

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 30, 1995

SENATE BILL

No. 292

Introduced by Senator Greene

February 9, 1995

An act to add Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 53000) to Part 28 of the Education Code, relating to the California Scholars Program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 292, as amended, Greene. California Scholars Program.

Existing law does not provide for a statewide pupil assessment system.

This bill would establish the California Scholars Program (hereafter the program) to provide awards to classes of pupils and their teachers and schools in each county, as specified, for specified performance on testing done pursuant to a statewide pupil assessment system. The Superintendent of Public Instruction would be required to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct and administration of the program and to have a logo created for the program. The State Department of Education would be responsible for the implementation of the program and would be required to develop guidelines and provide technical assistance to all school districts. The bill would provide that these provisions shall become operative on January 1, 1996, or upon the enactment of a statewide pupil assessment system, whichever occurs last.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature, in
2 enacting this act, to measure achievement, progress, and
3 improvement in the public schools by creating the
4 California Scholars Program and recognizing outstanding
5 performance and improvement, as determined by the
6 results of the statewide pupil assessment system
7 examinations designed and administered in grades 4, 5, 8,
8 and 10 pursuant to Section 60602.5 of the Education Code.

9 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the California
10 Scholars Program recognize the following each year the
11 statewide pupil assessment system is administered:

12 (1) The class of pupils in grades 4 and 5 that achieves
13 the most outstanding performance in the county in each
14 subject area tested in those grades.

15 (2) The school that achieves the most outstanding
16 performance in the county in each subject area and grade
17 level tested.

18 (3) The school district that achieves the most
19 outstanding overall performance in the county.

20 (4) The class of pupils in grades 4 and 5 that shows the
21 most improvement in the county in each subject area
22 tested in those grades.

23 (5) The school that shows the most improvement in
24 the county in each subject area and grade level tested.

25 (6) The school district that shows the most overall
26 improvement in the county.

27 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish an
28 appropriate means of recognizing the pupils and schools
29 that have demonstrated the most outstanding
30 performance and most improvement under the terms of
31 Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 53000) of Part 28
32 of the Education Code. It is also the intent of the
33 Legislature that teachers and principals be awarded
34 certificates in recognition of their achievements.

35 SEC. 2. Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 53000)
36 is added to Part 28 of the Education Code, to read:

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1 CHAPTER 15. CALIFORNIA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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3 53000. There is hereby established the California
4 Scholars Program. The purpose of this program is to
5 provide a comprehensive accountability system, based on
6 the results of the statewide pupil assessment system, that
7 recognizes the following:

8 (a) The classes of pupils in grades 4 and 5 that achieve
9 the most outstanding performance and that show the
10 most improvement in ~~the~~ *each* county in each subject
11 area tested in those grades.

12 (b) The schools that achieve the most outstanding
13 performance and that show the most improvement in ~~the~~
14 *each* county in each subject area and grade level tested.

15 (c) The schools that achieve the most outstanding
16 overall performance and that show the most overall
17 improvement in ~~the~~ *each* county.

18 53001. (a) For purposes of this chapter, the term
19 “Los Angeles County” does not include any school that is
20 a part of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the term
21 “Los Angeles Unified School District” is a county, and the
22 schools located in each of the seven trustee areas of the
23 Los Angeles Unified School District comprise a separate
24 school district.

25 (b) For purposes of this chapter, a school district with
26 territory in two counties shall compete in the county
27 where 50 percent or more of the average daily attendance
28 of that district is located.

29 53002. (a) Commencing with the 1997–98 school
30 year, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State
31 Department of Education shall evaluate the results of the
32 statewide pupil assessment system examination, to
33 determine which class of pupils in *each of* grades 4 and 5
34 and which school at each grade level tested in each
35 county achieved the highest test scores in each subject
36 area tested.

37 (b) Classes of pupils in grades 4 and 5 receiving the
38 highest test scores in each county and the teachers of
39 those classes as well as teachers at the schools receiving
40 the highest test scores in each county shall be eligible to

1 receive an award pursuant to this chapter in the school
2 year in which the class of pupils or school received the
3 highest test score.

4 53003. (a) Commencing with the 1997–98 school
5 year, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State
6 Department of Education shall evaluate the results of the
7 statewide pupil assessment system examinations and
8 compare those results with the prior year’s results to
9 determine which ~~classes~~ *class* of pupils in *each of* grades
10 4 and 5 and which ~~schools~~ *school at each grade level tested*
11 in each county ~~show~~ *shows* the greatest improvement
12 based on test scores for that period.

13 (b) Classes of pupils in grades 4 and 5 that show the
14 greatest improvement and the teachers of those classes as
15 well as teachers at the schools that show the greatest
16 improvement *in each county* shall be eligible to receive
17 an award pursuant to this chapter in the school year in
18 which the class of pupils or school showed greatest
19 improvement.

20 53004. (a) Commencing with the 1997–98 school
21 year, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State
22 Department of Education shall evaluate the results of the
23 statewide pupil assessment system examinations, to
24 determine which school district in each county achieved
25 the highest overall test scores and showed the most
26 overall improvement.

27 (b) The school district that achieves the overall
28 highest test scores and that shows the most overall
29 improvement in each county and the teachers ~~at those~~
30 ~~schools~~ *in the school district* shall be eligible to receive an
31 award pursuant to this chapter in the school year in which
32 the school received the highest test score.

33 53006. Awards to be given pursuant to this chapter
34 shall include certificates or letters of commendation and
35 items, including flags, that bear the logo designed for the
36 California Scholars Program. These awards shall clearly
37 indicate the year in which the award is given.

38 53007. (a) The State Department of Education shall
39 implement the California Scholars Program.



1 (b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall
2 adopt rules and regulations for the conduct and
3 administration of this chapter and shall have a logo
4 created for the California Scholars Program.

5 (c) The State Department of Education shall develop
6 guidelines for and provide technical assistance to school
7 districts participating in the California Scholars Program.

8 53008. The State Department of Education shall not
9 use any federal funds appropriated to it to implement this
10 chapter, unless that use is specifically authorized in the
11 item of the annual Budget Act making that appropriation.

12 53009. This act shall become operative on January 1,
13 1996, or upon the enactment of a statewide pupil
14 assessment system, whichever occurs last.

