

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 22, 1996

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995–96 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 3228

Introduced by Assembly Member Campbell

February 23, 1996

An act to add Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 52060) to Part 28 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3228, as amended, Campbell. ~~Education: Native American Indian early childhood education: funding.~~

The American Indian Early Childhood Education Program, which became inoperative on June 30, 1995, and was repealed by operation of law on January 1, 1996, authorizes the governing board of specified rural school districts to apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for a project in American Indian early childhood education.

This bill would reenact the program.

~~Existing law establishes California Indian education centers to serve as educational resource centers in Indian communities to the Indian students, parents, and the public schools. Under existing law, these centers are designed for, among other purposes, to improve the academic achievement of Indian students and the self-concept of Indian students and adults. Existing law provides that the program is inoperative as of January 1, 1997.~~

~~This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to continue to fund California Indian education centers.~~

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

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

1 ~~SECTION 1.—Notwithstanding Section 62000.14, it is~~

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CHAPTER 6.5. AMERICAN INDIAN EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION PROGRAM

6 52060. *It is the intent and purpose of the Legislature*
7 *that the American Indian Early Childhood Education*
8 *Program provided for by this chapter be directed to*
9 *improve the educational accomplishments of American*
10 *Indian pupils in the rural educational systems in*
11 *California.*

12 *It is the intent of the Legislature to establish projects in*
13 *American Indian education that are designed to develop*
14 *and test educational models that increase competence in*
15 *reading and mathematics. These instructional projects*
16 *shall be provided in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and*
17 *grades 1 to 4, inclusive.*

18 *The Legislature recognizes the importance of*
19 *American Indian parent-community involvement in the*
20 *planning, implementing, and evaluation of the American*
21 *Indian early childhood education programs.*

22 52061. *As used in this chapter:*

23 (a) *“Board” means the State Board of Education.*

24 (b) *“Superintendent” means the Superintendent of*
25 *Public Instruction.*

26 (c) *“Project” means an organized undertaking in*
27 *American Indian early childhood education that includes,*
28 *but is not limited to, a description of the undertaking, a*
29 *listing of the goals and objectives to be achieved, a*
30 *statement of methods to be used, and the methods to be*
31 *used in evaluating the success of the project.*

32 52062. *From the funds appropriated by the*
33 *Legislature to the State Department of Education for the*
34 *purposes of this chapter, the superintendent, with the*
35 *approval of the board shall administer this chapter and*



1 *make apportionments to school districts to meet the total*
2 *approved expense of the school districts incurred in*
3 *establishing American Indian early childhood education*
4 *programs.*

5 *52063. The governing board of any rural school*
6 *district receiving equalization aid, having a school in*
7 *which there is a concentration of 10 percent or more of*
8 *American Indian pupils, and which maintains*
9 *prekindergarten or kindergarten, or both, and grades 1 to*
10 *grade 4, inclusive, may apply to the superintendent for a*
11 *project in American Indian early childhood education.*

12 *The governing boards of two or more of such school*
13 *districts may jointly apply for a project in American*
14 *Indian early childhood education.*

15 *The application shall be made on forms provided by the*
16 *superintendent, and in accordance with the rules and*
17 *regulations adopted by the board.*

18 *The dates for making application shall be established by*
19 *the superintendent.*

20 *52064. Upon approval by the board of an application*
21 *under Section 52063, the superintendent shall certify the*
22 *amount to be apportioned to the applicant school district.*

23 *52065. Each school district receiving funds provided*
24 *by Section 52062 shall establish a districtwide American*
25 *Indian advisory committee for American Indian early*
26 *childhood education.*

27 *At each participating school, an American Indian*
28 *parent advisory group shall be established to increase*
29 *communication and understanding between members of*
30 *a community and the school officials. Each committee*
31 *shall provide advice and suggestions on all parts of the*
32 *program.*

33 ~~*the intent of the Legislature to continue to fund*~~
34 ~~*California Indian education centers established pursuant*~~
35 ~~*to Article 6 (commencing with Section 33380) of Chapter*~~
36 ~~*3 of Part 20 of the Education Code.*~~

