

Introduced by Senator Alarcon

February 22, 2002

An act to amend Section 52056 of, and to add Section 42264 to, the Education Code, relating to pupil achievement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1813, as introduced, Alarcon. Pupil achievement: multitrack year-round programs: reporting requirements.

Existing law establishes the Public School Performance Accountability Program consisting of an Academic Performance Index, and Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program, and a High Achieving/Improving Schools Program. The Public School Performance Accountability Program requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to develop the Academic Performance Index (API), consisting of a variety of indicators, to be used to measure the performance of schools. Existing law requires schools to be ranked by the value of the API when compared to schools with similar characteristics, and defines similar characteristics, for that purpose, to include various characteristics, such as whether the schools operate multitrack year-round educational programs.

This bill would require, for purposes of making that comparison, that schools that operate multitrack year-round educational programs be compared with multitrack year-round programs that offer the same number of tracks, to allow for a more meaningful comparison of pupil achievement in multitrack year-round educational programs.

This bill would also specify that whenever a school district that operates a multitrack year-round educational program is required to

submit data, the school district shall separately report the data by individual track, thus imposing a state-mandated local program.

(2) 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, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 42264 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 42264. Whenever a school district that operates a multitrack
4 year-round educational program is required to submit any type of
5 pupil data to the State Department of Education pursuant to this
6 code, in addition to any other requirement, the school district shall
7 separately report the data by individual track.

8 SEC. 2. Section 52056 of the Education Code is amended to
9 read:

10 52056. (a) The High Achieving/Improving Schools Program
11 is hereby established. Commencing in June 2000, and every June
12 thereafter, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with approval
13 of the State Board of Education, shall rank all public schools based
14 on the Academic Performance Index established pursuant to
15 Section 52052. The schools shall be ranked by the value of the API
16 in decile categories by grade level of instruction provided and shall
17 include three categories: elementary, middle, and high school. The
18 schools shall also be ranked by the value of the API when
19 compared to schools with similar characteristics. Commencing in
20 June 2001, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall also
21 report the target annual growth rates of schools, and the actual
22 growth rates attained by the schools. For purposes of this section,



1 similar characteristics include, but are not limited to, the following
2 characteristics, insofar as data is available from the State
3 Department of Education’s data: pupil mobility, pupil ethnicity,
4 pupil socioeconomic status, percentage of teachers who are fully
5 credentialed, percentage of teachers who hold emergency
6 credentials, percentage of pupils who are English language
7 learners, average class size per grade level, and whether the
8 schools operate multitrack year-round educational programs.

9 *Schools that operate multitrack year-round educational programs*
10 *shall be compared with other schools that operate multitrack*
11 *year-round education programs that offer the same number of*
12 *tracks, to allow for a more meaningful comparison of pupil*
13 *achievement in multitrack year-round educational programs. The*
14 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall annually publish these
15 rankings on the Internet.

16 (b) All schools shall report their ranking, including a
17 description of the components of the API, in their annual school
18 accountability report card pursuant to Sections 33126 and 35256.

19 (c) Following the annual publication of the API and school
20 rankings by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the
21 governing board of each school district shall discuss the results of
22 the annual ranking at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

23 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
24 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
25 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
26 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
27 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
28 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
29 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
30 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
31 Fund.

