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AB-306 School districts and community college districts: employee housing. (2021-2022)

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Assembly Bill No. 306

CHAPTER 49

An act to add Sections 17283.5 and 81050.5 to the Education Code, and to add Section 4454.5 to the Government Code, relating to housing.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 306, O'Donnell. School districts and community college districts: employee housing.

The Field Act requires the Department of General Services to supervise the design and construction of any school building, including both school district and community college district buildings, or, if the estimated cost exceeds \$100,000, the reconstruction or alteration of or addition to any school building, to ensure that plans and specifications comply with the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the act and with relevant building standards, and to ensure that the work of construction has been performed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Existing law defines "school building" for these purposes, and excludes from that definition certain buildings. Existing law requires the Department of General Services to approve the plans, specifications, and methods of construction of certain factory-built school buildings. Existing law requires the Department of General Services, for purposes relating to access and use by persons with disabilities, to issue a written approval of the plans and specifications of certain buildings and facilities, as provided.

This bill would exclude from these requirements any building or facility that serves or is intended to serve as residential housing for school district and community college district teachers and employees, and their families.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 17283.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

17283.5. (a) For the purposes of this article, Article 5 (commencing with Section 17350), and Article 6 (commencing with Section 17365), "school building" does not include any building used or intended to be used by a school district as residential housing.

(b) As used in this section, "residential housing" means any building used as a personal residence by a teacher or employee of a school district, with the teacher's or employee's family, if applicable.

SEC. 2. Section 81050.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

81050.5. (a) For the purposes of this article, Article 7 (commencing with Section 81130), and Article 8 (commencing with Section 81160), "school building" does not include any building used or intended to be used by a community college district as residential housing.

(b) As used in this section, "residential housing" means any building used as a personal residence by a teacher or employee of a community college district, with the teacher's or employee's family, if applicable.

SEC. 3. Section 4454.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

4454.5. (a) A building or facility otherwise subject to this chapter that is used or intended to be used by a school district or community college district as residential housing is exempt from the requirement for approval of plans and specifications by the Department of General Services pursuant to Section 4454.

(b) As used in this section, "residential housing" means any building used as a personal residence by a teacher or employee of a school district or community college district, with the teacher's or employee's family, if applicable.