schoolchildren.

(2) School violence at our schools, including bullying, can be damaging to a child's sense of security and can dramatically effect a child's academic achievement.

(3) Young bullies whose behavior goes unchecked are more likely than other children to grow up and suffer from personal, professional, and legal problems.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the Bullying Prevention Program to create an intervention and prevention program that creates a norm in each school that discourages bullying, empowers victims to take appropriate action, and teaches other youths not to be bystanders, but rather to take appropriate action against any bullying going on around them.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Approved _____, 2000

Governor

