

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2950**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Strom-Martin**

February 25, 2002

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An act to amend Sections 99200 and 99206 of the Education Code, relating to instructional strategies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2950, as introduced, Strom-Martin. Instructional strategies: subject matter projects.

(1) Existing law provides for the establishment and maintenance of 6 subject matter projects by the Regents of the University of California with the approval of the Concurrence Committee. Existing law provides that these subject matter projects are to create opportunities for researchers, higher education faculty, and elementary and secondary school faculty to work together to identify exemplary teaching practices, examine and develop research on learning, knowledge, and educational materials and to provide support to teachers to develop and enhance content knowledge and pedagogical skills.

Existing law also requests the Regents of the University of California to jointly develop with the Trustees of the California State University and the independent colleges and universities, the California Professional Development Institutes that provide training to teachers in various subject matters taught in the elementary and secondary schools. Existing law provides that the provisions concerning the subject matter projects and the professional development institutes will become inoperative on June 30, 2002, and will be repealed as of January 1, 2003.

This bill would extend the inoperative date to June 30, 2006, and the repeal date to January 1, 2007, and would make these provisions

applicable only to the subject matter projects, thereby eliminating the inoperative date and repeal date for the California Professional Development Institutes.

(2) Existing law requires a 4-year independent evaluation of the effectiveness of the subject matter projects to be reported to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the Legislature by July 1, 2002, and requires annual reports of the preliminary results of this evaluation beginning July 1, 2000.

This bill would require the independent evaluation to be reported by February 1, 2006, and would require annual reports of the preliminary results of the evaluation beginning February 1, 2004.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 99200 of the Education Code is  
 2 amended to read:  
 3 99200. (a) With funds appropriated therefor, and with the  
 4 approval of the Concurrence Committee, the Regents of the  
 5 University of California shall establish and maintain cooperative  
 6 endeavors designed to accomplish the following:  
 7 (1) Develop and enhance teachers' subject matter knowledge  
 8 in the subject matter areas specified in Section 99201.  
 9 (2) Develop and enhance teachers' instructional strategies to  
 10 improve student learning and academic performance as measured  
 11 against State Board of Education standards adopted pursuant to  
 12 Section 60605.  
 13 (3) Provide teachers with access to and opportunity to examine  
 14 current research that is demonstrably linked to improved student  
 15 learning and achievement as measured by performance levels on  
 16 state tests administered pursuant to Section 60605.  
 17 (4) Maintain subject-specific professional communities that  
 18 create ongoing opportunities for teacher learning and research.  
 19 (5) Develop and deploy as teacher leaders, teachers with  
 20 demonstrated levels of expertise in the classroom and certifiable  
 21 levels of content knowledge.  
 22 (b) The duties of the Concurrence Committee shall include, but  
 23 need not be limited to, all of the following:



1 (1) Ensuring that the statewide and local subject matter projects  
2 comply with requirements of this chapter.

3 (2) Developing rules and regulations for the statewide subject  
4 matter projects.

5 (3) Selecting a contractor for a four-year independent  
6 evaluation of the effectiveness of the subject matter projects.

7 (c) ~~A four-year~~ An independent evaluation of the effectiveness  
8 of the subject matter projects shall be performed by a contractor  
9 selected pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), and shall be  
10 reported to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the  
11 Legislature by ~~July 1, 2002~~ *February 1, 2006*. Preliminary results  
12 shall be reported annually beginning ~~January 1, 2000~~ *February 1,*  
13 *2004*. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

14 (1) Documenting the impact of participation in the program on  
15 student achievement in the statewide tests administered pursuant  
16 to Section 60605.

17 (2) Measuring the results of research on learning, knowledge,  
18 and educational materials developed by the statewide subject  
19 matter projects.

20 (3) Documenting the quantity, quality, cost effectiveness, and  
21 inclusiveness of subject matter project programs.

22 (4) The impact of the subject matter projects on the  
23 performance levels of low-performing schools affiliated with the  
24 subject matter projects.

25 (d) Grants to establish local sites of statewide subject matter  
26 projects shall be available to institutions of higher education,  
27 county offices of education and school districts, or any  
28 combination thereof, with a subject matter proposal approved  
29 pursuant to this article. Once established, each subject matter  
30 project shall be administered by the University of California in  
31 cooperation with the Concurrence Committee. Local sites of  
32 statewide subject matter projects shall be distributed throughout  
33 the state so that elementary, secondary, and postsecondary school  
34 personnel located in rural, urban, and suburban areas may avail  
35 themselves of subject matter projects.

36 (e) The composition of the Concurrence Committee shall be as  
37 follows:

38 (1) One representative selected by the Regents of the  
39 University of California.



- 1 (2) One representative selected by the Board of Trustees of the
- 2 California State University.
- 3 (3) Two representatives selected by the State Board of
- 4 Education.
- 5 (4) One representative selected by the Governor.
- 6 (5) One representative selected by the Commission on Teacher
- 7 Credentialing.
- 8 (6) One representative selected by the Curriculum
- 9 Development and Supplemental Materials Commission.
- 10 (7) One representative of the California Community Colleges
- 11 selected by the Board of Governors of the California Community
- 12 Colleges.
- 13 (8) One representative of an independent postsecondary
- 14 institution selected by the Association of Independent California
- 15 Colleges and Universities.
- 16 SEC. 2. Section 99206 of the Education Code is amended to
- 17 read:
- 18 99206. This ~~chapter~~ *article* shall become inoperative on June
- 19 30, ~~2002~~ 2006, and, as of January 1, ~~2003~~ 2007, is repealed, unless
- 20 a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, ~~2003~~ 2007,
- 21 deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and
- 22 is repealed.

