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SUMMARY

This bill, the education omnibus clean-up measure, would make technical, non-controversial revisions to numerous provisions of the Education Code.

BACKGROUND

Each year, there is typically a K-12 education clean-up bill and a higher education clean-up bill that make various non-controversial revisions to the Education Code. A majority of the provisions for the K-12 education clean-up bill are identified by the State Department of Education and propose technical corrections to existing law, such as deleting an obsolete reporting requirement for a program.

ANALYSIS

This bill would make numerous revisions to the Education Code. Specifically, this bill

- 1) Eliminates various reporting requirements and program evaluations that are either outdated or the information can be provided upon request:
 - a) The number of site visits conducted of child development programs. (Section 1)
 - b) Evaluation of the effectiveness of California Department of Education's (CDE's) School Safety and Security Resources Unit. (Section 2)
 - c) Summary of actions taken by the CDE to eliminate audit exceptions and comply with management improvement recommendations. (Section 38)
 - d) The status of school districts that have received emergency apportionments. (Section 39)
 - e) Review of a county office of education's fiscal oversight of a school district requiring an emergency loan and state receivership. (Section 40)
 - f) Summary of school average daily attendance and local property tax revenues used in principal apportionment calculations. (Section 42)

- g) Summary of school districts that have not adopted on-time budgets and steps being taken to address the delays. (Section 44)
 - h) Evaluation of the California School Information Services' oversight of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) project. (Section 49)
 - i) Summary of educational programs and workshops on genetic diseases and birth defects. (Section 50)
 - j) Agreements between state agencies regarding special education services. (Section 57)
 - k) Compilation of student physical fitness test results. (Section 58)
 - l) Evaluation of the CALPADS project. (Section 59)
 - m) Update on implementation of the school standardized account code structure. (Section 60)
- 2) Clarifies that the parent advisory committee established to provide advice in the development of local control and accountability plans subject to provisions in current law related to open and public meetings. (Section 3)
 - 3) Makes clarifying changes in numerous terms and phrases, conforming state statutes to federal regulations and update cross-references to statutes and to state regulations. (Sections 53-56)
 - 4) Corrects cross references and makes minor changes to the sections relation to school districts and reorganization. (Sections 6-36)
 - 5) Updates federal workforce investment act references. (Sections 45, 47, 51 and 52)
 - 6) Corrects references to the United States Military Code defining active duty military personnel. (Section 48)
 - 7) Clarifies the definition of "lapse" to mean dissolve a school district, as described and the term "lapsation," to mean *an action to lapse. Makes a conforming change.* (Section 36)
 - 8) Deletes "unexcused," absences to allow Saturday and Sunday classes to received apportionment credit for makeup classes for any absences rather than only for "unexcused," absences. (Section 37)
 - 9) Removes obsolete references and makes other technical changes to the education code.

STAFF COMMENTS

- 1) **Non-controversial amendments.** This bill is the annual education omnibus clean-up bill and proposes technical, non-controversial amendments to existing law. By tradition, if any affected agency, the Department of Finance, or any of the four legislative caucuses objects to a provision in the bill or one that is being considered, that particular provision cannot be included.

SUPPORT

None received.

OPPOSITION

None received.

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