

Date of Hearing: June 13, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Patrick O'Donnell, Chair
HR 30 (Quirk-Silva) – As Amended June 6, 2018

SUBJECT: California Career Resource Network

SUMMARY: Expresses findings and declarations regarding the California Career Resource Network and resolves that public schools should make full use of the resources to provide students with exposure to various career options. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Expresses findings and declarations that the California Department of Education (CDE)'s California Career Resource Network program provides Internet and mobile applications and platforms for career exploration and planning, financial literacy, and strengthening of career pathways and resources for educators, students, parents, and job seekers, including virtual career and college counseling information and planning templates and maps for graduation and credentials.
- 2) States that the California Career Resource Network provides the following applications and platforms:
 - a) Career Surfer: a mobile application for helping students begin the career exploration and planning process.
 - b) The California Career Center: a comprehensive "virtual counselor" website with career and college resources and tools to help students develop high school plans and postsecondary career action plans, with free student accounts.
 - c) The California CareerZone: a career exploration system providing easy-to-use career assessment tools, detailed information about California occupational options and postsecondary programs, and a budgeting feature to help students make the connection between lifestyle choices and occupations that can financially support those choices, with free student and educator accounts.
 - d) California CareerZone Local Career Pathways: a personalized service for schools to provide students with local career pathways work-based learning opportunities, including customized regional information and automated career planning for students.
 - e) Comprehensive Career and College Readiness Lesson Plans: plans designed to help students develop the career self-management skills necessary for success in today's economy.
 - f) Support Personnel Accountability Report Card: a voluntary, continuous improvement process for schoolsite Student Support Teams to publicize the school's career and college readiness student outcomes and the school's plan for continued success.
- 3) States that students benefit from exposure to a full range of career options to reach their full potential through education and training.

- 4) States that a career-ready student knows how to choose an occupational goal and develop a viable postsecondary plan.
- 5) States that effective career guidance resources are an essential component of a strong school counseling program.
- 6) States that these resources are an ideal fit with California Guided Career Pathways and career technical education, concurrent with the state's goals for public education.
- 7) States that different regions, communities, and demographics of the state have diverse needs and opportunities for fulfilling educational attainment, workforce training, job placement, and services.
- 8) States that these resources are readily available for public schools, which would otherwise have to contract with private providers.
- 9) Resolves that California public schools should make full use of these available resources provided by the California Career Resource Network in efforts to provide their students with full exposure to various career options.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) The California Career Resource Network Program, formerly called the California Occupational Information Coordinating Committee is established for the purposes of Section 2328 of Title 20 of the United States Code, and for other purposes authorized by the Legislature. The mission of the program is to provide all persons in California with career development information and resources to enable them to reach their career goals. (EC 53086).

COMMENTS:

Background. According to the California Department of Education (CDE), the primary duty of the California Career Resource Network is to distribute career information, resources, and training materials to middle school and high school counselors, educators, and administrators, in order to ensure that middle schools and high schools have the necessary information available to provide pupils with guidance and instruction on education and job requirements necessary for career development. Information and resources distributed by the California Career Resource Network includes:

- 1) Encouragement to students in completing secondary education.
- 2) Career exploration tools, which offer an introduction to the nature of career planning, self-assessment, methods of investigating the work world, methods of identifying and meeting education and training needs, and methods of creating a career action plan.
- 3) Relevant information on the labor market and career opportunities.
- 4) Assistance to a pupil in the acquisition and development of career competencies including the appropriate skills, attitudes, and knowledge to allow a pupil to successfully manage his or her career.

The California Career Resource Network is a program within the CDE. Since 1998, the network been part of a nationwide program called the America's Career Resource Network authorized through the Carl D. Perkins Act Vocational and Technical Education Act. The State Agency Partners Committee coordinates the use of California Career Resource Network information and resources in programs that are implemented by the entities that the members of the committee represent, including all of the following:

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- California Department of Developmental Services
- California Department of Education
- California Department of Rehabilitation
- California Department of Social Services
- California Employment Development Department
- California Workforce Investment Board

Prior legislation. SB 665 (Migden), Chapter 208, Statutes of 2005 established the California Career Resource Network to provide career development information and training, primarily to middle and high school students, and repealed the California Occupational Information Coordinating Committee, which formerly compiled labor market data.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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