

An act relating to adult education, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction for allocation for purposes of this section.

(b) Pursuant to a competitive process, and using one-time funds appropriated for this purpose in the Budget Act of 2016, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall jointly select a community college district, school district, county office of education, or adult education consortium to provide statewide leadership for community college districts and local educational agencies participating in the Adult Education Block Grant Program (Article 9 (commencing with Section 84900) of Chapter 5 of Part 50 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code). Each community college district and local educational agency participating in the Adult Education Block Grant Program shall be provided with the opportunity to participate in the statewide leadership activities specified in this section.

(c) For purposes of this section, “statewide leadership activities” include, but are not necessarily limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Developing and disseminating effective practices and other guidance documents.
- (2) Providing adult education consortia with technical assistance to enhance the effectiveness of their local adult education programs.
- (3) Providing professional development opportunities to adult education consortia.
- (4) Providing weekly webinars.

(5) Establishing and maintaining of an Internet Web site containing programmatic guidance.

(6) Researching effective adult education practices in other states.

(7) Enhancing programmatic collaboration with other state and federal education and workforce development programs.

(d) The selected community college district or local educational agency shall expend funds received pursuant to subdivision (b) to support the statewide leadership activities identified in subdivision (c). The funds allocated pursuant to this section shall be expended by the selected community college district or local educational agency to provide leadership activities in the 2016–17, 2017–18, and 2018–19 fiscal years.

(e) For purposes of making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the appropriation made by subdivision (a) shall be deemed to be “General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts and community college districts,” as defined in subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2016–17 fiscal year, and included within the “total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2016–17 fiscal year.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Adult education: Adult Education Block Grant Program.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state that provide instruction to students at the campuses they operate. Existing law establishes the State Department of Education, under the administration of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and assigns numerous duties to the department with respect to the governance and funding of the instruction in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, which is provided by local educational agencies throughout the state.

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. Under this program, the chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the Executive Director of the State Board of Education, are required 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. Existing law also requires, as a condition for the receipt of an apportionment of funds from this program for a fiscal year, that members of a consortium approve an adult education plan, as specified.

This bill would appropriate \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction for allocation for purposes of the bill. The bill would require the chancellor and the Superintendent to jointly select a community college district, school district, county office of education, or adult education consortium to provide statewide leadership, as defined, for community college districts and local educational agencies participating in the Adult Education Block Grant Program. The bill would provide that the selected community college district or local educational agency would expend funds received pursuant to the bill to support the statewide leadership activities identified in the bill and to provide leadership activities in the 2016–17, 2017–18, and 2018–19 fiscal years.

Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for the 2016–17 fiscal year for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

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