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SENATE BILL

No. 85

Introduced by Senator Peace
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Mazzoni)
(Coauthors: Senators Alpert and Polanco)
~~*(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bowen)*~~
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alquist and Bowen)

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An act to add Article 7.5 (commencing with Section 44579) to Chapter 3 of Part 25 of the Education Code, relating to staff development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 85, as amended, Peace. School districts: staff development.

Existing law authorizes school districts to conduct various staff development programs. Existing law authorizes school districts to make school development plans, and to include in those plans staff development activities directly related to the annual school improvement objectives, as specified. Existing law authorizes school districts to offer up to 8 days of staff

development during the school year under specified circumstances.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to increase the number of schooldays in a school year by providing funding to school districts to conduct staff development activities, as specified. This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide each eligible school district with a staff development allowance of \$220 per day for each certificated employee of the school district who participates in staff development, as provided by the school district in academic content and instructional methods in the core curricular areas. To be eligible to receive funding, the staff development program provided by the school district would be required to meet, among other specified requirements, local educational priorities, to be consistent with program guidelines developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to be offered on days that are not counted as instructional time or days. This provision would be operative in any fiscal year only to the extent funds are provided therefor in the Budget Act.

This bill would require that, each fiscal year, any school district that did not offer 180 days of instruction to pupils in the fiscal year prior to the first fiscal year in which grant funds were received by that school district under the bill to increase the number of days of instruction by one day for each noninstructional day on which the school district conducts staff development programs under the bill until a total of 180 days of instruction to pupils are being offered by that school district, as specified.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to appropriate \$50,000,000 in the Budget Act of 1997 for these purposes.

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. The Legislature finds and declares that
2 existing law allows school districts up to eight days on
3 which to conduct staff development within the



1 instructional school year. It is the intent of the Legislature
2 in enacting this bill to increase the number of schooldays
3 in a school year by providing funding to school districts to
4 conduct staff development activities on days that are in
5 addition to the number of days currently required for the
6 instructional school year.

7 SEC. 2. Article 7.5 (commencing with Section 44579)
8 is added to Chapter 3 of Part 25 of the Education Code,
9 to read:

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11 Article 7.5. Staff Development Incentive Grant
12 Program
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14 44579. Each fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public
15 Instruction shall provide each eligible school district
16 applying for a grant pursuant to this article with a staff
17 development allowance of two hundred twenty dollars
18 (\$220) per day for each certificated employee of the
19 school district who participates in staff development in
20 academic content and instructional methods in the core
21 curricular areas that is provided by the school district. To
22 be eligible for a grant pursuant to this article, the staff
23 development program provided by the school district
24 shall meet all of the following requirements:

- 25 (a) Meet local educational priorities.
- 26 (b) Be consistent with program guidelines developed
27 by the Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to
28 Section 44579.1.
- 29 (c) Be offered on days that are not counted as
30 instructional time or days for the purposes of Article 8
31 (commencing with Section 46200) of Chapter 2 of Part 26.
- 32 (d) Require that for each noninstructional day the
33 school district conducts staff development programs
34 pursuant to this article, the school district shall reduce by
35 one day the number of days per year permitted for staff
36 development programs pursuant to Sections 44670.6,
37 52022, 52854, and 56242.
- 38 (e) Require that each day of staff development be at
39 least as long as the day certificated employees of the
40 school district would otherwise be required to work.

1 (f) This section shall be operative in any fiscal year
2 only to the extent that funds are provided for its purposes
3 in the Budget Act.

4 44579.1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction
5 shall develop rules and regulations for the purposes of this
6 article, and those rules and regulations shall include, but
7 not necessarily be limited to, designation of the core
8 curricular areas in which staff development will be
9 provided and the method by which a school district may
10 apply for funds pursuant to this article.

11 44579.3. *Each fiscal year, any school district that did*
12 *not offer 180 days of instruction to pupils in the fiscal year*
13 *prior to the first fiscal year in which grant funds were*
14 *received by that school district pursuant to this article*
15 *shall increase the number of days of instruction by one*
16 *day for each noninstructional day on which the school*
17 *district conducts staff development programs pursuant to*
18 *this article until a total of 180 days of instruction to pupils*
19 *are being offered by that school district. A school district*
20 *that increases the number of instructional days pursuant*
21 *to this article shall not decrease the number of*
22 *instructional days it offers in any subsequent fiscal years*
23 *in which it participates in this program.*

24 SEC. 3. It is the intent of the Legislature to
25 appropriate in the Budget Act of 1997 the sum of fifty
26 million dollars (\$50,000,000) from the General Fund to
27 the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the 1997-98
28 fiscal year for the purposes of Article 7.5 (commencing
29 with Section 44579) of Chapter 3 of Part 25 of the
30 Education Code.

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