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**SB-1315 School accountability: local educational agencies: annual reporting requirements.** (2023-2024)

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**Senate Bill No. 1315**

**CHAPTER 468**

An act to add and repeal Section 33318.2 of the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1315, Archuleta. School accountability: local educational agencies: annual reporting requirements.

Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state, and authorizes local educational agencies throughout the state to operate schools and provide instruction to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Existing law establishes the State Department of Education, under the administration of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and assigns to the department numerous duties relating to the financing, governance, and guidance of the public elementary and secondary schools in this state.

This bill would require the department, on or before March 1, 2025, to provide a report to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the Legislature on the number and types of reports that school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools are required to annually submit. The bill would require the report to include, among other things, the purpose of each report and recommendations for which reports can be consolidated, eliminated, or truncated, as provided. The bill would encourage specified committees of the Legislature to, within 30 days of receiving the report from the department, hold a hearing to allow for the Superintendent to present the report. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2026.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 33318.2 is added to the Education Code, immediately following Section 33318.1, to read:

**33318.2.** (a) The department shall, on or before March 1, 2025, and in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code, provide a report to the Superintendent, the Governor, and the Legislature on the number and types of reports that local educational agencies are required to annually submit. The report shall include all of the following:

- (1) Information on each type of report, including if the report is required by a particular program.
- (2) The purpose of each report.
- (3) Recommendations for both of the following:

(A) Which reports can be consolidated or eliminated to reduce the total number of reports local educational agencies are required to annually complete.

(B) Which reports can be truncated to shorten any reports local educational agencies are required to annually complete.

(C) In determining recommendations pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B), the department shall seek voluntary input from a diverse array of local educational agencies that vary in size, type, geographic location, and pupil and staff demographics.

(b) Within 30 days of receiving a report from the department pursuant to subdivision (a), the Assembly and Senate Education committees, the Assembly Committee on Budget, the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, and any other relevant subcommittees are encouraged to hold a hearing to allow for the Superintendent to present the report.

(c) For purposes of this section, a "local educational agency" means a school district, county office of education, or charter school.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the information collected for reports pursuant to this section will help alleviate future burdens and costs on local educational agencies.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.