
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 224 (Portantino) - Pupil instruction: mental health education

Version: March 17, 2021

Policy Vote: ED. 7 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: May 20, 2021

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that all pupils in grades 1 to 12, inclusive, receive medically accurate, age-appropriate mental health education from instructors trained in the appropriate courses, and that each pupil receive this instruction at least once in elementary school, at least once in junior high school or middle school, and at least once in high school.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 20, 2021

Fiscal Impact: This bill could result in a reimbursable state mandate ranging from the millions to low tens millions of dollars statewide in Proposition 98 General Fund each year for LEAs to provide the prescribed mental health education. This estimate assumes LEA training costs that range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for each school in the state. Charter schools would also incur additional costs but are not eligible to claim reimbursement for state mandated activities. However, they do receive funding from the K-12 Mandates Block Grant and this bill could lead to pressure to increase it (Proposition 98 General Fund).

Committee Amendments: Make clarifying changes regarding the mental health education instruction to be provided and add coauthors to the bill.

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