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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 916

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

February 26, 2015

An act relating to career technical education, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 916, as amended, O'Donnell. Career technical education: student organizations: funding.

Existing law provides funding for various career technical education programs, including regional occupational centers and programs, specialized secondary programs, partnership academies, and agricultural career technical education programs.

This bill would appropriate the sum of \$1,170,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for the purposes of allocating funds *to a certain county office of education* in support of career technical education student organizations, as specified. The bill would also express various findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to career technical education.

Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) have long
4 been recognized for their contribution in developing leadership
5 skills and other “soft skill” competencies to pupils involved in
6 high-quality career technical education programs and courses.

7 (b) The programs and activities of CTSOs play an integral part
8 in the effective delivery of career technical education programs
9 and courses, and motivate many pupils to further develop their
10 leadership potential.

11 (c) Funding for the programs and activities of CTSOs were cut
12 from the annual Budget Act during the recent budget crisis,
13 resulting in a tremendous loss of opportunities for pupils enrolled
14 in career technical education programs and courses.

15 (d) CTSOs chartered in California include Cal-Health
16 Occupation Student Association (Cal-HOSA) for health career
17 pupils; the California Future Farmers of America (California FFA)
18 for pupils studying agriculture and its related careers; the Future
19 Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for pupils enrolled in
20 business courses; Future Homemakers of America - Home
21 Economics Related Occupations (FHA-HERO) for pupils interested
22 in home economics related occupations; Distributive Education
23 Clubs of America (DECA) for pupils engaged in marketing
24 programs; and SkillsUSA for pupils interested in transportation,
25 arts, media, entertainment, engineering, and construction.

26 (e) High school graduates of CTSOs serve as industry leaders
27 on boards, commissions, in elected offices, and as executive
28 officers in businesses both in California and worldwide.

29 (f) Student leadership is an important part of every career
30 technical education program. CTSOs, and the opportunities they
31 provide, separate career technical education programs and courses
32 from the typical experiences pupils receive.

33 SEC. 2. (a) The sum of one million one hundred seventy
34 thousand dollars (\$1,170,000) is appropriated from the General
35 Fund to the State Department of Education, to be ~~allocate~~ *allocated*
36 *to a county office of education as described in subdivision (b)*, in
37 support of career technical education student organizations for
38 purposes of supporting youth leadership development programs

1 and activities, training teachers who advise these student
2 organizations, maintaining affiliation with national career technical
3 education organizations, and supplying support services necessary
4 to carry out these activities.~~(b) For~~

5 *(b) Funds shall be allocated to a county office of education that*
6 *has significant experience delivering comprehensive career*
7 *technical education, including experience with all six of the career*
8 *technical education student organizations, leadership experience*
9 *in the area of workforce preparation and business linkages,*
10 *experience serving on committees or task forces on*
11 *school-to-career and career technical education, and experience*
12 *working with the State Department of Education on committees*
13 *or on task forces convened by the department.*

14 *(c) For purposes of making the computations required by*
15 *Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the funds*
16 *appropriated pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be*
17 *“General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts,” as*
18 *defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202 of the Education Code,*
19 *for the 2015–16 fiscal year, and included within the “total*
20 *allocations to school districts and community college districts from*
21 *General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article*
22 *XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the*
23 *Education Code, for the 2015–16 fiscal year.*