

Date of Hearing: May 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 2303 (Muratsuchi) – As Amended April 27, 2026

Policy Committee: Education

Vote: 9 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO), by January 1, 2028, to prepare and submit a report including recommendations for improving the efficiency of reporting requirements for local educational agencies (LEAs).

FISCAL EFFECT:

The bill’s requirement is within the scope of the LAO’s mission and does not entail increased state costs. However, generally, the committee will move to the suspense file any bill it determines to have the primary purpose of creating a report.

COMMENTS:

1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

AB 2303 will bring more transparency on performance data and create more targeted help for students in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12. The bill would reduce administrative burdens for school governing boards and streamline reporting data to the California Department of Education. AB 2303 will better inform educators, parents and policymakers on the state of our school attendance, achievements and outcomes across all counties.

2) **Background.** In 2025, the CDE provided a report to the Legislature identifying a total of 59 examples of data it collects from LEAs reported across 39 different submission portals. These data collections do not include federal program reporting requirements. Generally, these collections fit into the categories of accountability, safety and transportation, state block grants and special funds, special education, pandemic recovery programs, and discretionary grants. A separate report by Fresno County office of education identified more than 204 reporting requirements submitted to 17 different divisions at CDE with individual school administrators spending an estimated 30% of their time each work on reporting related workload. As a result, many LEAs lament the increasing reporting burden experienced by LEAs, especially post the COVID-19 pandemic with the enactment of several new state and federally funded programs. According to the California Association of Suburban School Districts, this bill “takes a measured and fiscally responsible approach to a problem that has long burdened California’s LEAs: a fragmented, duplicative, landscape of state and federal reporting requirements.”

- 3) **Related Legislation.** AB 2008 (Patel), of the current legislative session, requires CDE to release a standardized template for local educational agencies (LEAs) for programmatic or expenditure reports and places specified timelines on reporting requirements introduced by future legislation. AB 2008 is pending hearing in this committee.

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