
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2008 (Patel) - Local educational agencies: planning and reporting requirements: template: repealer

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Bill Summary: This bill requires future legislation with a reporting requirement for local educational agencies (LEAs) to include a provision that repeals the planning or reporting requirement no later than four years after the bill's operative date. The bill also requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to create a standardized template for use by local educational agencies (LEAs) when completing programmatic or expenditure reports, as specified.

Fiscal Impact: The CDE estimates General Fund costs of \$224,000 each year and 1.3 positions to comply with the bill's requirements. The workload activities include the establishment of a standardized reporting template for LEAs, ongoing data governance management, consultation with stakeholders, and completion of the bill's reporting requirement.

Background: Existing law requires the CDE, by March 1, 2025, to provide a report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the Governor, and the Legislature on the number and types of reports that LEAs are required to annually submit.

Existing law requires a bill that, as introduced or amended in either house of the Legislature, would require a state agency to submit a report to the Legislature to include a provision that repeals the reporting requirement, no later than a date four years following the date upon which the bill becomes operative, or four years after the due date of any report required every four or more years.

Existing law requires the Legislative Counsel, in drafting a bill or amendment that would impose a reporting requirement, to include a provision that repeals the reporting requirement, four years after the date on which the requirement becomes operative, unless the person requesting the bill or amendment directs the Legislative Counsel to do otherwise.

Proposed Law: This bill requires CDE, by October 1, 2027, to create and post to its website a standardized template for use by LEAs when completing programmatic or expenditure reports for competitive state grant programs, except for grants for technical assistance providers. The bill requires CDE, in drafting the standardized template, to ensure that the template creates reporting efficiencies for LEAs and schools that receive state grants. This bill also requires CDE to consult relevant stakeholders involved in LEA reporting, to ensure stakeholders represent the demographic and geographic diversity of the state, and to include solicitation of initial input about the creation of the

template and opportunities for input on template drafts before it is finalized. The standardized template shall include minimum information, as specified.

This bill requires CDE to identify which information is already reported to CDE by LEAs to avoid reporting duplication and to ensure that grant reporting requirements do not exceed statutory or regulatory requirements.

This bill requires CDE, by October 1, 2027, to submit the template and a report to the Legislature that details the stakeholder engagement that occurred when designing the template, provides recommendations for how the template is to be used going forward, and provides any additional information.

This bill requires CDE, beginning January 1, 2028, to issue the final programmatic or expenditure report template to LEAs as part of the notice of award information, and again six months before the final report due date.

This bill requires, beginning January 1, 2028, a bill, as introduced or amended in either house of the Legislature, that would require an LEA to complete a new programmatic or expenditure report for competitive state grant programs, except for grants for technical assistance providers, to include a provision that requires the final programmatic or expenditure report be submitted using the specified standardized template.

This bill requires, beginning January 1, 2028, the Legislative Counsel, in drafting a bill for introduction or amendment to a bill that would impose a programmatic or expenditure requirement on an LEA, to include a provision that requires the final programmatic or expenditure report be submitted using the specified standardized template, unless the person requesting the bill or amendment directs the Legislative Counsel to do otherwise.

This bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2027, a bill, as introduced or amended in either house of the Legislature, that would require an LEA to complete a plan or report shall include a provision that repeals the planning or reporting requirement, no later than four years following the date upon which the bill becomes operative if the planning or reporting requirement has an undefined date, or four years after the final due date of any plan or report.

This bill requires, beginning January 1, 2027, the Legislative Counsel, in drafting a bill for introduction or an amendment to a bill that would impose a planning or reporting requirement, to include a provision that repeals the requirement, as specified.

Related Legislation: AB 2303 (Muratsuchi, 2025) would have required the Legislative Analyst's Office, by January 1, 2028, to prepare and submit a report including recommendations for improving the efficiency of reporting requirements for LEAs. AB 2303 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1315 (Archuleta, Chapter 468, Statutes of 2024) requires CDE, by March 1, 2025, to provide a report to the SPI, the Governor, and the Legislature on the number and types of reports that LEAs are required to annually submit. The bill requires 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.

Staff Comments: This bill attempts to streamline and create structures that help reduce administrative burden for LEAs from a myriad of reporting requirements. It also requires a future bill that would require an LEA to complete a plan or report to include a provision in the bill that repeals the planning or reporting requirement four years after the bill becomes operative or four years after the final due date of a plan or report. Existing law provides a nearly identical automatic repeal of reports for state agencies.

According to the author, "AB 2008 would create a standardized reporting template that school administrators can quickly fill out when submitting reports. It would also add an automatic sunset to school planning and reporting requirements, making them inoperable four years after they go into effect. This common-sense provision, which already exists for other state government agencies, will allow schools to submit a reasonable amount of data without being bogged down with perpetual requirements. School administrators from across the state have been asking for "permission to focus." They want to spend their time on improving student success, not filling out endless reports. AB 2008 would give them that permission. By standardizing the reporting process and automatically sunseting outdated requirements, AB 2008 would give much-needed time back to school administrators and allow them to better serve our students."

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