

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 1255 (Committee on Education)

As Amended June 16, 2025

2/3 vote. Urgency

SUMMARY

As an urgency measure, modifies the definition of migrant region related to services for migrant children to be comprised of county offices of education rather than geographical counties; and permits consideration of the inclusion of materials to meet the needs of newcomer students in the next adoption of instructional materials in English language arts English language development (ELA/ELD) without first revising the corresponding curriculum framework.

Senate Amendments

- 1) Added a provision that permits consideration of inclusion of materials to meet the needs of newcomer students in the adoption of instructional materials in ELA/ELD without first revising the corresponding curriculum framework.

COMMENTS

Need for the bill. This bill is an Assembly Education Committee measure which:

- 1) Clarifies the definition of migrant regions for purposes of the migrant education program. According to the California Department of Education (CDE), these changes to the definition align it with the existing approved migrant regions, which include several school districts; and
- 2) Permits consideration of inclusion of materials to meet the needs of newcomer students in the adoption of instructional materials in ELA/ELD without first revising the corresponding curriculum framework. Current law AB 714 (McCarty, Chapter 342, Statutes of 2023) requires that when the ELA/ELD framework is next revised, the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) consider including content to help teachers meet the unique academic and English language development needs of newcomers. It also requires that, when this framework revision occurs, the IQC ensure that the adopted instructional materials include resources to help teachers meet these needs. At the time AB 714 was enacted, the expectation was that the ELA/ELD framework would be revised prior to the adoption of instructional materials in ELA/ELD. Since then, the State Board of Education (SBE) has decided to adopt new materials in this subject without revising the framework. To make the provision of AB 714 take effect, the reference to the revision of the ELA/ELD framework needs to be removed.

According to the Author

"This bill, an Education Committee measure, is intended to clarify the definition of migrant regions for purposes of the MEP, and to require consideration of the needs of newcomer students in the next adoption of instructional materials in ELA and ELD."

Arguments in Support

Californians Together writes, "Newcomers, or immigrant students in their first three years of U.S. schools, are a large and underserved student group in California's K-12 system. Unfortunately, our current curriculum and instructional materials do not address the language

and academic needs of newcomers. All too often, newcomers students drop out, or graduate high school without the skills to be college and career ready.

AB 1255 addresses this gap by requiring that at the next adoption or followup adoption of instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, in English Language Arts and English Language Development, the commission to consider the including the unique academic and English language development needs of newcomer students.

This bill represents a critical step toward creating equitable learning environments for all students, particularly those who bring rich cultural and linguistic assets but face significant barriers to success without targeted support."

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee, pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8, negligible state costs.

VOTES:

ASM EDUCATION: 9-0-0

YES: Muratsuchi, Hoover, Addis, Alvarez, Bonta, Castillo, Garcia, Lowenthal, Patel

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 11-0-4

YES: Wicks, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Elhawary, Fong, Mark González, Hart, Pacheco, Pellerin, Solache

ABS, ABST OR NV: Sanchez, Dixon, Ta, Tangipa

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 76-0-3

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Lowenthal, Macedo, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

ABS, ABST OR NV: DeMaio, McKinnor, Sanchez

SENATE FLOOR: 37-0-3

YES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNERney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Pérez, Reyes, Umberg

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