

1996 Education Legislation

as Acted on by the Governor
Final Report

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ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 66 (Goldsmith) - Charter School Districts

- 1) Provides for establishment of home rule districts, as defined, under specified conditions. The provisions of current law that delineate academic and accountability standards for charter schools are incorporated as is the 1999 evaluation.
- 2) Requires the following to be met as conditions precedent to establishing a home rule district: a) fifty percent of the teachers within the district or 50% of the parents of enrolled pupils must sign the charter petition; b) the school district governing board must approve a petition comprising the provisions of the charter and subsequently submit the petition to the county board of education for review; c) the county board must hold a hearing within 30 days and affirm that the petition meets specified requirements related to school board elections and membership, and governance generally; and d) the county board must approve or deny the petition; if it denies the petition, the decision may be appealed, and may be overturned by joint action of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education.
- 3) In addition, the bill a) excludes the LAUSD from the program, b) limits the program to 20 districts with no more than 5 of them having operating budgets in excess of \$100 million and no SBE waiver possible, c) requires the use of credentialed teachers, d) requires the LAO to do an evaluation by 1/1/03 with funding for it being appropriated in the state budget for 2001, e) provides that the school employer can negotiate with certificated and classified employees regarding matters of relating to discipline, dismissal, layoff, reinstatement, and compensation, and f) provides that the school employer can negotiate with certificated employees in interest-based or consensus-based negotiations and any provisions outside current government code scope shall not be valid if the home rule district petition is revoked.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 136 (Brewer) - Penalty Forgiveness

Forgives penalties on four school districts who were above the state required level of instructional minutes but failed to maintain that level of instructional minutes between 1990-91 and 1995-96 even though they did not go below the state standard, allows the instructional minute penalty for seven other districts who did fall below the state standard to be applied over an eight year period, and allows the penalty for maintaining a minimum 175 day school year at one district to be reduced by 50%.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 255 (Speier) - Student Aid

- 1) Requires the Student Aid Commission (SAC) to enter into an agreement with the FTB to collect debt owed to the commission; 2) removes a sunset date related to agency collection programs; 3) requires the SAC to develop a policy of the conditions which must exist prior to declaring an amount delinquent and subject to referral; 4) provides that when a debt is referred to FTB for collection, the debt shall be treated as a tax debt for purposes of collection. However, these debts are not to be considered delinquent taxes; 5) provides that all information available to the commission will also be made available to the FTB for purposes of collection of the debt; 6) appropriates \$798,000

from the State Guaranteed Loan Reserve Fund (SGLRF) to the FTB to be used during 1996-97 and 1997-98 to develop and implement its debt collection program with the SAC (operational costs, presumably, would be covered by the up to 15% of collections retained by FTB); and 7) requires that any agency utilizing FTB to collect a debt must enter into a contract with the FTB that includes specified information.

STATUS: Ch 1001/96

AB 444 (Archie-Hudson) - Community College Finance

Provides that no community college district shall receive full-time equivalent student (FTES) funding for activities that are fully funded through another source. (The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges shall adopt regulations to implement this subdivision.)

STATUS: Ch 637/96

AB 466 (Vasconcellos) - Expansion of Partnership Academies

Authorizes the SPI to fund up to 25 previously unfunded partnership academies per year for the next four years and provides that districts operating such academies may receive a maximum of \$400 per student, with a maximum of 80 students, for up to four years; whereas existing law provides between \$1,400 (first year) and \$900 (third year and beyond) for currently authorized academies. Reappropriates \$1,100,000 from the Proposition 98 Reversion Account to SDE for implementation and maintenance grants for the additional academies.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 649 (Davis) - Remedial Education

Requires that if districts offer summer school in grades 7-12, they are authorized to include in these programs courses for pupils who have not yet graduated that address remediation issues, or developmental instruction, or both, and that will provide pupils with skills required to eliminate the need for remedial coursework at the postsecondary level. In addition, SDE, UC, CSU, and the CCC must identify mutual goals for reducing remedial instruction at the postsecondary level and report by 1/1/98.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 692 (Kuehl) - Student Expulsion

Requires pupils who commit or attempt to commit specified acts of sexual assault or committed sexual battery at a school or school activity to be expelled; allows pupils to be suspended or expelled for harassing, threatening or intimidating a pupil who is a witness in a school disciplinary hearing; and requires school districts to have procedures in place for witnesses in a disciplinary proceeding where sexual assault is alleged.

STATUS: Ch 915/96

AB 824 (Ducheny) - Adult Education Finance

Establishes a commission on adult education to develop a plan for revising the funding rates for K-12 adult education and community college noncredit programs, and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges jointly to develop a plan to revise the apportionment rates applicable to average daily attendance for school district adult education and community college noncredit programs, as specified with the plan to be submitted to the commission for its review before the submission of the plan to the Legislature on or before January 1, 1998.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 835 (Weggeland) - Ed Technology

Creates a statewide program for the refurbishing of computers and their allocation to schools in an effort to streamline the allocation process.

STATUS: Ch 16/96

AB 1041 (Alpert) - Bilingual Credentials

Extends by two years the date by which teachers must complete certain staff development requirements to instruct limited-English-proficient pupils, and specifies the prior training experienced teachers must have to qualify for staff development.

STATUS: Ch 507/96

AB 1068 (Mazzoni) - Class Size Reduction/Retired Teachers/Interns

Authorizes retired teachers to receive for up to three years their full STRS benefit if they return to teach full time in the new Class Size Reduction Program; requires that these retired teachers must take the CBEST exam if they have not taught in the past 39 months and have not previously passed the exam; augments the Alternative Teacher Certification Program for additional internships (approx. 3,000) by \$4.5 million from excess funds in the Prop 98 Reversion Account; joins the bill to AB 2460 (Takasugi) related to a longer school year program; and augments the CTC administrative budget by \$100,000 from the General Fund to deal with the increased program activity in the intern program.

STATUS: Ch 948/96, but is not operative since AB 2460 was not enacted.

AB 1088 (Morrow) - Driver Training

Specifies that any waiver made by the CTC of the credentialing requirements for qualified instructors for driver education or driver training programs shall not extend beyond one year unless the individual to whom the waiver was granted demonstrates substantial progress toward meeting the credentialing requirement.

STATUS: Ch 1045/96

AB 1178 (Cunneen) - Reading Instruction

Requires the Commission on Teacher Credentials (CTC) to develop and administer a test for new elementary school teachers to pass in reading instruction competency in order to measure the person's professional knowledge, skill, and ability to teach reading; and reappropriates a specified \$1,000,000 appropriation to the State Department of Education from funds received by the state pursuant to the federal Goals 2000 program for reimbursement of costs incurred by the commission to develop a "Reading Instruction Skill Assessment."

STATUS: Ch 919/96

AB 1201 (Gallegos) - Compensation of Board Members

Provides that compensation of school district, community college and county office of education board members is authorized for absences from any meeting if the board includes within its minutes, a finding that the member was ill or on jury duty or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable to the board.

STATUS: Ch 1148/96

AB 1335 (Sweeney) - Tobacco-Use Prevention Program

Transfers \$426,445 from local assistance funding for the Tobacco-Use Prevention Program (TUPE) to the Department of Education for administrative expenses related to the program.

STATUS: Ch 806/96

AB 1432 (Richter) - Teacher Interns

Expands the availability of the District Intern Program method for obtaining a California Teaching Credential, as specified. Specifically, under current law, the District Intern Program is available only to districts which certify to the CTC that there is an insufficient number of fully credentialed teachers available in certain impacted programs. This bill deletes that requirement, thereby making this program available to all districts for any subject matter.

STATUS: Ch 303/96

AB 1438 (Campbell) - Special Education

Extends by two years the deadline for nonpublic, nonsectarian special education schools to submit data on uniform tuition fees to the state. It also defines the costs that such schools must include in this data.

STATUS: Ch 233/96

AB 1489 (Hawkins) - Pupil Expulsion

Requires the governing board of a school district to set a date of one year from the time a pupil has been expelled to review the pupil for readmission to a school maintained by the respective school district.

STATUS: Ch 15/96

AB 1543 (McPherson) - Community College Finance

Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges in augmentation of the 1994 Budget Act to make up for community college property tax shortfalls in 1994-95.

STATUS: Ch 31/96

AB 1721 (Ducheny) - Student Records

Expands and clarifies the responsibilities of school and CCC districts as regards to furnishing student information in response to court orders or lawfully issued subpoenas.

STATUS: Ch 879/96

AB 1724 (McPherson) - School Facilities

Provides that prior to commencing the acquisition of real property for a new schoolsite in an area designated in a city, county, or city and county general plan for agricultural use and zoned for agricultural production, the governing board of the school district shall make a finding that it a) evaluated the site based on all factors affecting the public interest, b) consulted with local government, and c) attempted to minimize any public health and safety issues resulting from the agricultural uses that may affect the pupils and employees at the schoolsite.

STATUS: Ch 509/96

AB 2105 (Baldwin) - Academic Standards

Requires that the standards developed by the Commission for the Establishment of Academic Content and Performance Standards may only be considered as model standards and may not be used as the basis for assessing the academic achievement of pupils, schools, school districts, or the California education system prior to July 1, 1998. The bill also extends the repeal date of the Commission from January 1, 1998 to July 1, 1998.

STATUS: Ch 920/96

AB 2135 (Mazzoni) - Charter Schools Evaluation

Requires that the Legislative Analyst contract for an interim evaluation of the effectiveness of the charter school approach and, on or before November 1, 1997, to make a report to the Legislature and the Governor. The bill requires the Legislative Analyst to convene an advisory panel, as specified, to assist the office in the interim evaluation and that the evaluation include specified factors. The bill appropriates \$146,000 to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for interagency transfer to the Legislative Analyst's office to pay for the costs related to the contract for the interim evaluation.

STATUS: Ch 767/96

AB 2235 (Sweeney) - ROC/P Finance

Revises the allocation formula for the \$10 million appropriated in the 1996-97 Budget Act for ROC/P equalization.

STATUS: Ch 930/96

AB 2255 (Cunneen) - Remedial Education

Extends the sunset date of the K-12 voluntary Saturday School program from June 30, 1996 to June 30, 2000. This program is used by a limited number of schools to teach the core academic curriculum and to sharpen proficiency skills.

STATUS: Ch 1047/96

AB 2265 (Villaragosa) - Summer School Reading Program

Creates the Back to Basics Summer Reading Program of 1996 which includes materials based on phonics and phonemic awareness, except as specified, for students in grades 1 through 3. Under the program, local districts are authorized to use their EIA funds to create this summer reading program if the English reading ability of more than 10 percent of pupils enrolled in the school district in any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive, is more than one grade level below the grade level the pupils will be leaving at the end of the school year. Each student is to receive at least 120 hours of instruction, as specified. Increase in the pupil's ability to read English is the only criterion for program success. Each student must be initially tested for eligibility using a standardized test and tested again at the end of the program using the same test.

STATUS: Ch 931/96

AB 2306 (Firestone) - Cal Grants

Allows students to use their Cal Grants at regionally accredited higher education institutions if the institution certifies to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) that it expends 10% of its operating budget for the purpose of student aid.

STATUS: Ch 341/96

AB 2307 (Firestone) - Student Aid

Continuously appropriates funds to pay defaulted student loans from the Guaranteed Loan Reserve Fund (GLRF) to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). The bill also adds the California Lenders for Education Association as a member of the CSAC's Loan Study Council.

STATUS: Ch 374/96

AB 2333 (Bates) - Peralta Bonds

Permits only the Peralta Community College District to obtain two-thirds voter approval to use previously authorized local general obligation bonds for additional projects not included in the original bond measure.

STATUS: Ch 729/96

AB 2371 (K.Murray) - School Telephones

Commencing January 1, 1997, requires that all plans and specifications for the construction or fabrication of a new or modernized school building be designed and equipped with a hard-wire connected to a public switched network.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2377 (Margett) - Parental Responsibility and Juvenile Opportunity Act

Creates a 3-year pilot project in LA County to enhance resources for programs offered by the county probation department in its juvenile camps and ranches. Joined to AB 2460.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2421 (Baca) - CCC Economic Development

Adds assistance to communities experiencing military base downsizing and closures as a component of the mission of the Community Colleges Economic Development program.

STATUS: Ch 276/96

AB 2431 (Aguiar) - Portable Classrooms

Authorizes school districts to replace portable classrooms leased or owned by the district for 20 years or more with permanent buildings without affecting their eligibility for state funding. The bill requires districts to pay their expenses from non-general fund sources.

STATUS: Ch 470/96

AB 2432 (Aguiar) - Teacher Interns

Establishes the Alternative Teacher Intern (ATI) Program in which an individual could obtain a teaching credential upon completion of one year of service as a teacher intern in a school district. The bill authorizes the California State University (CSU), and the UC, to provide the instructional aspects of the ATI Program, upon the request of local school districts.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2463 (Caldera) - Foster Youth in Higher Education

Creates a California State University and California Community Colleges outreach and assistance program for emancipated foster youth.

STATUS: Ch 1129/96

AB 2478 (K.Murray) - Optometrists in Schools

Expands to optometrists a bar against soliciting business which currently applies to dentists who provide free screenings at schools.

STATUS: Ch 83/96

AB 2512 (Speier) - UC

Allows the University of California (UC) to prosecute fraud under the California False Claims Act (CFCA).

STATUS: Ch 652/96

AB 2591 (Harvey) - Kern CCD

Authorizes the Kern Community College District to sell several pieces of surplus property.

STATUS: Ch 59/96

AB 2596 (Woods) - Community Schools Facilities

Provides that, from the funds received by a county office of education for the operation of community schools, it is permissible to expend such funds for facility costs, including leasing, site acquisition, construction and other specified expenditures.

STATUS: Ch 1050/96

AB 2613 (Aguair) - CSU Vendors

Allows the California State University (CSU) to make payments of its obligations from its revolving fund directly to vendors without a pre-audit by the State Controller's Office (SCO).

STATUS: Ch 934/96

AB 2617 (Baca) - Records

Allows a school district to participate in an interagency data information system that permits access to a computerized data base system between governmental agencies or districts regarding nonprivileged information or records and where release is authorized under state or federal law if certain requirements are met.

STATUS: Ch 343/96

AB 2630 (Morrissey) - Adult Education

Specifies that a high school student can take vocational and technical skills courses in the adult education program.

STATUS: Ch 294/96

AB 2719 (Sweeney) - Facilities

Authorizes a school district to issue and sell bonds for the purchase and installation of educational technology hardware and science laboratories, as specified.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2720 (Sweeney) - Expulsion

Requires a recommendation of expulsion for public school pupils who commit assault or battery upon any school employee (unless expulsion is inappropriate due to the particular circumstances involved).

STATUS: Ch 1052/96

AB 2738 (K.Murray) - Private Schools

Requires every person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation offering or conducting K-12 private school instruction to notify, in writing, the parents or guardians who reside with each pupil of that school whenever the school hires an employee who, in the course of his or her employment, will come in contact with minor pupils and who has been convicted of a sex offense, as defined.

STATUS: Ch 1074/96

AB 2767 (Poochigian) - Bond Elections

Requires a notice on the sample ballot warning voters that the money they're voting for may never be spent due to requirements for state matching funds and/or Legislative appropriation.

STATUS: Ch 548/96

AB 2769 (Alpert) - Categorical Education Programs

Subject to future budget funds, eliminates 26 education categorical programs as of July 1, 1997, and consolidates them into two block grant programs: the Educational Quality Improvement Grants and Statewide Incentive Funding Grants. The bill also requires schoolsite councils to determine the use of restructuring funds and develop an educational quality improvement plan for their schools, as specified.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2797 (Aguair) - Property Tax Allocations

1) For the 1997-98 fiscal year and beyond, prohibits county auditors from allocating property tax revenues to the ERAF in an amount that is greater than that allocated to the ERAF for the 1996-97 fiscal year; 2) requires county auditors to limit the ERAF revenues for special education to a county's proportionate share of \$2.5 million in 1996-97 and eliminates ERAF funding for special education beginning in 1997-98; and 3) requires the Department of Finance to annually adjust Proposition 98 state appropriations to schools so that the conference report has no net fiscal effect on schools and community colleges.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2808 (Bustamante) - Technology Grants

Revises the method by which State Department of Education (SDE) educational technology competitive grants awarded on or after January 1, 1997

are evaluated by limiting competition to school districts or county offices of education of similar size, based on regular average daily attendance.

STATUS: Ch 516/96

AB 2834 (Friedman) - Placement of Expelled Students

Makes technical clean-up changes to Ch 974/95 (AB 922, Friedman) which enacted an alternative education program for expelled students.

STATUS: Ch 937/96

AB 2895 (Bordonaro) - Angle Gate Academy

Appropriates \$2.25 million from the Prop 98 General Fund to the SPI for purposes of funding a contract in 1996-97 with the LAUSD for a program similar to the Angel Gate Academy at Camp San Luis Obispo which provides specified services for at-risk youth and requires the SDE to review the program and report its findings to the Legislature on or before January 31, 1997. Joined to AB 2460.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor but is inoperative since AB 2460 was not enacted.

AB 2902 (Vasconcellos) - Exchange of High School Pupils

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to develop and implement a plan no later than June 1, 1997 to help achieve the objectives in the Joint Statement between the United States and Japan providing for the exchange of high school pupils. Costs of the plan are to be funded through donations from the private sector.

STATUS: Ch 773/96

AB 2915 (Friedman) - Breast Cancer Research

Requires the State Auditor to audit the Breast Cancer Research Program to determine if there are adequate controls to safeguard funds.

STATUS: Ch 513/96

AB 2960 (Firestone) - Private Postsecondary Education

Extends the June 30, 1997 sunset of the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform (PPVER) Act of 1989 by five years; requires an evaluation of the program by the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) every five years, beginning on January 1, 2000; and requires the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (CPPVE) to annually report on its activities to the Legislature and the CPEC.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2961 (Higher Education Committee) - Code Clean-up

An omnibus bill that provides necessary technical corrections to current higher education law.

STATUS: Ch 62/96

AB 2964 (Firestone) - Code Clean-up

Makes various technical changes to current law, as requested by the Department of Education.

STATUS: Ch 1158/96

AB 2972 (Olberg) - School Transportation

Establishes a supplemental allowance for unreimbursed school district home-to-school transportation costs. The bill also appropriates \$10 million to fund the supplemental allowance and \$40 million to fund the home-to-school equalization formula established last year.

STATUS: Ch 194/96

AB 3031 (Baca) - CCC Contract Ed

Exempts community colleges from charging the \$13 per unit fee for contract education courses.

STATUS: Ch 63/96

AB 3075 (Baldwin) - Teacher Credentialing

Requires, that effective 1/1/97, in addition to the current minimum requirements, the minimum requirements for a multiple subject teaching credential or a single subject teaching credential, also include satisfactory completion of a comprehensive reading instruction program that is research-based and includes, among other things, the study of direct, systematic, explicit phonics, as defined.

STATUS: Ch 921/96

AB 3077 (Baldwin) - Community Schools

Allows kindergarten to grade 6 pupils who are on probation or parole, and not in attendance at any school to enroll in community schools.

STATUS: Ch 891/96

AB 3086 (Olberg) - Curriculum

Requires that pupils in a high school American government and civics course read and be taught the Declaration of Independence, the U. S. Constitution, the Federalist Papers, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address, and George Washington's Farewell Address.

STATUS: Ch 778/96

AB 3099 (Campbell) - CCC Health Insurance

Establishes the Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program which authorizes the governing board of any community college district to provide a program of health insurance for certain uninsured part-time faculty, as defined.

STATUS: Ch 943/96

AB 3132 (Firestone) - Management Efficiency

Enacts the California State University (CSU) Management Efficiency Act of 1996 and expresses legislative intent that the CSU not be governed by any statute enacted after January 1, 1997, unless the statute specifically provides that the CSU is to be governed by that statute. The bill also expands various powers of the CSU Trustees to conduct business operations to conform with the State Contract Act.

STATUS: Ch 938/96

AB 3133 (Firestone) - Student Aid Commission

Authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), effective on July 1, 1997, to establish an auxiliary organization as a nonprofit public benefit corporation, as specified, for the purpose of providing operational and administrative services for the Commission's participation in the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

STATUS: Ch 961/96

AB 3176 (Brulte) - School Facilities

Requires the Joint committee on School Facilities -- in consultation with specified agencies -- to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by March 31, 1997, for (1) streamlining the approval process set forth in the Greene Act, (2) reducing the costs of school construction, and (3) increasing local authority over the approval of site acquisition and of plans and specifications.

STATUS: Ch 478/96

AB 3188 (House) - School Psychologists

Provides that people who perform activities of a psychological nature and who are salaried employees of public schools must have a valid and current credential as a school psychologist issued by the CTC, act under the direct supervision of the psychologist, or have a valid services credential with a specialization in pupil personnel services.

STATUS: Ch 661/96

AB 3223 (Brown) - Charter Schools & Mello-Roos

Allows state apportionment funding to pupils transferring from a nonbasic aid district to a charter school within a basic aid district; the funding would be equal to 70% of the revenue limit of the pupil's district of residence.

Authorizes Mello-Roos special taxes for maintenance services for elementary and secondary schoolsites and structures, however, bonds could not be authorized for these and other specified services.

STATUS: Ch 782/96

AB 3228 (Campbell) - Indian Education

Reauthorizes the American Indian Early Childhood Education Program (AIECEP); requires an evaluation; and sunsets the program 12/31/01.

STATUS: Ch 783/96

AB 3235 (Campbell) - Year-round School Facilities

Eliminates the reduction of eligibility for state construction funding in the Antioch Unified School District due to past acceptance of year-round operational grants and, in exchange, the district must fund at least 60% of construction costs of all future projects and must repay the total amount of year-round operational grants received to date.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

AB 3317 (Margett) - L A Unified Reorganization

Authorizes a county superintendent of schools to provide a variety of services to assist in the reorganization of school districts in the county.

STATUS: Ch 296/96

AB 3384 (Knox) - Charter Schools

Creates the Charter School Revolving Loan Fund in the State Treasury to loan money (up to \$50,000) to districts for charter schools that are not a conversion of an existing school, as specified, and provided that the fund be comprised of federal funds and any funds appropriated or transferred to the fund.

STATUS: Ch 786/96

AB 3482 (Davis) - Reading Instruction

Appropriates \$167 million from the General Fund (Prop 98) to implement a new school reading program, as follows.

The Teacher Reading Instruction Program (\$13 Million). This program is for the purpose of providing teacher and administrator inservice training in K-12 reading instruction. The instruction must address systematically explicit

phonics instruction, phonemic awareness, sound-symbol relationship, decoding, word attack skills, spelling instruction, diagnosis of reading deficiencies, research on how children learn to read and on how proficient readers read, the structure of the English language, relationships between reading, writing, and spelling, planning and delivery of appropriate reading instruction based on assessment and evaluation, and independent pupil reading of high quality books and the relationship of that reading to improved reading performance. The school district must develop an action agenda to implement this program for educators involved in grades K-3 instruction.

The Comprehensive Reading Leadership Program (\$2 million). This program provides for a County Office of Education to design a reading leadership program and develop materials that focus on the elements specified above. The office will be selected by the State Board of Education (SBE) on a competitive basis. Once this material has been developed, the SBE shall select other county offices and school districts to conduct leadership programs accordingly.

The Core Reading Program Instructional Materials Program (\$152 million). This program provides \$152 million to provide K-3 core reading program instructional materials as specified.

STATUS: Ch 196/96

AB 3488 (Ducheny) - Budget Trailer

Makes a number of technical statutory changes necessary to implement the education portion of the 1996-97 Budget Act, as well as appropriate available one-time K-12 / community college Proposition 98 funds.

STATUS: Ch 204/96

AB 3492 (Frusetta) - School Safety

Prescribes the requirements and appropriate funding for the (1) School Violence Reduction Program, and (2) Targeted Truancy and Public Safety Grant Program.

School Violence Reduction Program

Renames the current Conflict Resolution and School Violence Reduction Program, the School Violence Reduction program.

Requires participating county offices of education to establish selection criteria, as specified, for the approval of applications submitted by schools and school districts. Selection criteria shall include, but not be limited to (1) the extent of conflict or violence that is substantial, (2) coordinative relationship with local law enforcement, (3) the applicant's comprehensive safety strategy, and (4) the extent the program meets identified safety needs of pupils and staff.

Specifies activities that may be funded with grant funds.

Specifies limits on administrative costs at the local and state level, as specified.

Establishes the Targeted Truancy and Public Safety Grant program as a three-year demonstration program, as specified.

Targeted Truancy and Public Safety Grant Program

Establishes the goals of the program to be development and implementation of intervention strategies which will end patterns of truancy, anti-social behavior, and delinquency for high-risk youth, as defined, who are participants in the grant program.

STATUS: Ch 200/96

AB 3497 (Richter) - Equalization of School Finance

Provides \$147 million in general purpose funding for school districts which have per pupil funding levels below the statewide average (also known as equalization of revenue limits). Eligibility for this increase is based on averages dependent on the size and type of school district.

STATUS: Ch 203/96

ACR 30 (W.Murray) - UC Research

Requests the University of California (UC) to conduct a series of research studies on various specified topics as they pertain to African-Americans in California.

STATUS: Resolution Ch 70/96

ACR 67 (Bordonaro) - UC Geriatrics Training

Encourages the University of California (UC) to continue its efforts to modify the curricula of its medical schools to include adequate training in geriatrics and related pharmacology.

STATUS: Resolution Ch 42/96

ACR 93 (Alpert) - Immunization

Proclaims the month of August 1996 as Back to School Immunization Month.

STATUS: Resolution Ch 63/96

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SENATE BILLS

SB 76 (Haynes) - Instructors

Requires the State Board of Education to adopt and enforce regulations to ensure that persons employed to supervise athletic activities meet minimum educational and work experience standards, including the completion of college courses, workshops, or seminars in substance abuse prevention.

STATUS: Ch 703/96

SB 96 (Greene) - School Bonds

Enacts the Public Education Facilities Act of 1996, and placed a \$3 billion general obligation bond measure for K-12 and higher education school facilities before the voters at the March 26, 1996, direct primary election.

STATUS: Ch 23/96

SB 98 (Sher) - Teacher Salary Schedules

Authorizes school districts and teacher unions to collectively bargain teacher salary schedules based on criteria other than uniform allowances for years of training and years of experience. If the district and the union cannot agree on such an alternative schedule, the bill specifies that existing law (uniform salary schedule) prevails. The bill also stipulates that an alternative salary schedule negotiated under by the district and the union may not result in a reduction of the salary of any teacher.

STATUS: Ch 959/96

SB 210 (Solis) - Special Education

Adds regular education programs to the continuum of program options available under special education programs fully funded by the state.

STATUS: Ch 208/96

SB 237 (Lewis) - California Interscholastic Federation

Extends the sunset date for the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) from July 1, 1997 to January 1, 2001. The bill also requires the CIF to report to the Legislature on its activities by January 1, 1999; and the State Department of Education (SDE), in consultation with all interested organizations, to report to the Legislature by January 1, 1997 on the need for statutory amendments on the definition of interscholastic athletics.

STATUS: Ch 151/96

SB 292 (Costa) - Average Daily Attendance

Allows a high school to claim a full unit of average daily attendance (ADA) for pupils concurrently enrolled in a college course, if the pupil attends the high school for more than 180 minutes.

STATUS: Ch 298/96

SB 430 (Greene) - Clean-up Assessment of Academic Achievement Act

Clean-up legislation for AB 265 (Alpert) which enacted the California Assessment of Academic Achievement Act (Ch. 975/1995). Among others, the bill deletes the joint appointment of the Chair of the Commission for the Establishment of Academic Content and Performance Standards by the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) and gives the Governor an additional appointment; extends the life of AB 265 from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2002; requires an independent evaluation of the program by May 1, 2001; and appropriates \$130,000 from the General Fund for 1995-96 SDE administrative costs.

STATUS: Ch 69/96

SB 643 (Johnston) - School-to-Career

Establishes a paid work-experience pilot program, as follows:

Locates the program at a minimum of 5 sites around the state to be administered by the Employment Development Department (EDD) in collaboration with the State Department of Education (SDE) and the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

Requires EDD to develop a budget for the allocation of \$3 million over a 3-year period among these sites and requires the Controller to allocate this money from funds to be received from a federal school-to-career grant for this purpose, as specified.

Limits participation in the program to 11th and 12th graders who are in good academic standing, and have parental approval to participate. All work experience undertaken in the program must be paid, take place after regular school hours, and not earn academic credit.

Specifies that the value of a voucher issued to an employer under the bill covers up to 50% of the wages earned by a student during the qualifying period, but no more than \$500 in any calendar year.

Requires the EDD to submit, by January 1, 2000, a report to the Legislature on specified aspects of the program.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 703 (O'Connell) - CCC Finance

Amends the 1995 Budget Act to appropriate \$9.4 million from the General Fund to reimburse community colleges for property tax revenue shortfalls in 1994-95.

STATUS: Ch 34/96

SB 909 (Polanco) - Apprentices

Requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, to the extent sufficient resources are available, to establish an internship program, as specified, and support apprenticeship training programs within the community colleges. The bill requires the Board to submit an evaluation of the programs to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 1999.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 980 (Solis) - CCC Block Grants

Clarifies a provision in the budget trailer bill as to how the CCC block grant funds are to be allocated within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and a facility at East L A College (ELAC).

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 989 (Polanco) - Special Education

Makes various technical and clarifying amendments to the non-public school special education program requirements. The bill also requires the State Board of Education to issue emergency regulations by August 1, 1997 specifying minimum qualifications for specified personnel providing instruction and services to individuals with exceptional needs.

STATUS: Ch 268/96

SB 1062 (Marks) - Hastings College of the Law

Adds a student member to the Board of Directors of Hastings College of the Law, appointed by the Governor for a one-year term.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 1074 (Killea) - Higher Education Accountability

Seeks to develop indicators and measures for a comprehensive database. Specifically, the bill requires the CPEC to facilitate the higher education segments' development of the indicators or measures to evaluate the extent to which the state's public higher education systems are meeting the state's goals; and collaborate with the postsecondary sectors and the Superintendent of Public Instruction on the development of these indicators.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 1185 (Leonard) - Revenue Bonds for School Construction

Authorizes the School Finance Authority (SFA) to issue \$400 million annually in revenue bonds, not to exceed \$4 billion in total, to provide loans to school districts and county offices of education for classroom construction, modernization and related expenditures.

STATUS: Ch 1071/96

SB 1233 (Costa) - Community College Finance

Appropriates \$25,146,000 from the General Fund to the general CCC growth formula, which considers-among other factors-high school graduation rates, participation rates, unemployment and new facilities workload in the calculation of growth rates for particular districts.

STATUS: Ch 949/96

SB 1330 (Budget Committee) - CTA v Gould Settlement

Makes the statutory changes necessary to implement the settlement agreement in the California Teachers Association v. Gould Proposition 98 litigation.

STATUS: Ch 78/96

SB 1414 (Greene) - Class Size Reduction Clean-up

Clean-up legislation for the Class Size Reduction Program. For example, the bill clarifies that (1) funding under the Program be used solely for facilities-related costs associated with the Class Size Reduction Program; (2) a school district receiving funding under the program but fails to implement class reduction, the Controller will deduct from the district's next apportionment an amount equivalent to the amount received for each class it failed to reduce to 20 or less pupils; and (3) the district must certify the school district has maintained class sizes of 20 or less pupils for each class reduced.

STATUS: Ch 621/96

SB 1454 (Kelley) - Home Economics

Reinstates the Home Economics Careers and Technology Vocational Education Unit within the State Department of Education (SDE).

STATUS: Ch 758/96

SB 1480 (Mello) - Arts Education

Extends the sunset date for the Local Arts Education Partnership Program from January 1, 1998, to January 1, 2003.

STATUS: Ch 552/96

SB 1544 (Peace) - School Facilities

Authorizes community college districts to form school facilities improvement districts to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for construction purposes in the same manner as currently allowed for school districts; and revises procedures for these improvement districts so that a Mello-Roos community facilities district does not need to exist within the area and that portions of territory not within the Mello-Roos district may be within the improvement district under certain circumstances.

STATUS: Ch 1072/96

SB 1562 (Greene) - School Facilities

This bill is a major, but nonsubstantive, reorganization of the existing code relating to school facilities.

STATUS: Ch 277/96

SB 1568 (Dills) - Reading Specialists

Requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to establish standards for a restricted reading certificate to enable holders of a teaching credential to provide early and continuing development of reading and language arts skills. The bill also requires school districts, beginning in 1996-97, to maintain its 1995-96 level of expenditures on reading specialists in order to be eligible to receive funding unless the district finds at a public hearing that there is a better use of the funds.

STATUS: Ch 1068/96

SB 1570 (Greene) - Academic Achievement

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop, and the State Board of Education to submit, a plan for the establishment of incentives for the improvement of pupil academic achievement. The plan is due to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 1997.

STATUS: Ch 496/96

SB 1613 (O'Connell) - Higher Education Facilities

Appropriates up to \$75 million from specified higher education bond funds to allocate to the University of California (UC), the California State University (CSU), and the California Community Colleges (CCC) for matching grants to repair/retrofit facilities, utilities, streets and roads damaged by the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

STATUS: Ch 896/96

SB 1689 (Kopp) - Selling Surplus Land to School Districts

Requires public agencies selling surplus land to school districts -- where the whole or a portion of the land is to be used for school playground, playing field, or other outdoor recreational purposes and where the school district is the sole responsible bidder for the purchase -- to sell the land at a price that does not exceed the public agency's cost of acquisition as adjusted for inflation and for any improvements made to the property.

STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

SB 1777 (O'Connell) - Class Size Reduction Program

Creates the Class Size Reduction Program to provide funding to school districts to reduce class size, in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, to no more than 20 pupils per certificated teacher.

STATUS: Ch 163/96

SB 1789 (Greene) - Facilities for Class Size Reduction Program

Provides \$200 million one-time funding to help fund facility costs related to the new K-3 Class Size Reduction Program.

STATUS: Ch 164/96

SB 1809 (Polanco) - Community Colleges Economic Development

Makes several changes to the Community Colleges Economic Development Program (ED>NET), including an authorization for grants to be awarded to specified regions rather than to individual community college districts. The bill also: (1) directs the Chancellor's Office to oversee auditing and provide oversight for the economic development program; (2) requires participating community colleges to complete and audit of the funds received; and (3) authorizes

the Department of Finance to augment the 1996-97 community college reimbursement authority by \$250,000 to contract for performance audits.

STATUS: Ch 1057/96

SB 1864 (Alquist) - Seismic Research

Requests the University of California to establish the California Center for Earthquake Engineering Research in order to further the advancement of knowledge and technology in the earthquake engineering field and to reduce casualties, property losses, and economic or other disruptive consequences of earthquakes.

STATUS: Ch 966/96

SB 1872 (Greene) - Portable Classrooms

Authorizes the leasing of "adequately equipped" portable classrooms, including the acquisition and preparation of sites, to county community schools.

STATUS: Ch 1059/96

SB 1883 (Hayden) - Charter Schools

Increases the maximum number of charter schools that may be operated in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) from 10 to 22. Because all of the 100 charter schools authorized under current law have already been designated, this bill effectively raises the statutory charter school cap from 100 to 112, with all of the additional 12 going to LAUSD.

STATUS: Ch 849/96

SB 1924 (Dills) - Teacher Credentials

Directs the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to establish requirements for the issuance and renewal of permits authorizing service in care, development, and instruction of children in child care and development programs. The bill also requires the CTC to establish standards for a restricted Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate and authorizes CTC to issue these certificates to credentialed teachers who meet its standards; and extends the initial period of service for an eminence credential from one year to two years and renewals from one to three years.

STATUS: Ch 1067/96

SB 1935 (Monteith) - Merced UHSD

Allows the Merced Union High School District (MHUSD) to purchase up to 20 existing district-owned classrooms with money from its Adult Education Fund for the exclusive use of its adult education program. The bill requires that the adult education funds received from the sale of the existing rooms be used only to purchase an equal number of classrooms for use by regular high school students in grades 9 through 12.

STATUS: Ch 760/96

SB 1938 (Mountjoy) - School Notification

Requires a court to notify a school district if a student in the district is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor sex offense.

STATUS: Ch 599/96

SB 1985 (Dills) - Crime Reports

Includes each county sheriff as a recipient of reports that the State Department of Education is required under existing law to distribute annually, upon request,

to each office of the county superintendent of schools and each county probation department that summarizes that county's school district crime reports and county crime reports.

STATUS: Ch 485/96

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