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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 428

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

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An act to amend Section 48980 of, and 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.

Existing law requires the governing board of each school district at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term to notify parents or guardians of minor pupils of specified rights and responsibilities of the parent or guardian.

This bill would require each school district offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, each school year, as part of the specified annual notification, to provide the parent or legal guardian of each minor pupil enrolled in any of those grades in the district with written notification relating to the courses offered by the district that satisfy the subject requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.

The bill also would make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes, including, but not limited to, the correction of obsolete references, to the provisions governing the existing, specified annual notification.

(2) By requiring each school district offering any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to provide parents and legal guardians of minor pupils enrolled in any of those grades in the district with additional written information as part of a specified 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 48980 of the Education Code is amended*
- 2 *to read:*
- 3 48980. (a) At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of
- 4 the regular school term, the governing board of each school district
- 5 shall notify the parent or *legal* guardian of a minor pupil regarding
- 6 the right or responsibility of the parent or *legal* guardian under
- 7 Sections 35291, 46014, 48205, 48207, 48208, 49403, 49423,

1 49451, 49472, and 51938 and Chapter 2.3 (commencing with
2 Section 32255) of Part 19.

3 (b) The notification also shall advise the parent or *legal* guardian
4 of the availability of individualized instruction as prescribed by
5 Section 48206.3, and of the program prescribed by Article 9
6 (commencing with Section 49510) of Chapter 9.

7 (c) The notification *also* shall ~~also~~ advise the parents and *legal*
8 guardians of all pupils attending a school within the *school* district
9 of the schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development
10 days, and if any minimum or pupil-free staff development days
11 are scheduled thereafter, the governing board *of the district* shall
12 notify parents and *legal* guardians of the affected pupils as early
13 as possible, but not later than one month before the scheduled
14 minimum or pupil-free day.

15 (d) The notification also may advise the parent or *legal* guardian
16 of the importance of investing for future college or university
17 education for their children and of considering appropriate
18 investment options including, but not limited to, United States
19 Savings Bonds.

20 ~~(e) Commencing with the 2000-01 school year, and each school~~
21 ~~year thereafter, the~~ The notification shall advise the parent or *legal*
22 guardian of the pupil that, ~~commencing with the 2003-04 school~~
23 ~~year, and each school year thereafter, each pupil completing 12th~~
24 ~~grade will be~~ *grade 12 is* required to successfully pass the high
25 school exit examination administered pursuant to Chapter ~~8~~ 9
26 (commencing with Section 60850) of Part 33. The notification
27 shall include, at a minimum, the date of the examination, the
28 requirements for passing the examination, and shall inform the
29 parents and *legal* guardians regarding the consequences of not
30 passing the examination and shall inform parents and *legal*
31 guardians that passing the examination is a condition of graduation.

32 (f) Each school district that elects to provide a fingerprinting
33 program pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section 32390)
34 *of Chapter 3 of Part 19* shall inform parents or *legal* guardians of
35 the program as specified in Section 32390.

36 (g) The notification shall also include a copy of the ~~district's~~
37 written policy *of the school district* on sexual harassment
38 established pursuant to Section ~~212.6~~ 231.5, as it relates to pupils.

39 (h) The notification shall advise the parent or *legal* guardian of
40 all existing statutory attendance options and local attendance

1 options available in the school district. ~~That~~ *This* notification
 2 *component* shall include all options for meeting residency
 3 requirements for school attendance, programmatic options offered
 4 within the local attendance areas, and any special programmatic
 5 options available on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis.
 6 ~~That~~ *This* notification *component also* shall ~~also~~ include a
 7 description of all options, a description of the procedure for
 8 application for alternative attendance areas or programs, an
 9 application form from the district for requesting a change of
 10 attendance, and a description of the appeals process available, if
 11 any, for a parent or *legal* guardian denied a change of attendance.
 12 The notification *component also* shall ~~also~~ include an explanation
 13 of the existing statutory attendance options including, but not
 14 limited to, those available under Section 35160.5, Chapter 5
 15 (commencing with Section 46600) of Part 26, *and* subdivision ~~(f)~~
 16 *(b)* of Section 48204, *and* ~~Article 1.5 (commencing with Section~~
 17 ~~48209) of Chapter 2 of Part 27.~~ The department shall produce this
 18 portion of the notification and shall distribute it to all school
 19 districts.

20 (i) It is the intent of the Legislature that the governing board of
 21 each school district annually review the enrollment options
 22 available to the pupils within their districts and that the ~~school~~
 23 districts strive to make available enrollment options that meet the
 24 diverse needs, potential, and interests of ~~California's pupils~~ *the*
 25 *pupils of California.*

26 (j) The notification shall advise the parent or *legal* guardian that
 27 ~~no~~ a pupil ~~may~~ *shall not* have his or her grade reduced or lose
 28 academic credit for any absence or absences excused pursuant to
 29 Section 48205 if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably
 30 be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period
 31 of time, and shall include the full text of Section 48205.

32 (k) The notification shall advise the parent or *legal* guardian of
 33 the availability of state funds to cover the costs of advanced
 34 placement examination fees pursuant to Section 52244.

35 (l) *The notification to the parent or legal guardian of a minor*
 36 *pupil enrolled in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, also shall include*
 37 *the information required pursuant to Section 51229.*

38 **SECTION 1.**

39 *SEC. 2.* Section 51229 is added to the Education Code, to read:

1 51229. (a) Each school year, as part of the annual notification
2 required pursuant to Section 48980, a school district offering any
3 of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall provide the parent or legal
4 guardian of each minor pupil enrolled in any of those grades in
5 the district with written notification that includes all of the
6 following:

7 (1) A brief explanation of the college admission requirements.

8 ~~(2) A list of the courses offered by the school district in that~~
9 ~~academic year that satisfy the college admission requirements.~~

10 ~~(3) The percentage of course sections offered by the school~~
11 ~~district that qualify as satisfying the college admission~~
12 ~~requirements.~~

13 (2) *A list of the current University of California and California*
14 *State University Web sites that help pupils and their families learn*
15 *about college admission requirements and that list high school*
16 *courses that have been certified by the University of California as*
17 *satisfying the requirements for admission to the University of*
18 *California and the California State University.*

19 (3) *Information about how pupils may meet with school*
20 *counselors to help them choose courses at their school that will*
21 *meet college admission requirements.*

22 (b) For purposes of this section, “college admission
23 requirements” means the *list of* courses that satisfy the subject
24 requirements for admission to the California State University and
25 the University of California.

26 ~~SEC. 2.~~

27 *SEC. 3.* If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
28 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
29 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
30 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
31 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.