

Date of Hearing: May 9, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Patrick O'Donnell, Chair
AB 2235 (Quirk-Silva) – As Introduced February 13, 2018

SUBJECT: County community schools: funding

SUMMARY: Requires a district of residence or a school district of attendance of a pupil enrolled in a county community school to pay to the county wherein the pupil is enrolled, for purposes of the county community school, the amount of the local control funding formula base grant and, if applicable, supplemental grant, for each average daily attendance credited to the school district of residence or the school district of attendance for that pupil.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Establishes county community schools, which are public schools that are run by county offices of education (COEs). They educate students in kindergarten through grade twelve, including students who are expelled from school or who are referred because of attendance or behavior problems, are homeless, on probation or parole, and who are not attending any school. Parents or guardians also may request that their child attend a county community school.
- 2) Establishes a Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for COEs, which includes funding for county community school students who are enrolled due to being on probation or parole or expelled from a district school.
- 3) Provides that the attendance of students at a county community school that are not on probation or parole or expelled shall be credited to the district of residence.

FISCAL EFFECT: This bill is keyed nonfiscal

COMMENTS: County community schools are public schools operated and administered by COEs to serve students in grades kindergarten through twelve. They provide an educational placement for students who are expelled from their regular schools, referred by a School Attendance Review Board, referred by probation, on probation or parole, or are not in attendance in any school, or homeless. Students may also attend a county community school at the request of the student's parent or guardian. COEs receive LCFF funding for students at county community schools who are on probation or parole and expelled from a district school, but the attendance of other county community school students is credited to the district of residence for apportionment purposes.

Prior to the enactment of the LCFF, county community school attendance was credited to districts of residence for revenue limit apportionments, but the districts of residence were required to transfer the revenue limit funds to the county in which the student attends a community school. This required local transfer of funds was not retained when the state replaced revenue limit funding with the LCFF. According to the California Department of Education, six counties have negotiated agreements with their districts to voluntarily make a local transfer of funds.

The purpose of **this bill** is to restore the requirement that school districts transfer to county offices of education the LCFF funding that they receive on behalf of students in attendance at a county community school. Because some counties have already negotiated local transfer agreements (that may be more or less than the transfer required by this bill) **staff recommends** that the bill be amended to continue to permit such agreements.

In addition, **staff recommends** that the bill be amended to move its provisions to the section of the Education Code that requires the crediting of county community school attendance to the district of residence and to require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apportion the LCFF funds or alternatively agreed-to funds directly to the COEs in order to eliminate the need to transfer them locally.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Association of School Business Officials
Orange County Department of Education

Opposition

None received

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