

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 14, 2009
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: SB 100
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BILL SUMMARY: Gifted and Talented Pupils: Identification

This bill would require the State Department of Education (SDE) to: (1) ensure that each staff person providing or receiving services within six specified programs be provided training to allow and encourage the identification of gifted and talented pupils from traditionally underrepresented populations and (2) consult with professional teacher organizations, administrators, and parents in the development of any training programs.

The bill would also require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to review its criteria for the approval of teacher and administrator preparation programs to ensure that it includes training on the identification and instruction of gifted and talented pupils.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Costs associated with this new program would depend upon the number of school staff that would participate in the training specified in this bill. According to the SDE, there were 363,968 certificated staff in California in 2007-08. It is unknown how many of these staff provide or receive services within the programs identified in this bill. Therefore, it is not possible to determine the number of staff that would participate in the training. For illustration purposes, if ten percent of certificated staff (36,400) participated in an eight-hour training course at a cost of \$250 per course, the resulting costs would be \$9.1 million Proposition 98 General Fund annually.

This bill would likely result in General Fund state operations costs of at least \$576,000 annually. This estimate assumes one SDE position for each of the six specified programs to administer and monitor program compliance, issue reimbursements, and issue notices of non-compliance.

According to the CTC, this bill would result in minor and absorbable costs to review the criteria for teacher preparation and administrator programs.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill for the following reasons:

- Finance opposed similar legislation in 2007 (SB 736, Correa), which would have established a new training program and program review requirements.
This bill would create millions of dollars of Proposition 98 General Fund costs by establishing new staff training requirements at a time when General Fund resources are limited.
Teachers are prepared through the CTC's current Standards of Program Quality with the knowledge and skills to identify pupils who are of special needs or are gifted and talented.

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- School districts are already charged with identifying gifted and talented pupils, including those from traditionally underrepresented populations, for the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program.

Section 52200 of the Education Code establishes the GATE Program to support unique opportunities for high achieving and underachieving pupils identified as gifted and talented. School districts identify the potential abilities of gifted and talented pupils in all grades, including those in underrepresented populations, by using the following categories in defining the pupil's capabilities: intellectual, creative, specific academic, or leadership ability; high achievement; performing and visual arts talents; or any other criteria that meets the standards set by the State Board of Education. The revised Budget Act of 2008 provides \$46.8 million Proposition 98 General Fund for the GATE program.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		
RV	98	FC	FC	FC	FC				
6110/Dept of Educ	SO	No	C	\$288	C	\$576	C	\$576	0001
6110/Dept of Educ	LA	Yes	C	\$4,550	C	\$9,100	C	\$9,100	0001