

Assembly Bill No. 2098

CHAPTER 751

An act to amend Sections 84917 and 84920 of the Education Code, relating to adult education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2098, McCarty. Adult Education Block Grant Program: immigration integration.

Existing law creates 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 to provide to the Director of Finance, the State Board of Education, and the Legislature preliminary reports on or before October 30 following each fiscal year for which funds are appropriated for the program and final reports on or before February 1 of the following year about the use of specified funds and outcomes for adults statewide and in each adult education region. Existing law requires those reports to include, among other things, any recommendations related to delivery or education and workforce services for adults.

Existing law establishes the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, appointed by the Governor, for the purpose of developing a comprehensive statewide report on programs and services that serve immigrants and programs and services currently managed by a state agency or department to support California immigrants.

This bill would require the reports prepared by the chancellor and the Superintendent to be additionally provided to the director. The bill would require those reports to also include any recommendations related to delivery of immigrant integration for adults.

Existing law requires the chancellor and the Superintendent to establish a menu of common assessments and policies regarding placement of adults seeking education and workforce services into adult education programs to be used by each consortium, as specified.

This bill would require the chancellor and the Superintendent, with input from the director and adult education program providers, to identify common measures for meeting the needs of immigrant and refugee adults seeking

integration, and, at a minimum, would require the chancellor and the Superintendent, with input from the director, to both define the specific data each consortium may collect and establish a menu of common assessments and policies regarding placement of adults seeking immigrant integration into adult education programs to be used by each consortium to measure educational needs of adults and the effectiveness of providers in addressing those needs.

Existing law requires the chancellor and the Superintendent to identify, no later than January 1, 2016, measures for assessing the effectiveness of each consortium, which include, among other things, how many adults have demonstrated specified benefits from the services of a consortium, including, among other things, improved literacy skills and wages.

This bill instead would extend the January 1, 2016, deadline to July 1, 2019, and would require the chancellor and Superintendent, with input from the director and adult education program providers, as applicable, to identify additional measures for assessing the effectiveness of consortia that will be used in the report described above, including how many adults served by the consortium have demonstrated immigrant integration in specified areas, including increased participation in civic and community life.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84917 of the Education Code is amended to read:

84917. (a) To inform actions taken by the Governor and the Legislature related to adult education, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall report to the Director of Finance, the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration, the State Board of Education, and, in conformity with Section 9795 of the Government Code, the Legislature about the use of the funds described in paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 84906 and outcomes for adults statewide and in each adult education region. The chancellor and the Superintendent shall provide preliminary reports on or before October 30 following each fiscal year for which funds are appropriated for the program and final reports on or before February 1 of the following year. Each report shall be based on all data available at the time of its submission. The report shall include at least all of the following:

- (1) A summary of the adult education plan operative for each consortium.
- (2) The distribution schedule for each consortium.
- (3) The types and levels of services provided by each consortium.
- (4) The effectiveness of each consortium in meeting the educational needs of adults in its respective region.
- (5) Any recommendations related to delivery of education, immigrant integration, and workforce services for adults, including recommendations related to improved alignment of state programs.

(b) (1) The chancellor and the Superintendent may require a consortium, as a condition of receipt of an apportionment, to submit any reports or data necessary to produce the report described in subdivision (a).

(2) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall align the data used to produce the report described in subdivision (a) with data reported by local educational agencies for other purposes, such as data used for purposes of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128).

(3) The Employment Development Department and the California Workforce Investment Board shall provide any assistance needed to align delivery of services across state and regional workforce, education, and job service programs.

SEC. 2. Section 84920 of the Education Code is amended to read:

84920. (a) To the extent that one-time funding is made available in the Budget Act of 2015, consistent with the provisions of Section 84917, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall identify common measures for determining the effectiveness of members of each consortium in meeting the educational needs of adults. At a minimum, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall accomplish both of the following:

(1) Define the specific data each consortium shall collect.

(2) Establish a menu of common assessments and policies regarding placement of adults seeking education and workforce services into adult education programs to be used by each consortium to measure educational needs of adults and the effectiveness of providers in addressing those needs.

(b) Consistent with the provisions of Section 84917, the chancellor and the Superintendent, with input from the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration and adult education program providers, shall identify common measures consistent with, but not limited to, the English literacy and civics (EL Civics) education program's Civic Objectives and Additional Assessment Plans under Title II of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128) for meeting the needs of immigrant and refugee adults seeking integration. At a minimum, the chancellor and the Superintendent, with input from the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration, shall accomplish both of the following:

(1) Define the specific data each consortium may collect.

(2) Establish a menu of common assessments and policies regarding placement of adults seeking immigrant integration into adult education programs to be used by each consortium to measure educational needs of adults and the effectiveness of providers in addressing those needs.

(c) No later than August 1, 2017, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall report to the Director of Finance, the State Board of Education, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature on options for integrating the assessments described in subdivision (a) into the common assessment system developed pursuant to Section 78219. The report shall address compliance of the assessments with federal and state funding requirements for adult education programs, identify estimated costs and timelines for the assessments, and identify changes in policies that may be needed to avoid duplicate assessments.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that both of the following occur:

(1) That the educational needs of adults in the state be better identified and understood through better sharing of data across state agencies.

(2) That, at a minimum, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall enter into agreements to share data related to effectiveness of the consortia between their agencies and with other state agencies, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Employment Development Department and the California Workforce Investment Board.

(e) The chancellor and the Superintendent, with input from the Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration and adult education program providers, as applicable, shall identify, no later than July 1, 2019, the measures for assessing the effectiveness of consortia that will be used in the report that is required pursuant to Section 84917. These measures shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the following, as applicable:

(1) How many adults are served by members of the consortium.

(2) How many adults served by members of the consortium have demonstrated the following:

(A) Improved literacy skills.

(B) Immigrant integration in the areas consistent with, but not limited to, those already identified for English literacy and civics under Title II of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128), including increased participation in civic and community life.

(C) Completion of high school diplomas or their recognized equivalents.

(D) Completion of postsecondary certificates, degrees, or training programs.

(E) Placement into jobs.

(F) Improved wages.

(f) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall apportion the funds appropriated for purposes of this section in the Budget Act of 2015 in accordance with both of the following:

(1) Eighty-five percent of these funds shall be used for grants to consortia to establish systems or obtain data necessary to submit any reports or data required pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 84917.

(2) Fifteen percent of these funds shall be used for grants for development of statewide policies and procedures related to data collection or reporting or for technical assistance to consortia, or both.

(g) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall provide any guidance to the consortia necessary to support the sharing of data included in systems established by consortia pursuant to this section across consortia.