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**AB-2690 Pupil safety: parental notification: synthetic drugs.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Bill No. 2690**

**CHAPTER 241**

An act to amend Section 48985.5 of the Education Code, relating to pupil safety.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 2690, Joe Patterson. Pupil safety: parental notification: synthetic drugs.

Existing law requires a school district, county office of education, and charter school to annually inform parents or guardians, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, of the dangers associated with using synthetic drugs and the possibility that dangerous synthetic drugs can be found in counterfeit pills, as provided. If a local educational agency maintains an internet website, existing law requires the local educational agency to post this information on their internet website, and to ensure that each individual school within the local educational agency that maintains an individual internet website also posts the information on that school's internet website, as provided.

This bill would require a local educational agency to, as part of the above-described annual notification to parents or guardians, also include the risk of social media platforms being used as a way to market and sell synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl. By imposing additional duties on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 48985.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:

**48985.5.** (a) A local educational agency shall inform the parents or guardians of each enrolled pupil about all of the following:

- (1) The dangers associated with using synthetic drugs that are not prescribed by a physician, such as fentanyl.
- (2) The possibility that dangerous synthetic drugs can be found in counterfeit pills.
- (3) The risk of social media platforms being used as a way to market and sell synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl.

(b) (1) The information shall be annually provided to parents or guardians at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term.

(2) The information may be provided to parents or guardians pursuant to Section 48980.

(c) If a local educational agency maintains an internet website, the local educational agency shall post the information on their internet website and shall ensure that each individual school within the local educational agency that maintains an individual internet website also posts the information on that school's internet website.

(d) As used in this section, a "local educational agency" means a school district, county office of education, or charter school.

**SEC. 2.** If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.