
THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 2008
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Amended: 6/18/26 in Senate
Vote: 21

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 7-0, 6/17/26

AYES: Pérez, Ochoa Bogh, Cabaldon, Choi, Cortese, Gonzalez, Reyes

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: 7-0, 8/13/26

AYES: Cervantes, Seyarto, Cabaldon, Dahle, Grayson, Richardson, Wahab

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 72-0, 5/21/26 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Local educational agencies: planning and reporting requirements:
template: repealer

SOURCE: Association of California School Administrators
California Association of School Business Officials
California School Boards Association
Small School Districts Association

DIGEST: This bill requires a future bill that would require a local educational agency (LEA) to complete: (1) 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, unless the person requesting the bill specifies otherwise, and (2) commencing January 1, 2028, a programmatic or expenditure report for specified competitive state grant programs to include a provision in the bill that requires the use of a specified standardized template, unless the person requesting the bill specifies otherwise.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law:

- 1) Requires the California Department of Education (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. (Education Code (EC) § 33318.2)
- 2) 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. (Government Code (GOV) § 10231.5)
- 3) 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. (GOV § 10231.5)
- 4) Requires the governing board of a school district to adopt a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and update it every three years on July 1 of that year. (EC § 52060)
- 5) Establishes the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System known as CALPADS to:
 - a) Provide school districts and the CDE access to data necessary to comply with federal reporting requirements.
 - b) Provide a better means of evaluating educational progress and investments over time.
 - c) Provide LEAs with the data needed to improve pupil achievement, including college and career readiness.
 - d) Provide an efficient, flexible, and secure means of maintaining longitudinal statewide pupil level data between and among the state's educational segments and operational tools, as defined.
 - e) Facilitate the ability of the state to publicly report data.

- f) Ensure that any data access provided to researchers, as required, is provided, only to the extent that the data access is in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. (EC § 60900)

This bill:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Requires CDE, in drafting the standardized template, to ensure that the template creates reporting efficiencies for LEAs and schools that receive state grants.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Requires the standardized template to include the minimum information necessary to ascertain all of the following:
 - a) Administrative information, which shall include, but not be limited to, the LEA and their contact information, the grant number, and reporting period.
 - b) Programmatic outcomes, which shall include, but not be limited to, the initial goals of the program, implementation status, key performance indicators, key successes, key challenges, and how the program funding has served unduplicated pupils, as applicable.
 - c) Expenditure outcomes, which shall include, but not be limited to, the initial award amount, the amount spent in the reporting period, and itemized expenditures, including their approved budget, actual expenditures, and variance.
 - d) The anticipated future of the funded activity. This may include, as applicable, whether the services provided by the grant will be maintained after the funding period ends, including any equipment or assets purchased with the funds.

- e) Additional information if required by statute.
- 5) 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.
- 6) Requires CDE, by October 1, 2027, to submit the template and a report to the Legislature that (A) details the stakeholder engagement that occurred when designing the template, (B) provides recommendations for how the template is to be used going forward, and (C) provides any additional information.
- 7) Requires that the requirement for submitting the specified report to the Legislature be inoperative on October 1, 2031, pursuant to existing law.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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.
- 10) 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.
- 11) Requires, 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 to 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 end date, or four years after the final due date of any plan or report.

- 12) 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 consistent with #11, unless the person requesting the bill or amendment directs the Legislative Counsel to do otherwise.
- 13) Defines “local educational agency” as a school district, county office of education, or charter school.

Comments

Need for the bill. 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.”

Multiple recent reports commenting on the reporting and administrative burden for LEAs. This bill attempts to streamline and create structures that help reduce administrative burden for LEAs from a myriad of reporting requirements. In recent years, reports have been published that speak to the reporting burden felt by LEAs and how that takes away from their core educational mission.

- SB 1315 (Archuleta, Chapter 468, Statutes of 2024) required CDE, by March 1, 2025, to provide a report on the number and types of reports that LEAs are required to annually submit, and for that report to include the purpose of each report and recommendations for which reports can be consolidated, eliminated, or truncated. This legislation was sponsored by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and the California Association of School Business Officials. In CDE’s report, they stated the following: “While the CDE recognizes the important role data plays in measuring outcomes, fostering transparency, and supporting accountability; the CDE further recognizes the frustration educators and LEA administrators experience when data collection efforts impact their ability to serve students, especially if those data collections fail to render information that clearly connects to improved student outcomes.”
- Shortly after the Governor signed SB 1315, CSBA published a report in October 2024 called “Drowning in Documentation: Toward More Effective and

Manageable Reporting for California Districts”. The report described the volume and complexity of reporting requirements for LEAs and how it’s often underappreciated how a single new reporting requirement can generate thousands of hours of additional work annually across the state. The report also focused on how the myriad of reporting requirements can be especially administratively burdensome for smaller districts with limited staff capacity.

- The Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE) released a policy brief in May 2026 called “California’s Balance Between State and Local Control” that stated “administrative burden is pervasive across the system, though its value varies across activities. ... Some compliance activities support core governance goals such as equity, civil rights, accountability, and fiscal stewardship. Others are experienced as duplicative, low-value, or disconnected from instructional improvement.”

The automatic repeal of LEA reports has an opt-out provision due to not being able to compel a future Legislature. This bill requires a future bill that would require an LEA to complete a plan or report to also 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, unless the person requesting the bill specifies otherwise. Existing law provides a nearly identical automatic repeal of reports for state agencies specifically. This bill and existing law both have an opt-out provision that states that the requirement does not apply if the person requesting the bill directs Legislative Counsel to do otherwise. This opt-out provision is inserted because this bill cannot compel a future Legislature to automatically repeal reporting requirements, but according to the author, this bill aims to prompt the question about when and why reporting requirements may be needed for their bills.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee:

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.

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/14/26)

Association of California School Administrators (co-source)

California Association of School Business Officials (co-source)
California School Boards Association (co-source)
Small School Districts Association (co-source)
Bellevue Union School District
Brentwood Union School District
California Charter Schools Association
California IT in Education
Campbell Union School District
Centralia Elementary School District
CFT — A Union of Educators & Classified Professionals, AFT, AFL-CIO
Claremont Unified School District
Denair Unified School District
Emery Unified School District
Escalon Unified School District
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Fresno Unified School District
Galt Joint Union High School District
Garden Grove Unified School District
Happy Valley Union Elementary School District
Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office
Keyes Union Elementary School District
La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District
Los Angeles Unified School District
Modesto City Schools
Mother Lode Union School District
Nuestro Elementary School District
Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
San Bernardino County District Advocates for Better Schools
San Diego County Office of Education
San Diego Unified School District
San Francisco Unified School District
Santa Clara County Office of Education
School Employers Association of California
Travis Unified School District
Tulare Joint Union High School District
Vista Del Mar Union School District
Waterford Unified School District

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/14/26)

None received

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 72-0, 5/21/26

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