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SENATE BILL

No. 306

Introduced by Senator Hayden

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Monteith, O'Connell, Solis, and Vasconcellos)*

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An act to amend Sections 11501, 11502, and 11506 of, and to add an article heading to Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 11500) of, and to add and repeal Article 2 (commencing with Section 11550) of Chapter 16 of, Part 7 of, the Education Code, relating to parental involvement, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 306, as amended, Hayden. Parent Involvement Grant Program.

Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to adopt a policy on parent involvement. Existing law provides that the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity, as mutually supportive and respectful partners in the education of their children within the public schools, to be informed by the school about specified matters relating to the education of their children, and to participate in the education of their children. Existing law requires the governing board of each school district to develop jointly with

parents and guardians, and to adopt, a policy that outlines how parents or guardians of pupils, school staff, and pupils may share the responsibility for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of pupils at each schoolsite.

This bill would establish the Parent Involvement Grant Program whereby state funds would be directed to nonprofit community-based organizations through a grant program administered by the State Department of Education to allow those organizations to offer training courses for parents of schoolage children to enhance a parent's or guardian's involvement in the education of his or her child in the public schools. The State Department of Education would be required to select the grantees through a competitive process. The bill would require a parent involvement training course to include at least 10 hours of live and direct parent instruction on a minimum of 6 of 10 subjects. The bill would require a grantee to match every \$4 of grant funds received under this program with \$1 of funding raised by the nonprofit community-based organization from federal, local, or private sources.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to recommend, and the State Board of Education to approve, an evaluation design for the program and grantees to use the evaluation design to assess the overall program and cost-effectiveness of their program. The State Department of Education would be required to develop a report and recommendations to continue, modify, or discontinue the program for submission to the Legislature on or before ~~January 1, 2005~~ July 1, 2003.

This bill would repeal the program on January 1, 2005.

This bill would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for the purposes of the program.

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



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

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Parent
2 Involvement in School Accountability Act.

3 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the
4 following:

5 (1) Active and informed parents are a critical element
6 in achieving greater public school accountability in
7 California.

8 (2) Studies have strongly indicated that parent
9 participation in a child's education enhances pupil
10 achievement.

11 (3) There is a lack of training for parents, especially in
12 low-income and immigrant communities, on how to
13 understand and participate at the local level in the public
14 education system.

15 (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature in the
16 act adding this section to establish a program to create
17 opportunities, incentives, and grants to increase training
18 of parents for involvement in their children's educational
19 process.

20 SEC. 3. An article heading is added to Chapter 16
21 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 7 of the
22 Education Code immediately preceding Section 11500, to
23 read:

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25 Article 1. School-Based Parental Involvement Grant
26 Programs
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28 SEC. 4. Section 11501 of the Education Code is
29 amended to read:

30 11501. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting
31 this article to ensure that parent involvement programs
32 are properly designed and implemented and to provide
33 a focus and structure for these programs based on prior
34 experience and research while maintaining sufficient
35 local flexibility to design a program that best meets the
36 needs of the local community.

37 SEC. 5. Section 11502 of the Education Code is
38 amended to read:



1 11502. It is the purpose and goal of this article to do all
2 of the following:

3 (a) To engage parents positively in their children's
4 education by helping parents to develop skills to use at
5 home that support their children's academic efforts at
6 school and their children's development as responsible
7 future members of our society.

8 (b) To inform parents that they can directly affect the
9 success of their children's learning, by providing parents
10 with techniques and strategies that they may utilize to
11 improve their children's academic success and to assist
12 their children in learning at home.

13 (c) To build consistent and effective communication
14 between the home and the school so that parents may
15 know when and how to assist their children in support of
16 classroom learning activities.

17 (d) To train teachers and administrators to
18 communicate effectively with parents.

19 (e) To integrate parent involvement programs,
20 including compliance with this article, into the school's
21 master plan for academic accountability.

22 SEC. 6. Section 11506 of the Education Code is
23 amended to read:

24 11506. Schools that receive federal funds under
25 Chapter 1 of the federal Elementary and Secondary
26 Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Augustus F.
27 Hawkins-Robert T. Stafford Elementary and Secondary
28 School Improvement Amendments of 1988 (P. L.
29 100-297), and receive funds for school improvement plans
30 pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 52000)
31 of Part 28 or economic impact aid pursuant to Article 2
32 (commencing with Section 54020) of Chapter 1 of Part 29,
33 may receive funds for school improvement plans
34 pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 52000)
35 of Part 28 or economic impact aid pursuant to Article 2
36 (commencing with Section 54020) of Chapter 1 of Part 29
37 only if they comply with this article.

38 SEC. 7. Article 2 (commencing with Section 11550) is
39 added to Chapter 16 of Part 7 of the Education Code, to
40 read:



1 Article 2. Community-Based Parent Involvement
2 Grant Program

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4 11550. The Parent Involvement Grant Program is
5 hereby established whereby state funds appropriated for
6 that purpose shall be directed to nonprofit
7 community-based organizations through a grant
8 program administered by the State Department of
9 Education. The state funds shall be allocated to nonprofit
10 community-based organizations to offer training courses
11 for parents and guardians of schoolage children for the
12 purpose of enhancing parent and guardian involvement
13 in the education of their children in the public schools.

14 11555. The State Department of Education shall
15 select, through a competitive process, the nonprofit
16 community-based organizations that shall be awarded
17 training grants under this article. Priority in the selection
18 process shall be granted to nonprofit community-based
19 organizations that demonstrate the following:

20 (a) Ability to recruit and retain parent populations
21 with traditionally low participation rates, including, but
22 not limited to, immigrant and low-income parents.

23 (b) Ability to conduct parent training in various
24 languages to meet the specific cultural and linguistic
25 needs of the school communities to be served.

26 (c) Experience in collaborating with school districts,
27 individual schools, local agencies, and community
28 educational resources in implementing parent
29 involvement programs.

30 (d) Ability to retain a high percentage of parent
31 participants in their training course.

32 11560. (a) A parent involvement training course
33 offered pursuant to this article shall include at least 10
34 hours of live and direct parent instruction on a minimum
35 of six of the following 10 subject areas:

36 (1) Home-school collaboration, including educational
37 compacts.

38 (2) Participation in school governance.

39 (3) Child development.

40 (4) Child motivational skills.

- 1 (5) Developing study habits.
- 2 (6) Parent-teacher conferencing.
- 3 (7) Gang, violence, and drug prevention in the school.
- 4 (8) College preparation.
- 5 (9) Children’s health and nutrition.
- 6 (10) Parenting.

7 (b) A nonprofit community-based organization
 8 receiving a grant shall provide ways to involve schoolage
 9 children in the training courses and shall encourage
 10 parents to involve their schoolage children in the courses.

11 (c) When developing a training course for a particular
 12 school community, a nonprofit community-based
 13 organization receiving a grant shall solicit the input and
 14 participation of the parents from that particular school
 15 community to ensure that the course offered for that
 16 school community is aligned to the needs of the parents
 17 from that school community.

18 11565. (a) A nonprofit community-based
 19 organization shall match every four dollars (\$4) of grant
 20 funds received under this article with one dollar (\$) of
 21 funding raised by the nonprofit community-based
 22 organization from federal, local, or private sources. A
 23 nonprofit community-based organization may assess
 24 parents and guardians who participate in the training
 25 course a fee not to exceed two dollars (\$) for the
 26 purposes of this matching fund requirement.

27 11570. The State Department of Education shall
 28 recommend, and the State Board of Education shall
 29 approve, an evaluation design for the program
 30 established by this article. Nonprofit community-based
 31 organizations that receive grants under this article shall
 32 use the evaluation design to assess the overall program
 33 and cost-effectiveness of their program, including, but
 34 not limited to, the effect of this program on the total
 35 number of parents and guardians actively involved at the
 36 school as evidenced by, among other things, contact
 37 between parents and school, participation in school
 38 activities and school governance. Nonprofit
 39 community-based organizations shall submit their
 40 assessments to the State Department of Education by a



1 date to be specified by the department. The State
2 Department of Education shall develop a report
3 including, but not necessarily limited to, the information
4 received from the participating nonprofit
5 community-based organizations and recommendations
6 to continue, modify, or discontinue the program
7 established by this article. The report shall be approved
8 by the State Board of Education and submitted to the
9 Legislature on or before ~~January 1, 2005~~ July 1, 2003.

10 11575. This article shall remain in effect only until
11 January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a
12 later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,
13 2005, deletes or extends that date.

14 *SEC. 8. The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is*
15 *hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State*
16 *Department of Education for the purposes of the Parent*
17 *Involvement Grant Program established pursuant to*
18 *Article 2 (commencing with Section 11550) of Chapter 16*
19 *of Part 7 of the Education Code.*

