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SENATE BILL

No. 1348

Introduced by Senator Vasconcellos

January 11, 2000

An act relating to parenting, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1348, as amended, Vasconcellos. Parenting education.

Existing law requires the ~~State Department of Health Services to maintain a program of maternal and child health~~ *Superintendent of Public Instruction to superintend the schools of the state. Under existing law, responsibilities of the superintendent also include the administration of general child care and development programs.*

This bill would require the ~~department~~ *superintendent, in consultation with the Secretary for Education, to submit a proposal to convene a summit on or before April 30, 2001, to develop, on or before September 1, 2001, regarding the advisability of developing a master plan for parenting education in nonschool settings. The bill would require the superintendent to convene and conduct the summit pursuant*

to the approved plan, and would require the various state departments to participate in the summit and collect, complete, and submit to the summit available research regarding, among other things, the causal relationship between the presence or absence of parenting skills and dysfunctional behavior. The bill would require the ~~department to report its findings to~~ superintendent, in consultation with the secretary, to prepare a report with respect to parenting education and universal parenting education, and to submit the report to the State Board of Education and the Legislature on or before January 1, 2002.

This bill would appropriate \$145,000 from the General Fund to the superintendent for the purposes of carrying out the superintendent's responsibilities under the bill.

Vote: ~~majority~~ ^{2/3}. 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. The Legislature finds and declares all of
- 2 the following:
- 3 (a) Our failure to prepare young Californians to make
- 4 informed, wise choices regarding whether to become,
- 5 and how to be good, healthy, and effective parents results
- 6 in too many unwise choices and too little healthy
- 7 parenting for the next generation of Californians.
- 8 (b) Research indicates that over 50 percent of
- 9 Californians imprisoned for violent crime were abused as
- 10 children.
- 11 (c) Providing early and smart parenting education to
- 12 every California pupil would help us overcome set
- 13 failures.
- 14 (d) There are a variety of parenting education
- 15 programs in a variety of venues throughout California,
- 16 differing in their availability and in their accessibility with
- 17 regard to geography, time, and location.
- 18 (e) The State of California must recognize, encourage,
- 19 and build upon, rather than duplicate, the effective and
- 20 available parenting education programs.



1 (f) The State of California must identify venues in
2 which effective parenting education is not available, and
3 strive to ensure access to parenting education in those
4 venues.

5 (g) Every Californian must recognize the need,
6 responsibility, and opportunity to prepare himself or
7 herself better to become a healthy parent.

8 (h) Every California institution must recognize its
9 responsibility, duty, and capacity to engage itself in
10 supporting the development of Californians into
11 healthier parents.

12 (i) The private sector, through major policy
13 development foundations such as the California Wellness
14 Foundation, has begun to recognize the fundamental
15 benefits of parenting education in preventing crime and
16 violence.

17 (j) The state should study particular strategies that are
18 proving successful in effectively reaching and providing
19 parenting education to the most vulnerable of our
20 population.

21 SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting
22 this act that the State of California convene a top level
23 statewide summit to determine whether parenting
24 education should be provided to every young Californian
25 and, if so, to design for submission to the Legislature for
26 its consideration, a comprehensive strategic action plan
27 for ensuring that every young Californian gain the
28 benefit of parenting education, in hopes of fostering the
29 development of healthier parents, and thereby healthier
30 families, children and adults.

31 ~~SEC. 3. (a) The Director of Health Services shall~~
32 ~~convene a summit on or before April 30, 2001, for the~~

33 *SEC. 3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction*
34 *shall design, in consultation with the Secretary for*
35 *Education, and shall submit for consideration, possible*
36 *revision, and approval, to the State Board of Education,*
37 *a proposal to convene a summit, on or about September*
38 *1, 2001, for the purpose of assessing whether it would be*
39 *smart and wise for the state of California to develop a*
40 *master plan for parenting education in nonschool*



1 settings. ~~The master plan shall especially accommodate~~
2 ~~those persons who are no longer attending school in the~~
3 ~~year 2001. Upon approval of the proposal, the~~
4 ~~superintendent shall convene and conduct the parenting~~
5 ~~education summit pursuant to the approved plan.~~

6 (b) The summit shall include interested parties of all
7 ideologies and persuasions, including significant
8 representation from diverse communities, experts in
9 parenting issues, family and child development experts,
10 representatives of current providers, academic experts,
11 business leaders, *faith leaders*, health professionals,
12 experts in public school parenting education programs,
13 parents, and children.

14 (c) The director, or his or her designee, of each of the
15 following departments shall participate in the summit as
16 provided in subdivision (d):

- 17 (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 18 (2) The Chairperson of the State Board of Education.
- 19 ~~(3) The State Secretary of Education.~~
- 20 (3) *The Secretary for Education.*
- 21 (4) *The State Department of Health Services.*
- 22 (5) The State Department of Social Services.
- 23 ~~(5)~~
- 24 (6) The State Department of Mental Health.
- 25 ~~(6)~~
- 26 (7) The State Department of Alcohol and Drug
27 Programs.
- 28 ~~(7)~~
- 29 (8) The Department of the Youth Authority.
- 30 ~~(8)~~
- 31 (9) *The Board of Corrections.*
- 32 (10) The Department of Corrections.
- 33 ~~(9)~~
- 34 (11) The Attorney General.

35 (d) To the extent that his or her department has
36 jurisdiction, each director of ~~the~~ a department listed in
37 subdivision (c) shall collect, complete, and submit to the
38 summit the best research available regarding what it
39 takes to develop a whole child with healthy self-esteem
40 and a healthy sense of personal and social responsibility



1 and regarding the causal relationship between good and
2 healthy parenting, or the lack thereof, to dysfunctional
3 behavior, as well as the costs for providing this universal
4 parenting education. The research submitted to the
5 summit shall also address the public costs that result from
6 dysfunctional behavior.

7 (e) The objectives of the summit shall include, but not
8 be limited to, the following:

9 (1) Development of an inventory of all parenting
10 education programs currently available in California.

11 (2) Determination of whether universal parenting
12 education for every young Californian would improve
13 the public health and safety of all Californians.

14 (3) If it is found to be valuable, the following shall be
15 included as part of a proposed master plan to be
16 submitted to the Legislature for its consideration.

17 (A) Development of a method by which parents of
18 newborns may receive parenting education in an
19 appropriate range of public and private nonschool
20 settings.

21 (B) Identification of the classifications of licensed
22 professionals who would be the most appropriate
23 educators of parenting skills in nonschool settings,
24 assessment of the need for the establishment of instructor
25 training and continuing education requirements for
26 these professionals, and development of mechanisms by
27 which these professionals can be engaged in the practice
28 of parenting education.

29 (C) Development of a method and curriculum in
30 juvenile court school, homes, ranches, camps, and
31 forestry camps, as well as a method for making parenting
32 education available to all public high school students.

33 (D) Creation of a means for coordinating parenting
34 education services, in consultation with the State
35 Department of Education.

36 (E) Identification of the ways and means for
37 developing the funding for the various options for
38 parenting education.

39 (F) Identification and development of additional
40 methods by which each of the state departments



1 participating in this summit can ensure that Californians
2 receive effective and useful parenting education.

3 ~~(f) The State Department of Health Services shall~~
4 ~~report its findings to the Legislature, including, if it~~
5 ~~concludes that it would be valuable to do so, organizing~~
6 ~~the recommendations of the summit into a proposed~~
7 ~~California master plan for parenting education, and shall~~
8 ~~submit that plan to the Legislature on or before January~~
9 ~~1, 2002.~~

10 *(f) The superintendent, in consultation with the*
11 *Secretary for Education, shall prepare a report with*
12 *respect to parenting education and universal parenting*
13 *education, including, if he or she concludes that it would*
14 *be valuable to do so, organizing the recommendations of*
15 *the summit into a proposed California master plan for*
16 *parenting education. The report shall be submitted to the*
17 *State Board of Education for its consideration, possible*
18 *revision, and adoption. The report shall then be*
19 *submitted to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2002.*

20 (g) The State Department of Health Services
21 Education shall make every reasonable effort to secure
22 private funding to underwrite the cost of this summit.

23 (h) The State Department of Health Services
24 Education shall not be responsible for travel costs and per
25 diem associated with this summit for any participant,
26 except when required by state law or administrative
27 policy.

28 (i) After making available copies of the master plan
29 copies of the proposed master plan available to the
30 Legislature and appropriate persons in the executive
31 branch, the State Department of Health Services may
32 make additional copies available to interested persons at
33 a reasonable charge to cover costs of printing and mailing.

34 ~~(j) The State Department of Health Services shall~~
35 ~~evaluate the implementation of the summit's~~
36 ~~recommendations and shall make every reasonable effort~~
37 ~~to either use existing resources or secure private funding~~
38 ~~to underwrite this evaluation.~~

39 *SEC. 4. The sum of one hundred forty-five thousand*
40 *dollars (\$145,000) is hereby appropriated from the*



- 1 *General Fund to the Superintendent of Public*
- 2 *Instruction for the purpose of carrying out the*
- 3 *superintendent's responsibilities under this act.*

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