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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2269

Introduced by Assembly Member Horton

February 20, 2002

An act to add and repeal Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 44475) of Chapter 3 of Part 25 of the Education Code, relating to teachers, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2269, as amended, Horton. Substitute teachers: training.

Existing law provides various opportunities for a teacher to receive staff development or in-service training, including the Instructional Time and Staff Development Reform Program that provides an eligible school district with a staff development allowance of \$270 for up to 3 days for each certificated classroom teacher who participates in staff development instructional methods.

This bill would, until July 1, 2005, commencing with the 2003–04 school year, establish in each school district with an enrollment of 500,000 or more a new substitute teacher training pilot project whereby each new substitute teacher, who will provide services in low-performing schools, would be provided with a minimum of 2 days of training before the teacher begins to provide services as a substitute teacher. The bill would require school districts to implement a training curriculum, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

This bill would appropriate \$50,000 from the General Fund in the 2002–03 fiscal year for each participating school district for the development and modification of the substitute teacher training project.

The funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state in addition to the costs covered by the appropriation in the bill, reimbursement for those additional costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 44475)
2 is added to Chapter 3 of Part 25 of the Education Code, to read:
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4 Article 3.5. Pilot Project for Training Substitute Teachers

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6 44475. (a) In every public school district with an enrollment of
7 500,000 or more, there is hereby established a new substitute
8 teacher training pilot project, to commence with the 2003–04
9 school year. Each school district shall provide each new substitute
10 teacher who will serve in a low-performing school with a
11 minimum of two days of training before those individuals are
12 assigned a classroom in a low-performing school within that
13 district.

14 (b) (1) The training shall provide each new substitute teacher
15 a minimum of a one-day seminar and one day of classroom
16 observation during which the new substitute teacher shall assist
17 and observe alongside an experienced substitute teacher already
18 working within the district. The one-day observation shall be



1 completed in a classroom located in a low-performing school
2 within the district.

3 (2) The training provided pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
4 include, but is not limited to, preparation in the following areas:

5 (A) Classroom management skills.

6 (B) Teaching strategies.

7 (C) Legal issues.

8 (D) First aid and other health issues.

9 (c) The substitute teacher training curriculum designed by the
10 Los Angeles County Office of Education shall be used by
11 participating school districts. Subject to the availability of funds
12 in the annual Budget Act for this purpose, each participating
13 school district shall be allowed reimbursement for costs incurred
14 in modifying the training curriculum for use in that particular
15 school district.

16 44476. Subject to the availability of funds in the annual
17 Budget Act for this purpose, each participating school district shall
18 be allowed reimbursement from the State Department of
19 Education based on an allowance of one hundred fifty dollars
20 (\$150) per new substitute teacher participating per day. The total
21 number of new substitute teachers to participate in any given
22 district shall not exceed 1,000. A school district receiving funding
23 under this article shall expend those funds for the sole purposes of
24 providing preparation for new substitute teachers as specified in
25 subdivision (b) of Section 44475.

26 44477. A participating new substitute teacher who holds a
27 valid California teaching credential and participates in the training
28 program pursuant to this article shall be allowed to count the two
29 days of preparation provided by this program toward the
30 professional growth hours required pursuant to subdivision (b) of
31 Section 44277.

32 44478. (a) For purposes of this article, “low-performing
33 schools” means schools whose Academic Performance Index
34 scores place them in decile 5 or lower.

35 (b) For the purposes of this article, “new substitute teacher”
36 means a person who holds an emergency 30-day substitute
37 teaching permit, an emergency substitute teaching permit for
38 prospective teachers, or a valid California teaching credential,
39 who has not had prior experience or preparation as a substitute
40 teacher.



1 44479. This article shall become inoperative on July 1, 2005,
2 and, as of January 1, 2006, is repealed, unless a later enacted
3 statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2006,
4 deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and
5 is repealed.

6 SEC. 2. (a) The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is
7 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to each participating
8 school district, in the 2002–03 fiscal year, for the development and
9 modification of the substitute teacher training program.

10 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
11 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
12 act contains costs mandated by the state, in addition to the costs
13 covered by the appropriation in Section 2 of this act,
14 reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those
15 additional costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing
16 with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government
17 Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not
18 exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be
19 made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.

