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AB-2290 Pupil instruction: world languages: revision of content standards. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Bill No. 2290

CHAPTER 643

An act to add Section 60605.5 to the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

[Approved by Governor September 26, 2016. Filed with Secretary of State September 26, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2290, Santiago. Pupil instruction: world languages: revision of content standards.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education, on or before June 1, 2009, to adopt content standards for teaching foreign languages in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, pursuant to recommendations developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This bill would require the Superintendent, in consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission, to recommend revisions to the World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools, adopted pursuant to the above requirement, to the state board and to present those recommended revisions to the state board by a specified date. The bill would require the Superintendent, in consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission and the state board, to select a group of experts, as specified, to assist the Superintendent in developing the recommended revisions, and would require the recommended revisions to be based on the work of this group of experts. The bill would also require the Superintendent, before presenting his or her recommended revisions to the state board, to hold a minimum of 2 public hearings in order for the public to provide input on the recommended revisions. The bill would require the state board, by a specified date, to adopt, reject, or modify the recommended revisions. The bill would require the state board to take specified actions if it rejects the recommended revisions or if it modifies the recommended revisions. If the state board adopts either the Superintendent's recommended revisions or its own modified revisions to the World Language Content Standards, the bill would require the state board to consider adopting curriculum framework and evaluation criteria for instructional materials that are aligned to the revised World Language Content Standards and authorize the state board to adopt instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, that are aligned to those standards.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 60605.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

60605.5. (a) (1) In consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission, the Superintendent shall recommend to the state board revisions to the World Language Content Standards for California Public Schools adopted by the state board in 2009 pursuant to Section 60605.3.

(2) These recommended revisions shall be based on the work of the group of experts convened pursuant to subdivision (b).

(3) On or before January 31, 2019, the Superintendent, in consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission, shall present his or her recommended revisions to the state board.

(b) In consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission and the state board, the Superintendent shall select a group of experts in this subject area to assist the Superintendent in developing recommended revisions pursuant to this section. A majority of this group of experts shall be current public school elementary or secondary classroom teachers who have a professional teaching credential that is valid under state law.

(c) (1) Before presenting his or her recommended revisions to the state board pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), the Superintendent, in consultation with the Instructional Quality Commission, shall hold a minimum of two public hearings in order for the public to provide input on the recommended revisions.

(2) The public hearings and meetings required by this subdivision shall be held pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

(d) (1) On or before March 31, 2019, the state board shall adopt, reject, or modify the recommended revisions.

(2) If the state board modifies the recommended revisions, it shall do both of the following:

(A) It shall explain, in writing, to the Governor and the Legislature the reasons for those modifications.

(B) It shall, in a meeting conducted pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), provide written reasons for its modifications. The state board shall not adopt its modified revisions at the same meeting it provides its written reasons, but, instead, shall adopt these modified revisions at a subsequent meeting conducted on or before May 31, 2019.

(3) If the state board rejects the recommended revisions, the state board shall transmit to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature a detailed written explanation of its reasons for rejecting the recommended revisions.

(e) If the state board adopts revisions to the World Language Content Standards pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (d), the state board shall consider adopting curriculum framework and evaluation criteria for instructional materials that are aligned to the revised World Language Content Standards on or before September 30, 2020, based on any recommendations the Instructional Quality Commission may make.

(f) If the state board adopts revisions to the World Language Content Standards pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) or subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (d), the state board may adopt instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, that are aligned to the revised World Language Content Standards on or before January 31, 2022, based on any recommendations the Instructional Quality Commission may make.