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AB-1666 The California Complete Count: local educational agencies. (2019-2020)

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Assembly Bill No. 1666

CHAPTER 560

An act to add Section 65040.17 to the Government Code, relating to state government, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[Approved by Governor October 08, 2019. Filed with Secretary of State October 08, 2019.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1666, Reyes. The California Complete Count: local educational agencies.

Existing federal law requires the enumeration of the population of the United States every 10 years, known as the federal decennial census. By executive order in 2018, the California Complete Count Committee was established to develop, recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy to encourage full state participation in the 2020 federal decennial census. Existing law requires that the committee's efforts be coordinated out of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Existing law requires the outreach strategy to include the establishment and support of school-based outreach programs.

Existing law requires the California Complete Count Census to submit reports relating to various aspects of the federal decennial census to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the Assembly Select Committee on the Census, and the Senate Select Committee on the 2020 United States Census.

Existing law requires the Secretary of State, beginning in the year before the federal decennial census and continuing through the completion of the enumeration activities for that census, to include on the secretary's internet website information designed to educate the public regarding, and encourage participation in, the federal decennial census.

This bill would require the California Complete Count - Census 2020 Office to partner with local contracted educational agencies to make specified information about the 2020 federal decennial census available to students and their parents or guardians at schools.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

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

SECTION 1. Section 65040.17 is added to the Government Code, to read:

65040.17. (a) The California Complete Count - Census 2020 Office, under the Government Operations Agency, shall partner with local contracted educational agencies to make information described in subdivision (b) about the 2020 federal decennial census

available to students and their parents or guardians at schools.

(b) The information provided pursuant to subdivision (a) shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) The importance of the census.

(2) The privacy protections and policies set forth by the United States Census Bureau.

(3) Community-based resources available to assist with completing the federal census questionnaire.

(4) How to access resources provided by the United States Census Bureau.

(5) Any other information the California Complete Count - Census 2020 Office determines is necessary or convenient to encourage participation in the census.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

Because the federal decennial census will begin the official count of every United States household on April 1, 2020, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.