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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 183

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

January 24, 2007

An act to add Section 49041 to the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 183, as amended, Coto. Pupils: high schools: voter registration.

(1) Existing law requires the Secretary of State to annually provide voter registration forms and information to students in all high schools, community colleges, and campuses of the California State University and University of California. Existing law requires that the number of forms be consistent with the number of students enrolled at each school who are of voting age or will be of voting age by the end of the year and requires the Secretary of State to provide additional forms to any school, free of charge, if so requested by a school. Existing law also declares the Legislature's intent that every school do all in its power to ensure that students are provided the opportunity and means to register to vote. The last 2 full weeks in April and the last 2 full weeks in September are required to be known as "high school voter weeks," during which time deputy registrars of voters are required to be allowed to register students and school personnel on any high school campus.

This bill would require, commencing with the 2009–10 school year, and for each school year thereafter, each school district with at least one high school to report the voter registration efforts described in the above provisions of existing law and to publish those efforts prominently

and annually on the Internet Web sites of its high schools and in parent newsletters or other communication vehicles used within the school community. ~~The bill would specify the data to be reported and published.~~ By imposing new duties on school districts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 49041 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 49041. ~~(a)~~ Commencing with the 2009–10 school year, and
4 for each school-years *year* thereafter, each school district with at
5 least one high school shall report the voter registration efforts
6 described in Section 2146 of the Elections Code and Section 49040
7 and *shall* publish those efforts prominently and annually on the
8 Internet Web site of each of its high schools and in parent
9 newsletters or other communication vehicles used within the school
10 community.
11 ~~(b) The data to be reported and published pursuant to subdivision~~
12 ~~(a) shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:~~
13 ~~(1) The number of voter registration forms and notices~~
14 ~~describing eligibility requirements distributed within each high~~
15 ~~school.~~
16 ~~(2) A list of the efforts made by each high school to provide~~
17 ~~eligible pupils the opportunity and means to register to vote.~~
18 ~~(3) The number of pupils who actually registered to vote at each~~
19 ~~high school by deputy registrars of voters during “high school~~
20 ~~voter weeks.”~~
21 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines
22 that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement
23 to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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