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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1342

Introduced by Assembly Member Steinorth

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 39800 of the Education Code, add Section 8299.12 to the Government Code, relating to pupil transportation. disability access, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1342, as amended, Steinorth. Pupil transportation. California Commission on Disability Access.

Existing law establishes the California Commission on Disability Access for purposes of developing recommendations to enable persons with disabilities to exercise their right to full and equal access to public facilities and facilitating business compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Existing law sets forth the powers and duties of the commission, as specified. Existing law provides that those provisions shall not remain operative unless funds are appropriated for those purposes.

This bill would appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the California Commission on Disability Access for the 2015–16 fiscal year for those purposes.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district to provide for the transportation of pupils to and from school whenever, in the judgment of the governing board of the school district, the transportation is advisable and good reasons exist therefor.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

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Vote: majority ²/₃. Appropriation: no-yes. Fiscal committee: no yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 8299.12 is added to the Government Code, 2 to read:

8299.12. For the 2015–16 fiscal year, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the commission, for expenditure without regard to fiscal years. The moneys shall be used to implement the duties imposed on the commission pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 1. Section 39800 of the Education Code is amended to read:

39800. (a) The governing board of a school district may provide for the transportation of pupils to and from school if, in the judgment of the governing board of the school district, the transportation is advisable and good reasons for the transportation exist. The governing board of the school district may purchase or rent and provide for the upkeep, care, and operation of vehicles, or may contract and pay for the transportation of pupils to and from school by common carrier or municipally owned transit system, or may contract with and pay responsible private parties for the transportation. The contracts may be made with the parent or guardian of the pupil being transported. The governing board of a school district may allow the transportation of preschool or nursery school pupils in schoolbuses owned or operated by the school district. A state reimbursement may not be received by a school district for the transportation of preschool or nursery school pupils.

(b) As used in this article, "municipally owned transit system" means a transit system owned by a city, or by a district created pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 24501) of Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code.