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Memo

To:        Rules Committee Members
From:  Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date:    7/8/2015
Re:  Consent Bill Referrals

Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.
RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS
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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS
Assembly Bill No. Committee:
SB 361 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS
Memo

To: Rules Committee Members
From: Mukhtar Ali, Bill Referral Consultant
Date: 7/8/2015
Re: Consent Bill Re-referrals

Since you received the preliminary list of bill referrals, SB 361 has been added.
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 2, 2015
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7

Introduced by Assembly Members Rodriguez and Cooper
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Calderon, Campos, Chávez, Lackey, Low, and Olsen)
(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Bates, Block, Hall, Hertzberg, and Leno)

January 6, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Relative to National Night Out.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

This measure would proclaim August 4, 2015, as National Night Out in California and would urge the people of California to observe and participate in National Night Out.
Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On August 4, 2015, the National Association of Town Watch is joining with law enforcement agencies, communities, and business organizations throughout the nation to sponsor the 32nd Annual National Night Out, a unique, nationwide, crime prevention program; and
2 WHEREAS, National Night Out is an evening for America to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity; and
3 WHEREAS, National Night Out is designed to increase crime prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation...
in, local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and
police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals,
letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting
back; and

WHEREAS, Residents in neighborhoods throughout California
and across the nation are asked to join together on August 4, 2015,
to spend the evening outside with their neighbors and police; and

WHEREAS, Many neighborhoods throughout California and
across the nation will be hosting a variety of special events on
August 4, 2015, such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits
from police, flashlight walks, safety demonstrations, contests,
youth activities, and anticrime rallies; and

WHEREAS, National Night Out has proven to be an effective,
inexpensive, and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood
unity and encourage strong relationships between local community
members and law enforcement agencies that will help to strengthen
community safety throughout the entire year; and

WHEREAS, National Night Out highlights the vital importance
that citizen involvement has in our fight for a safer state and nation;
and

WHEREAS, Over 37.8 million people from over 16,124
communities from all 50 states, United States territories, Canadian
cities, and military bases worldwide participated in National Night
Out in 2014; and

WHEREAS, National Night Out provides a unique opportunity
for California to recognize the thousands of communities across
the state and country promoting cooperative, police-community
crime prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that all people of California be aware
of the importance of crime prevention programs and the impact
that their participation can have on reducing crime; and

WHEREAS, All people should be encouraged to join with their
neighbors, local police and sheriff’s departments, and the National
Association of Town Watch in supporting the 32nd Annual
National Night Out; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate
thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims August 4, 2015,
as National Night Out in California and urges the people of
California to observe and participate in National Night Out; and
be it further

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Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
SUBJECT: National Night Out.

SUMMARY: Proclaims August 4, 2015, as National Night Out in California and urges the people of California to observe and participate in National Night Out. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) National Night Out is an effective, inexpensive, and enjoyable program to promote and recognize neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation, and provides community benefits that extend throughout the entire year.

2) It is essential that Californians be aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and the impact that their participation can have on reducing crime.

3) National Night Out is designed to increase crime prevention; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals; letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

4) Over 37.8 million people participated in National Night Out in 2014, including citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials from over 16,124 communities worldwide.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 90

Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin

June 18, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 90—Relative to California Firefighters Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 90, as introduced, Irwin. California Firefighters Memorial Day. This measure would proclaim October 17, 2015, as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate California firefighters who unwaveringly serve our great state with pride, courage, and honor; and

WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is also a symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the fire service who put their lives on the line each day to protect the people, property, and beauty of California; and

WHEREAS, Each of the over 1,250 names engraved on the brushed limestone walls of the California Firefighters Memorial is a tribute to the finest and bravest of our state who have made the ultimate sacrifice as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is the only state monument capturing the names of these courageous firefighters, who made service to our great State of California their priority, and shall continue this legacy in perpetuity; and
WHEREAS, Many of the fallen firefighters whose names adorn the California Firefighters Memorial suffered and ultimately succumbed to diseases, such as cancer, as a result of the hazardous nature of their work, including routine exposure to toxic chemicals;

and

WHEREAS, On October 17, 2015, firefighters and their families from throughout the state will gather in Sacramento with their fellow Californians for the 2015 California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony to honor the men and women of the fire service who have selflessly given their lives to protect California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims October 17, 2015, as Firefighters Memorial Day, and urges Californians to remember firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty and to express their appreciation to those firefighters who continue to protect us; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: July 9, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
ACR 90 (Irwin) – As Introduced June 18, 2015

SUBJECT: California Firefighters Memorial Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims October 17, 2015, as California Firefighters Memorial Day. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1) The California Firefighters Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate California firefighters who unwaveringly serve our great state with pride, courage, and honor.

2) The California Firefighters Memorial is also a symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the fire service who put their lives on the line each day to protect the people, property, and beauty of California.

3) Many of the 1,250 fallen firefighters whose names adorn the California Firefighters Memorial suffered and ultimately succumbed to diseases, such as cancer, as a result of the hazardous nature of their work, including routine exposure to toxic chemicals.

4) On October 17, 2015, firefighters and their families from throughout the state will gather in Sacramento with their fellow Californians for the 2015 California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony to honor the men and women of the fire service who have given their lives to protect California.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Relative to Valley Fever Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 7, as introduced, Fuller. Valley Fever Awareness Month. This measure would declare August 2015 as Valley Fever Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Valley Fever (coccidioidomycosis), a progressive, multisymptom, respiratory disorder, is a debilitating disease; and
WHEREAS, Valley Fever is caused by the inhalation of tiny airborne fungi that live in the soil but are released into the air by soil disturbance or wind; and
WHEREAS, Valley Fever attacks the respiratory system, causing infections that can lead to symptoms that resemble a cold, influenza, or pneumonia; and
WHEREAS, If left untreated or mistreated, infection can spread from the lungs into the bloodstream, causing inflammation to the skin, permanent damage to lung and bone tissue, and swelling of the membrane surrounding the brain, leading to meningitis, which can be devastating and even fatal; and
WHEREAS, Once serious symptoms of Valley Fever appear, including pneumonia and labored breathing, prompt treatment with often toxic antifungal drugs must be given, which is especially disagreeable for patients who require the drugs to be injected
beneath the base of their skulls for meningitis and which can cause
side effects such as nausea, fever, and kidney damage; and

WHEREAS, Within California alone, Valley Fever is found in
portions of the Sacramento Valley, all of the San Joaquin Valley,
desert regions, and portions of southern California; and

WHEREAS, California does not have an official statewide
method of tracking the rate of Valley Fever infections; and

WHEREAS, In the last 10 years, infection rates in California
and Arizona have risen 400 percent, from an estimated 31 cases
for every 100,000 people in 1999 to 157 cases for every 100,000
people in 2011; and

WHEREAS, In Kern County, the rate of infection of Valley
Fever more than tripled from 2009, for a total of 2,051 cases in
2010 and 2,734 cases in 2011; and

WHEREAS, San Joaquin County Public Health Services
recorded 27 cases of Valley Fever in 2009, 46 cases in 2010, and
123 cases in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Valley Fever infection rates rose twelvefold
nationwide from 1995 to 2009, according to the federal Centers
for Disease Control and Prevention, and researchers estimate that
the fungus infects more than 150,000 people each year who either
suffer serious ailments without knowing the cause of their illness
or escape detection of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Misdiagnosis of Valley Fever is so pervasive that
experts say that some people suffer and even die from Valley Fever
without knowing they ever had the disease; and

WHEREAS, The Governor declared a Drought State of
Emergency on January 17, 2014, and California is experiencing
record dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, Dry conditions and lack of precipitation present
urgent problems regarding Valley Fever; and

WHEREAS, Valley Fever is usually found in soil two to eight
inches from the surface and the extreme dry conditions caused by
drought increase the chances of coccidioidomycosis airborne fungi
exposure; and

WHEREAS, Central Valley prison inmates are being infected
by Valley Fever at epidemic rates, contributing significantly to the
state’s prison health care costs; and

WHEREAS, The rapid spread of Valley Fever at state prisons
in the Central Valley has resulted in multiple prison inmate deaths
and prompted calls to close certain affected prisons, further
exacerbating efforts to comply with federal orders to reduce prison
overcrowding; and
WHEREAS, Valley Fever kills between 100 to 200 more
Americans every year than tuberculosis; and
WHEREAS, Valley Fever most seriously affects the young, the
elderly, those with lowered immune systems, and those of African
American and Filipino descent; and
WHEREAS, Valley Fever is a disease that has been studied for
the past 100 years but still remains impossible to control and
difficult to treat; and
WHEREAS, There is no known cure for Valley Fever, but
researchers are closer than ever to finding a much-needed vaccine
against this devastating disease; and
WHEREAS, The research effort to find a vaccine for Valley
Fever and a funding partnership including the State of California
were approved by the Legislature and signed by Governor Wilson
in 1997; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly
thereof concurring, That the Legislature does hereby proclaim
August 2015 as Valley Fever Awareness Month; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: July 9, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 7 (Fuller) – As Introduced January 13, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Valley Fever Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares August 2015 as Valley Fever Awareness Month. Specifically, this bill:

makes the following legislative findings:

1) Valley Fever (coccidiodomycosis), a progressive, multisymptom, respiratory disorder, is a debilitating disease that attacks the respiratory system causing infection that can lead to systems that resemble a cold, flu, or pneumonia.

2) When left untreated or mistreated, serious symptoms of Valley Fever appear including pneumonia and labored breathing; therefore, treatment must be prompt with antifungal drugs or the disease can be devastating and even fatal.

3) Valley Fever affects primarily people with lowered immune systems, and is caused by inhalation of tiny airborne fungi that live in soil but are released into the air by disturbances such as wind.

4) In the last 10 years, infection rates in California and Arizona have risen 400 percent; and, in California, the disease is found in portions of the Sacramento Valley, the San Joaquin Valley, desert regions, and portions of southern California.

5) There still remains no known cure for the disease; however, researchers believe they are getting closer to finding a vaccine.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
Introduced by Senator Fuller

January 16, 2015

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11—Relative to Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 11, as introduced, Fuller. Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.
This measure would declare the month of September 2015 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.
Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United States; and
WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation was first identified by Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890’s and categorized into four types in order of severity; and
WHEREAS, Chiari Malformation is a congenital malformation in which the bottom of the brain, known as the cerebellum, is crowded in the skull cavity and forces the lower tips of the cerebellar hemispheres, or tonsils, into the hole in the bottom of the skull, or foramen magnum; and
WHEREAS, Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance, and this creates pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem and may block the normal flow of cerebral spinal fluid to and from the brain; and
WHEREAS, Symptoms usually appear during adolescence or early adulthood and can include severe head and neck pain, vertigo,
muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred or double vision, difficulty swallowing, and sleep apnea; and
WHEREAS, Individuals who have Chiari Malformation may often have related conditions, such as hydrocephalus, spina bifida, syringomyelia, tethered spinal cord syndrome, and spinal curvature; and
WHEREAS, The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institute of Health is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and identify the cause of Chiari Malformations to create improved treatment and prevention plans; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the California Legislature declares September 2015 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month; and be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.
Date of Hearing: July 9, 2015

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Richard Gordon, Chair
SCR 11 (Fuller) – As Introduced January 16, 2015

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Chiari Malformation Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Declares the month of September 2015 as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month. Specifically, this resolution makes the following legislative findings:

1. Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting more than 300,000 people in the United States and was first identified by Austrian pathologist Professor Hans Chiari in the 1890s.

2. Chiari Malformation is a congenital malformation in which the bottom of the brain, known as the cerebellum, is crowded in the skull cavity and forces the lower tips of the cerebellar hemispheres, or tonsils, into the hole in the bottom of the skull, or foramen magnum.

3. Chiari Malformations are defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance. Individuals who have Chiari Malformation may often have related conditions, such as hydrocephalus, spina bifida, syringomyelia, tethered spinal cord syndrome, and spinal curvature.

4. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institute of Health is conducting research to find alternative surgical options and identify the cause of Chiari Malformations to create improved treatment and prevention plans.

FISCAL EFFECT: None

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support
None on file

Opposition
None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800
An act to amend Sections 84907 and 84908 of, and to add Section 84908.5 to, the Education Code, relating to adult education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SB 786, as amended, Allen. Adult education: regional consortia: Adult Education Block Grant Program.

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. The program also requires the chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, to certify, no later than July 31, 2015, the amount of state funds required to be expended for adult education by a school district and county office of education, as specified. The program further requires the chancellor and the Superintendent to apportion funds appropriated for the program in the Budget Act of 2015 to each school district and county office of education by August 30, 2015, in accordance with a specified formula and, by October 30, 2015, to allocate the funds that remain after the apportionment to each consortium, as specified.
This bill would also provide that the chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, (1) certify the amount of state funds required to be expended for adult education by joint powers authorities consisting of one or more community colleges, school districts, or county offices of education, or a combination of these, (2) apportion an amount to each of these joint powers authorities in accordance with the same formula, and (3) allocate to each consortium the funds that remain after this apportionment, as specified. In regard to these joint powers authorities, the deadlines in existing law would not apply.

Existing law, pursuant to funding made available in the annual Budget Act, requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education to jointly provide 2-year planning and implementation grants to regional consortia of community college districts and school districts for purposes of developing regional plans to better serve the educational needs of adults.

This bill would authorize a county office of education and joint powers authority consisting of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these, to join a regional consortium for these purposes.


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

SECTION 1. Section 84907 of the Education Code is amended to read:

84907. No later than July 31, 2015, the chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, shall certify, for each school district and district, county office of education, or joint powers authority consisting of one or more community college districts, school districts, or county offices of education, or a combination of these, the amount of state funds required to be expended for adult education pursuant to paragraph (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 42238.03, and paragraph (3) of subdivision (k) of Section 2575, respectively.

SEC. 2. Section 84908 of the Education Code is amended to read:

84908. (a) If the total amount certified for all school districts and districts, county offices of education, and joint
powers authorities pursuant to Section 84907 is less than three hundred seventy-five million dollars ($375,000,000), the chancellor and the Superintendent shall do both of the following:

1. Apportion funds appropriated for the program in the Budget Act of 2015, no later than August 30, 2015, to each school district, county office of education, or joint powers authority in an amount equal to the amount certified for that school district, county office of education, or joint powers authority, pursuant to Section 84907. As a condition of receipt of an apportionment, a school district, county office of education, or joint powers authority is required to be a member of a consortium.

2. (A) (i) With the concurrence of the executive director, approve a schedule of allocations to each consortium, no later than October 30, 2015, of any funds appropriated for the program in the Budget Act of 2015 that remain after funds have been apportioned pursuant to paragraph (1).

(ii) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall determine the amount to be allocated to each consortium pursuant to this paragraph based on that adult education region’s share of the statewide need for adult education.

(B) Using the schedule approved pursuant to subparagraph (A), the chancellor and the Superintendent shall do one of the following for each consortium:

(i) Apportion funds to a fund administrator designated by the members of a consortium beginning no more than 30 days after approval of the schedule pursuant to subparagraph (A).

(ii) Apportion funds to members of a consortium beginning no more than 30 days after receipt of a final distribution schedule from that consortium.

(b) If the total amount certified for all school districts and districts, county offices of education, and joint powers authorities pursuant to Section 84907 equals or exceeds three hundred seventy-five million dollars ($375,000,000), the chancellor and the Superintendent shall do both of the following:

1. Apportion funds appropriated for the program in the Budget Act of 2015, no later than August 30, 2015, to each school district, county office of education, or joint powers authority in an amount equal to the amount certified for that school district, county office of education, or joint
powers authority pursuant to Section 84907 multiplied by three hundred seventy-five million dollars ($375,000,000), divided by the total amount certified for all school districts and counties, pursuant to Section 84907.

(2) (A) (i) With the concurrence of the executive director, approve a schedule of allocations to each consortium, no later than October 30, 2015, of any funds appropriated for this program in the Budget Act of 2015 that remain after funds have been apportioned pursuant to paragraph (1).

(ii) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall determine the amount to be allocated to each consortium pursuant to this paragraph based on that adult education region’s share of the statewide need for adult education.

(B) Using the schedule approved pursuant to subparagraph (A), the chancellor and the Superintendent shall do one of the following for each consortium:

(i) Apportion funds to a fund administrator designated by the members of a consortium beginning no more than 30 days after approval of the schedule pursuant to subparagraph (A).

(ii) Apportion funds to members of a consortium beginning no more than 30 days after receipt of a final distribution schedule from that consortium.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2016, and, as of January 1, 2017, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 84908.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

84908.5. The chancellor and the Superintendent may certify, as required in Section 84907, and apportion, as required in Section 84908, funds after the dates enumerated in those sections for a joint powers authority consisting of one or more community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these.

SECTION 1. Section 84830 of the Education Code is amended to read:

84830. (a) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education shall, pursuant to funding made available in the annual Budget Act, jointly provide
two-year planning and implementation grants to regional consortia for the purpose of developing regional plans to better serve the educational needs of adults. A regional consortium may be composed of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or joint powers authorities, or a combination of these, provided that any joint powers authority for this purpose shall be composed of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these.

(1) Eligibility shall be limited to consortia consisting of at least one community college district and at least one school district within the boundaries of the community college district, either of which may serve as the consortium’s fiscal agent, as determined by the applicant consortium.

(2) If a community college district chooses not to participate in a consortium, a neighboring community college district may form a consortium with school districts within the boundaries of the nonparticipating community college district.

(3) Consortia may include other entities providing adult education courses, including, but not necessarily limited to, correctional facilities, other local public entities, and community-based organizations.

(b) Grant funds provided pursuant to this section shall be used by each regional consortium to create and implement a plan to better provide adults in its region with all of the following:

(1) Elementary and secondary basic skills, including classes required for a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate.

(2) Classes and courses for immigrants eligible for educational services in citizenship and English as a second language, and workforce preparation classes in basic skills.

(3) Education programs for adults with disabilities.

(4) Short-term career technical education programs with high employment potential.

(5) Programs for apprentices.

(e) (1) The classes and courses described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b) shall distribute basic information on American government and civics that includes, but is not limited to, instruction on all of the following:

(A) Federal, state, and local government.

(B) The three branches of government.
(C) The importance of civic engagement.

(D) Registering to vote.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that, consistent with the requirements of Sections 51225.3 and 52555, students enrolled in classes and courses described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (b) in which instruction in American government and civics is appropriate shall receive instruction in American government and civics.

(d) Each regional consortium's plan shall include, at a minimum:

(1) An evaluation of current levels and types of adult education programs within its region, including education for adults in correctional facilities; credit, noncredit, and enhanced noncredit adult education coursework; and programs funded through Title II of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, known as the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Public Law 105-220).

(2) An evaluation of current needs for adult education programs within its region.

(3) Plans for parties that make up the consortium to integrate their existing programs and create seamless transitions into postsecondary education or the workforce.

(4) Plans to address the gaps identified pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2).

(5) Plans to employ approaches proven to accelerate a student's progress toward his or her academic or career goals, such as contextualized basic skills and career technical education, and other joint programming strategies between adult education and career technical education.

(6) Plans to collaborate in the provision of ongoing professional development opportunities for faculty and other staff to help them achieve greater program integration and improve student outcomes.

(7) Plans to leverage existing regional structures, including, but not necessarily limited to, local workforce investment areas.

(e) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education may identify additional elements that consortia must include in a plan.

(f) (1) On or before March 1, 2014, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education shall submit a joint report to the Legislature and the Governor. This report shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, both of the following:
(A) The status of developing regional consortia across the state, including identification of unserved geographic areas or emerging gaps in regional program delivery.

(B) The status and allocation of grant awards made to regional consortia.

(2) The report shall be submitted to the Legislature as provided in Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(g) (1) On or before March 1, 2015, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education shall submit a joint report to the Legislature and the Governor. This report shall include, but is not limited to, both of the following:

(A) The plans developed by regional consortia across the state.

(B) Recommendations for additional improvements in the delivery system serving adult learners.

(2) The report shall be submitted to the Legislature as provided in Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(h) It is the intent of the Legislature to work toward developing common policies related to adult education affecting adult schools at local educational agencies and community colleges, including policies on fees and funding levels.

(i) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide additional funding in the 2015–16 fiscal year to regional consortia to expand and improve the provision of adult education.
July 7, 2015

Assemblymember Rich Gordon  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Rm. 3016  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Dear Assemblymember Gordon,

I am writing to request permission to add an urgency clause to my bill, SB 786. The goal of this bill is to enable joint powers authorities (JPAs) to participate in the adult education maintenance of effort (MOE) funding that was established in the recently-enacted 2015-16 education trailer bill, AB 104.

AB 104 authorized JPAs to participate in the newly-created adult education consortia. However, unlike school districts and county offices of education, JPAs were omitted from the MOE section of the law. Because eligibility for funding for entities participating in the consortia will be determined in the next three months, and this will be the basis for funding in future years, the bill needs to take effect prior to January 1, 2016 in order for JPAs to be included. Any JPA seeking MOE funding would have to certify the number of adult students it served in the baseline year.

In my district there is an extraordinary regional occupational center that was created as a JPA, and has been providing very high quality career technical education for 48 years. It is a stand-alone facility serving more than 2400 adult students annually, most of whom live in cities outside of the JPA member school districts’ territory. I believe this is a somewhat unique arrangement that was not contemplated when the new adult education plan was devised, which is why urgency legislation is needed now to ensure the center’s continued financial viability.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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