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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 13

Introduced by Assembly Member Campos

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(Coauthors: Senators Leno and Wright)

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 13—Relative to Job Corps students.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 13, as amended, Campos. Labor: Job Corps centers.

This measure would state that the Legislature supports the congressional action to reverse the suspension of new student enrollments in the Job Corps, to prevent any limits to student enrollment until other cost-saving measures have been exhausted, and to maintain the full range of educational and employment services provided by the Job Corps.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California serves the largest proportion
2 of Job Corps students administered by the United States
3 Department of Labor. Currently, there are seven Job Corps centers
4 located in California in the Cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles,
5 Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, and San
6 Jose; and

7 WHEREAS, These seven Job Corps centers provide a vital piece
8 of California’s workforce development system by serving 5,373
9 disadvantaged youth between 16 and 24 years of age, inclusive,
10 by providing high school diplomas and career technical education
11 to young men and women, all of whom come from very low
12 income households and are unemployed or underemployed; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to academic and employment training,
14 these Job Corps centers provide social skills training and other
15 services to empower these young men and women to obtain and
16 hold a job, enroll in advanced training, attend college, or enter the
17 Armed Forces to defend the interests of the United States around
18 the world; and

19 WHEREAS, Over 8,000 former dropouts have received fully
20 accredited public high school diplomas at the Job Corps centers
21 and thousands more unemployed youth have received career
22 training and job placement assistance; and

23 WHEREAS, The young men and women who participate in the
24 Job Corps gain entry level job skills for well-paying careers in
25 construction, health care, culinary arts, security services, and other
26 employment sectors vital to California’s economy; and

27 WHEREAS, Recent studies demonstrate a significant economic
28 gain from funds invested in dropout recovery by increasing
29 employment, raising individual earnings, improving home and
30 auto sales, increased job and economic growth, greater spending
31 and investments, and tax revenues, and significant reductions in

1 health care costs, crime prevention and corrections expenditures,
2 and other social services provided by California; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Job Corps Association reports that
4 the combined economic activity stimulated by the Job Corps
5 centers in California is two hundred forty-three million seven
6 hundred twenty-six thousand five hundred nineteen dollars
7 (\$243,726,519), and that 2,971 local jobs are created by the
8 operation of the Job Corps centers in California; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor is entrusted
10 to serve the disadvantaged youth in America. However, the United
11 States Department of Labor recently decided to suspend all new
12 student enrollments to Job Corps centers in California and
13 throughout the 125 Job Corps centers serving the nation, which
14 would prevent as many as 30,000 otherwise eligible young men
15 and women from receiving diplomas and job training; and

16 ~~WHEREAS, The United States Department of Labor's decision~~
17 ~~appears to be inequitably balancing a budget shortfall on the backs~~
18 ~~of the disadvantaged youth it is entrusted to serve when other~~
19 ~~alternatives are available for closing the shortfall; Recent decisions~~
20 ~~of the United States Department of Labor to implement a 93-day~~
21 ~~suspension of new student enrollment and a 21-percent reduction~~
22 ~~in funding for future enrollments appear to be inequitably~~
23 ~~balancing a budget shortfall on the backs of disadvantaged youth~~
24 ~~it is entrusted to serve when other alternatives are available for~~
25 ~~closing the shortfall; and~~

26 WHEREAS, Seventy-one members of the United States House
27 of Representatives and 17 members of the United States Senate
28 have sent a bipartisan letter asking Acting Secretary and Deputy
29 Secretary of Labor, Seth D. Harris, to reverse the suspension of
30 new student enrollments in order to protect the opportunities
31 provided to the nation's most disadvantaged youth and to prevent
32 further economic damage to the communities served by the Job
33 Corps; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
35 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature supports the United States
36 congressional action to reverse the suspension of new student
37 enrollments in the Job Corps, to prevent any limits to student
38 enrollment until other cost-saving measures have been exhausted,
39 and to maintain the full range of educational and employment
40 services provided by the Job Corps; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
2 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
3 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
4 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
5 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
6 States.

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