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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. Replaces the California Department of Education with the California School Finance Authority as the agency responsible for providing a summary of loans made to charter schools pursuant to the Charter School Revolving Loan Fund Program. (SEC. 1)
2. Clarifies that the three schoolsite representatives of the K-12 High Speed Network advisory board serve a renewable two-year term, consistent with the terms of the other advisory board members. (SEC. 2)
3. Removes obsolete references regarding the State School Deferred Maintenance Program, whose funding was removed with the establishment of the Local Control Funding Formula. (SEC. 3 through SEC. 9, inclusive)
4. Eliminates various reporting requirements and program evaluations that no longer exist, including reporting requirements for the following categorical programs:
 - A. Carl Washington School Safety and Violence Prevention Act.
 - B. School Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy Program.

- C. Bilingual education programs.
 - D. State Bilingual Teacher Training Assistance Program.
 - E. Digital High School Education Technology Grant Program.
 - F. Programs funded using Economic Impact Aid. (SEC. 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18)
5. Corrects a drafting error in Chapter 800, Statutes of 2014 (AB 1584, Buchanan) by inserting a comma that was left out in Education Code § 49073.1(d)(5)(B)(i), after “educational products.” (SEC. 14)
6. Replaces outdated references to the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program with the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System of assessments. (SEC. 17 and 19)

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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