

Assembly Bill No. 189

CHAPTER 606

An act to amend Sections 42605 and 52612 of the Education Code, relating to education funding.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 189, Eng. Education funding.

(1) Existing law establishes various categorical education programs and appropriates the funding for those programs in the annual Budget Act. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the 2008–09 to 2014–15 fiscal years, inclusive, to apportion from the amounts provided in the annual Budget Act for specified categorical education programs an amount based on the same relative proportion that the local educational agency received in the 2008–09 fiscal year for those programs and authorizes school districts, for those fiscal years, to use these funds, with specified exceptions, for any educational purpose, to the extent permitted by federal law.

Existing law requires, as a condition of receipt of the above-described funds for any educational purpose, the governing board of a school district or county office of education, as appropriate, to discuss, approve, or disapprove the proposed use of funding and to make explicit the purposes for which each item of appropriation for specified categorical education programs will be used at a regularly scheduled open public hearing.

This bill would require that public hearing to be held prior to and independent of a meeting where the governing board of a school district or county office of education adopts a budget. The bill would also require the governing board to identify the program or programs to be closed before the public hearing, as specified.

(2) Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district maintaining an adult class to require an adult enrolled in the class to pay a fee and prohibits the governing board from imposing a charge for a class in English and citizenship for foreigners or a class in an elementary subject, except as specified.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to charge a fee for a class in English and citizenship until July 1, 2015.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42605 of the Education Code is amended to read:

42605. (a) (1) Unless otherwise prohibited under federal law or otherwise specified in subdivision (e), for the 2008–09 fiscal year to the 2014–15 fiscal year, inclusive, recipients of funds from the items listed in paragraph (2) may use funding received, pursuant to subdivision (b), from any of these items listed in paragraph (2) that are contained in Section 2.00 of the annual Budget Act, for any educational purpose.

(2) Items 6110-104-0001, 6110-105-0001, 6110-108-0001, 6110-122-0001, 6110-124-0001, 6110-137-0001, 6110-144-0001, 6110-150-0001, 6110-151-0001, 6110-156-0001, 6110-181-0001, 6110-188-0001, 6110-189-0001, 6110-190-0001, 6110-193-0001, 6110-195-0001, 6110-198-0001, 6110-204-0001, 6110-208-0001, 6110-209-0001, 6110-211-0001, 6110-227-0001, 6110-228-0001, 6110-232-0001, 6110-240-0001, 6110-242-0001, 6110-243-0001, 6110-244-0001, 6110-245-0001, 6110-246-0001, 6110-247-0001, 6110-248-0001, 6110-260-0001, 6110-265-0001, 6110-266-0001, 6110-267-0001, 6110-268-0001, and 6360-101-0001 of Section 2.00.

(b) (1) For the 2009–10 fiscal year to the 2014–15 fiscal year, inclusive, the Superintendent or other administering state agency, as appropriate, shall apportion from the amounts provided in the annual Budget Act for the items enumerated in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) an amount to recipients based on the same relative proportion that the recipient received in the 2008–09 fiscal year for the programs funded through the items enumerated in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

(2) This section and Section 42 of Chapter 12 of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 2009 do not authorize a school district that receives funding on behalf of a charter school pursuant to Sections 47634.1 and 47651 to redirect this funding for another purpose unless otherwise authorized in law or pursuant to an agreement between a charter school and its chartering authority. Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for the 2008–09 fiscal year to the 2014–15 fiscal year, inclusive, a school district that receives funding on behalf of a charter school pursuant to Sections 47634.1 and 47651 shall continue to distribute the funds to those charter schools based on the relative proportion that the school district distributed in the 2007–08 fiscal year, and shall adjust those amounts to reflect changes in charter school attendance in the district. The amounts allocated shall be adjusted for any greater or lesser amount appropriated for the items enumerated in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a). For a charter school that began operation in the 2008–09 fiscal year, if a school district received funding on behalf of that charter school pursuant to Sections 47634.1 and 47651, the school district shall continue to distribute the funds to that charter school based on the relative proportion that the school district distributed in the 2008–09 fiscal year and shall adjust the amount of those funds to reflect changes in charter school attendance in the district. The amounts allocated shall be adjusted for any greater or lesser amount appropriated for the items enumerated in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for the 2008–09 fiscal year to the 2014–15 fiscal year, inclusive, the Superintendent shall apportion from the

amounts appropriated by Item 6110-211-0001 of Section 2.00 of the annual Budget Act an amount to a charter school in accordance with the per-pupil methodology prescribed in subdivision (c) of Section 47634.1.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for the 2008–09 fiscal year to the 2014–15 fiscal year, inclusive, the Superintendent shall apportion from the amounts provided in the annual Budget Act an amount to a school district, charter school, and county office of education based on the same relative proportion that the local educational agency received in the 2007–08 fiscal year for the programs funded through the following items contained in Section 2.00 of the annual Budget Act: 6110-104-0001, 6110-105-0001, 6110-156-0001, 6110-190-0001, Schedule (3) of 6110-193-0001, 6110-198-0001, 6110-232-0001, and Schedule (2) of 6110-240-0001.

(5) For purposes of paragraph (4), if a direct-funded charter school began operation in the 2008–09 fiscal year, the amount that the charter school was entitled to receive from the items enumerated in paragraph (4) for the 2008–09 fiscal year, as certified by the Superintendent in March 2009, is deemed to have been received in the 2007–08 fiscal year.

(c) (1) This section does not obligate the state to refund or repay reductions made pursuant to this section. A decision by a school district to reduce funding pursuant to this section for a state-mandated local program shall constitute a waiver of the subvention of funds that the school district is otherwise entitled to pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution on the amount so reduced.

(2) (A) As a condition of receipt of funds, the governing board of the school district or board of the county office of education, as appropriate, at a regularly scheduled open public hearing shall take testimony from the public, discuss, approve or disapprove the proposed use of funding, and make explicit for each of the budget items in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) the purposes for which the funds will be used.

(B) The regularly scheduled open public hearing held pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be held prior to and independent of a meeting where the governing board of the school district or governing board of the county office of education adopts a budget. If the governing board intends to close a program funded by the items listed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), the governing board shall identify, in the notice of the agenda of the public hearing or at another public hearing, the program or programs proposed to be closed.

(3) Using the Standardized Account Code Structure reporting process, a local educational agency shall report expenditures of funds pursuant to the authority of this section by using the appropriate function codes to indicate the activities for which these funds are expended. The department shall collect and provide this information to the Department of Finance and the appropriate policy and budget committees of the Legislature by April 15, 2010, and annually thereafter on April 15 until, and including, April 15, 2016.

(d) For the 2008–09 fiscal year to the 2014–15 fiscal year, inclusive, local educational agencies that use the flexibility provision of this section

shall be deemed to be in compliance with the program and funding requirements contained in statutory, regulatory, and provisional language, associated with the items enumerated in subdivision (a).

(e) Notwithstanding subdivision (d), the following requirements shall continue to apply:

(1) For Item 6110-105-0001 of Section 2.00 of the annual Budget Act, the amount authorized for flexibility shall exclude the funding provided to fund remedial educational services pursuant to Provision 4. For Item 6110-156-0001 of Section 2.00 of the annual Budget Act, the amount authorized for flexibility shall exclude the funding provided for instruction of CalWORKS-eligible students pursuant to Schedules (2) and (3) and Provisions 2 and 4.

(2) (A) Any instructional materials purchased by a local educational agency shall be the materials adopted by the state board for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, and for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, the materials purchased shall be aligned with state standards as defined by Section 60605, and shall also meet the reporting and sufficiency requirements contained in Section 60119.

(B) For purposes of this section, “sufficiency” means that each pupil has sufficient textbooks and instructional materials in the four core areas as defined by Section 60119 and that all pupils within the local educational agency who are enrolled in the same course shall have identical textbooks and instructional materials, as specified in Section 1240.3.

(3) For Item 6110-195-0001 of Section 2.00 of the annual Budget Act, the item shall exclude moneys that are required to fund awards for teachers that have previously met the requirements necessary to obtain these awards, until the award is paid in full.

(4) For Item 6110-266-0001 of Section 2.00 of the annual Budget Act, a county office of education shall conduct at least one site visit to each of the required schoolsites pursuant to Section 1240 and shall fulfill all of the duties set forth in Sections 1240 and 44258.9.

(5) For Item 6110-198-0001 of Section 2.00 of the annual Budget Act, a school district or county office of education that operates the child care component of the Cal-SAFE program shall comply with paragraphs (5) and (6) of subdivision (c) of Section 54746.

(f) This section does not invalidate any state law pertaining to teacher credentialing requirements or the functions that require credentials.

SEC. 2. Section 52612 of the Education Code is amended to read:

52612. (a) Except as specified in this section, the governing board of the school district maintaining the class may require an adult enrolled in a class for adults to pay a fee for the class. Except as specified in Section 52613, the governing board of a school district shall not impose a charge of any kind for a class in English and citizenship or a class in an elementary subject. A fee charge shall not be made for a class designated by the governing board as a class for which high school credit is granted when the class is taken by a person who does not hold a high school diploma. The total of the fees required and revenues derived from average daily attendance

shall not exceed the estimated cost of all such classes maintained, including the reserves authorized by Section 52501.5.

(b) All textbooks and classroom materials furnished without charge under this section may also be offered for sale at the school bookstore.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the governing board of a school district may charge a fee for a class in English and citizenship until July 1, 2015.

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