

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

General Subject: Adult education: consortia.

Existing law provides that adult schools and evening high schools shall consist of classes for adults. Existing law authorizes minors to be admitted into those classes pursuant to policies adopted by the governing board of the school district if those minors meet certain eligibility requirements.

Existing law establishes the Adult Education Block Grant Program under the administration of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The program requires the chancellor and the superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Director of the State Board of Education, to divide the state into adult education regions and approve one adult education consortium in each adult education region, as specified.

Existing law requires the chancellor and the superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, to approve, for each consortium, rules and procedures that adhere to prescribed conditions.

This bill would add to these rules and procedures a requirement that, in its decision making process, the consortium consider input provided by pupils, teachers employed by local educational agencies, community college faculty, principals, administrators, classified staff, and the local bargaining units of the school districts and community college districts before it makes a decision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 84905 of the Education Code is amended to read:

84905. The chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, shall approve, for each consortium, rules and procedures that adhere to all of the following conditions:

(a) Any community college district, school district, or county office of education, or any joint powers authority consisting of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these, located within the boundaries of the adult education region shall be permitted to join the consortium as a member.

(b) As a condition of joining a consortium, a member shall commit to reporting any funds available to that member for the purposes of education and workforce services for adults and the uses of those funds.

(c) A member of the consortium shall be represented only by an official designated by the governing board of the member.

(d) (1) Decision making procedures are specified that ensure that all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) All members of the consortium shall participate in any decision made by the consortium.

(B) A proposed decision is considered at an open, properly noticed public meeting of the consortium at which members of the public may comment.

(C) The consortium has provided the public with adequate notice of a proposed decision and considered any comments submitted by members of the public, and any comments submitted by members of the public have been distributed publicly.

(D) (i) The consortium has requested comments regarding a proposed decision from other entities

located in the adult education region that provide education and workforce services for adults.

(ii) The consortium has considered and responded to any comments submitted by entities pursuant to clause (i).

(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, entities that provide education and workforce services to adults include, but are not necessarily limited to, local public agencies, departments, and offices, particularly those with responsibility for local public safety and social services; workforce investment boards; libraries; and community-based organizations.

(E) The consortium has considered input provided by pupils, teachers employed by local educational agencies, community college faculty, principals, administrators, classified staff, and the local bargaining units of the school districts and community college districts before it makes a decision.

(F) A decision is final.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, a decision includes approval of an adult education plan pursuant to Section 84906 and approval of a distribution schedule pursuant to Section 84913.

(e) The members of the consortium may decide to designate a member to serve as the fund administrator to receive and distribute funds from the program.