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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 428

**Introduced by Assembly Member Carter
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bass)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Dymally and Price)**

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An act to add Section 51229 to the Education Code, relating to high school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 428, as amended, Carter. High school curriculum: notification regarding college preparatory courses.

(1) Existing law prohibits, except as specified, a pupil from receiving a diploma of graduation from high school if that pupil, while in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, has not completed specified academic requirements. Existing law requires school districts maintaining any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer a course of study satisfying the prerequisites for admission to the California public institutions of postsecondary education, and a course of study that provides an opportunity for pupils to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school.

This bill would require each school *district* offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, each academic year prior to class registration to, *for each school in the district*, provide parents and pupils with a separate written notification relating to the courses offered by the school that satisfy the subject requirements for admission to the California State

University and the University of California and a summary of the progress of the pupil toward satisfying those requirements. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide a brief, 2-page template to be used for the notification, and to establish, if necessary, and include, in that template, the percentage of course offerings the state recommends a school offer to satisfy the subject requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.

(2) By requiring each school *district* offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to provide parents and pupils with the above described written notification, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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.

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 51229 is added to the Education Code,
 2 to read:
 3 51229. (a) Each academic year prior to course registration, a
 4 school *district* offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall, *for*
 5 *each school in the district*, provide parents and pupils with a
 6 separate written notification that includes all of the following:
 7 (1) A brief explanation of the college admission requirements.
 8 (2) A list of the courses offered by the school in that academic
 9 year, organized by semester, that satisfy the college admission
 10 requirements.
 11 (3) ~~(A)–The percentage of course sections offered by the school~~
 12 ~~that qualify as satisfying the college admission requirements.~~
 13 ~~(B)–The average percentage for all schools offering any of grades~~
 14 ~~9 to 12, inclusive, of course sections offered that satisfy the college~~
 15 ~~admission requirements.~~
 16 ~~(C)–The percentage of course sections that satisfy the college~~
 17 ~~admission requirements that the state recommends as a goal for~~

1 ~~all schools offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive. The~~
2 ~~Superintendent, if necessary, shall establish this percentage as part~~
3 ~~of the development of the notification template pursuant to~~
4 ~~subdivision (b) and include that percentage in the template.~~

5 (4) The percentage of course sections that satisfy the college
6 admission requirements taught by teachers who have single subject
7 credentials for the subjects they are teaching.

8 (5) A summary of the progress of the pupil toward satisfying
9 the college admission requirements. This summary shall include
10 all of the following:

11 (A) The courses completed by the pupil that satisfy the college
12 admission requirements, including the requirement that the pupil
13 receive a grade of C or better in those courses.

14 (B) The courses completed by the pupil that do not satisfy the
15 college admission requirements.

16 (C) The requirements that remain to be met by the pupil, with
17 the pupil earning a grade of C or better in any courses that remain
18 to be completed, to satisfy all the college admission requirements.

19 (6) Contact information for the school counselors responsible
20 for the course schedule of the pupil.

21 (b) The Superintendent shall provide schools offering any of
22 grades 9 to 12, inclusive, with a brief, two-page template that shall
23 be used for the notification required pursuant to subdivision (a).
24 It is the intent of the Legislature that school districts assist schools
25 to ensure the template is translated into the top 12 primary
26 languages other than English that, according to the annual language
27 census, are spoken by pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,
28 inclusive, of California.

29 (c) For purposes of this section, “college admission
30 requirements” means the courses that satisfy the subject
31 requirements for admission to the California State University and
32 the University of California.

33 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
34 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
35 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
36 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
37 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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