

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 1996

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995–96 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 3317**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Margett**

February 23, 1996

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An act relating to school district reorganization, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3317, as amended, Margett. Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Existing law authorizes the reorganization of school districts, which may be initiated upon the filing with the county superintendent of schools of a petition to reorganize one or more school districts signed by a specified number of registered voters, specified property owners, or the majority of the members of the governing boards of the school districts that would be affected by the proposed reorganization. Existing law places other responsibilities on the county superintendent of schools with respect to the reorganization process.

This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount to the Los Angeles County Office of Education for the purposes of the costs incurred by the county office of education with respect to efforts to reorganize the Los Angeles Unified School District, *as specified*.

This bill would make a legislative finding and declaration of unique circumstances in this regard.

To the extent the funds appropriated by this bill are allocated to a school district, as defined by existing law for purposes of Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, and the use of those funds furthers the educational mission of that entity, the funds may 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.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions provide a procedure for paying this reimbursement and require any statute mandating these costs to specify that reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund for these costs.

This bill would appropriate an unspecified sum to the State Mandates Claims Fund to reimburse The Los Angeles County Office of Education for costs mandated by the state and incurred by them pursuant to this act.

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

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_)~~  
2 ~~is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Los~~  
3 ~~Angeles County Office of Education for the purposes of~~  
4 ~~the costs incurred by that county office of education with~~  
5 ~~respect to efforts to reorganize the Los Angeles Unified~~  
6 ~~School District.~~

7 *SECTION 1. The Los Angeles County Office of*  
8 *Education, with respect to efforts to reorganize the Los*  
9 *Angeles Unified School District and only from the*  
10 *moneys appropriated pursuant to Section 4, shall do all of*  
11 *the following:*

12 *(a) Provide information, coordination and guidance to*  
13 *potential petitioners and other parties.*

14 *(b) Provide legal assistance, including procedural*  
15 *advice and counseling.*

16 *(c) Provide information and assistance for community*  
17 *meetings, information sessions, and briefing sessions.*



1 (d) Provide for coordination of media and community  
2 relations.

3 (e) Perform summary evaluations of prepetition  
4 proposals.

5 (f) Ensure compliance with all mandated functions  
6 and timelines for all petition proposals.

7 (g) Provide application of new and preexisting  
8 evaluation criteria.

9 (h) Ensure smooth transition with minimum  
10 disruption to students or staff.

11 (i) Provide advisory and consulting expertise in:

12 (1) Board and administrative policies and regulations.

13 (2) Personnel policies.

14 (3) Curriculum.

15 (4) Instructional programs and services.

16 (5) Financial and budgeting functions.

17 (j) Support newly formed districts after the effective  
18 date of reorganization.

19 (k) Provide the following ongoing mandated  
20 operational assistance to ensure fiscal health and solvency  
21 of educational programs:

22 (1) Budget monitoring.

23 (2) Fiscal accountability.

24 (3) Solvency analysis.

25 (4) State and federal fiscal report review and  
26 certification.

27 (5) Budget development, approval and monitoring.

28 (6) Reporting of retirement service credits and  
29 contributions.

30 (7) Processing and recordkeeping of payroll and  
31 commercial warrants.

32 This section does not prohibit the Los Angeles County  
33 Office of Education from expending discretionary funds  
34 for the purposes of this section.

35 SEC. 2. The Legislature hereby finds and declares  
36 that due to the large size of the Los Angeles Unified  
37 School District the Los Angeles County Office of  
38 Education faces extraordinary costs with respect to  
39 recent efforts to reorganize that districts.



1 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that due to  
2 the unique circumstances in Section 2 of this act  
3 regarding the Los Angeles Unified School District a  
4 general statute cannot be made applicable within the  
5 meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
6 Constitution.

7 SEC. 4. *The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_) is*  
8 *hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State*  
9 *Mandates Claims Fund to reimburse The Los Angeles*  
10 *County Office of Education pursuant to Part 7*  
11 *(commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title*  
12 *2 of the Government Code for costs mandated by the*  
13 *state and incurred by the Los Angeles County Office of*  
14 *Education pursuant to this act.*

15 *Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government*  
16 *Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act*  
17 *shall become operative on the same date that the act*  
18 *takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.*

