
Introduced by Members representing**Antelope Valley Delegation**

February 16, 2024

An act to amend Section 56240 to the Education Code Article 3 - Staff Development, relating to the increase of Special Education teacher funding for teacher development programs

ABSTRACT

This bill will increase funding for special education programs including teacher training, effective for the fiscal year following the 2025-2026 cycle on June 31st, 2026. Using the Local Control Funding Formula, funds will be assigned with a 1.5:1 ratio to increase dollars toward Special Education Training compared to Standardized Curriculum Training.

The People of the State of California do enact, as follows:

- 1 Section 56240 (b) is added to read:
- 2 **(b) The Local Control Funding Formula for determining the training funds budget relating to**
- 3 **California Public School Teachers will be proportionally divided between standard education**
- 4 **and special education staff training that reflects an allocation ratio of 1.5-to-1.0 for each special**
- 5 **education program student compared to the standard curriculum student registered in the state**
- 6 **of California.**

Introduced by Members representing

SPPY/ SAN PEDRO DELEGATION

February 16, 2024

An act to add to 18901.27 to the Welfare and Institutions Code relating to period poverty.

ABSTRACT

This bill would require the state of California provide free menstrual hygiene products to all eligible CalFresh recipients.

The People of the State of California do enact, as follows:

- 1 Section 18901.27 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is added to read:
- 2 *(a) There is hereby created the Period Poverty Relief Program (PPRP), a state-funded program to*
- 3 *provide menstrual hygiene products including by not limited to one time use products to all eligible*
- 4 *CalFresh recipients.*
- 5 *(b) To the extent required by federal law, the Department of Community Services and Development shall*
- 6 *delegate authority to the State Department of Social Services to design, implement, and maintain PPRP*
- 7 *as a program created exclusively for purposes of this section*
- 8 *(C) Benefits granted pursuant to this section shall be delivered through the electronic benefits transfer*
- 9 *(EBT) system created pursuant to Sections 10072 and 10072.2.*

Introduced by Members representing**WESTCHESTER DELEGATION**

February 16, 2024

An act to amend Section 5886.3 of the Welfare and Institutions code, relating to mental health.

ABSTRACT

This bill will require social media companies with over \$50 million in annual revenue to pay an additional 2 percent state tax on advertising revenue for California users. The resulting funds will be appropriated to the existing Mental Health Student Services Act to further fund its annual budget.

The People of the State of California do enact, as follows:

1 SECTION 5886.3 of the WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE amended to read:

2 **5886.3**

3 (a) The Mental Health Student Services Act is hereby established as a mental health partnership grant
4 program for the purpose of establishing mental health partnerships between a county's mental health or
5 behavioral health departments and school districts, charter schools, and the county office of education
6 within the county.

7 (b) The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission shall award grants to county
8 mental health or behavioral health departments to fund partnerships between educational and county
9 mental health entities. Subject to an appropriation for this purpose, commencing with the 2021–22
10 fiscal year, the commission shall award a grant under this section to a county mental health or
11 behavioral health department or another lead agency, as identified by the partnership within each
12 county that meets the requirements of this section.

13 (1) County, city, or multi county mental health or behavioral health departments, or a
14 consortium of those entities, including multicounty partnerships, may, in partnership with one
15 or more school districts and at least one of the following educational entities located within
16 the county, apply for a grant to fund activities of the partnership:

17 (A) The county office of education.

18 (B) A charter school.

19 (2) An educational entity may be designated as the lead agency at the request of the county, city,
20 or multicounty department, or consortium, and authorized to submit the application. The county, city,
21 or multicounty department, or consortium, shall be the grantee and receive any grant funds awarded
22 pursuant to this section even if an educational entity is designated as the lead agency and submits the
23 application pursuant to this paragraph.

24 (C) The commission shall establish criteria for awarding funds under the grant program,
25 including the allocation of grant funds pursuant to this section, and shall require that applicants
26 comply with, at a minimum, all of the following requirements:

27 (1) That all school districts, charter schools, and the county office of education
28 have been invited to participate in the partnership, to the extent possible.

29 (2) That applicants include with their application a plan developed and approved
30 in collaboration with participating educational entity partners and that include a letter
31 of intent, a memorandum of understanding, or other evidence of support or approval
32 by the governing boards of all partners.

33 (3) That plans address all of the following goals:

34 (A) Preventing mental illnesses from becoming severe and disabling.

35 (B) Improving timely access to services for underserved populations.

36 (C) Providing outreach to families, employers, primary care health care
37 providers, and others to recognize the early signs of potentially severe and
38 disabling mental illnesses.

39 (D) Reducing the stigma associated with the diagnosis of a mental illness
40 or seeking mental health services.

41 (E) Reducing discrimination against people with mental illness.

42 (F) Preventing negative outcomes in the targeted population, including,
43 but not limited to:

44 (i) Suicide and attempted suicide.

45 (ii) Incarceration.

46 (iii) School failure or dropout.

47 (iv) Unemployment.

48 (v) Prolonged suffering.

49 (vi) Homelessness.

50 (vii) Removal of children from their homes.

51 (viii) Involuntary mental health detentions.

52 (4) That the plan includes a description of the following:

53 (A) The need for mental health services for children and youth, including campus-
54 based mental health services, as well as potential gaps in local service connections.

55 (B) The proposed use of funds, which shall include, at a minimum, that funds will be
56 used to provide personnel or peer support.

57 (C) How the funds will be used to facilitate linkage and access to ongoing and
58 sustained services, including, but not limited to, objectives and anticipated outcomes.

59 (D) How the partnership will collaborate with preschool and childcare providers, or
60 other early childhood service organizations, to ensure the mental health needs of
61 children are met before and after they transition to a school setting.

62 (E) The partnership's ability to do all of the following:

63 (i) Obtain federal Medicaid or other reimbursement, including Early
64 and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment funds, when applicable,
65 or to leverage other funds, when feasible.

66 (ii) Collect information on the health insurance carrier for each child or
67 youth, with the permission of the child or youth's parent, to allow the
68 partnership to seek reimbursement for mental health services provided to
69 children and youth, where applicable.

70 (iii) Engage a health care service plan or a health insurer in the mental
71 health partnership, when applicable, and to the extent mutually agreed to by
72 the partnership and the plan or insurer.

73 (iv) Administer an effective service program and the degree to which
74 mental health providers and educational entities will support and collaborate
75 to accomplish the goals of the effort.

76 (v) Connect children and youth to a source of ongoing mental health
77 services, including, but not limited to, through Medi-Cal, specialty mental
78 health plans, county mental health programs, or private health coverage.
79 (vi) Continue to provide services and activities under this program after
80 grant funding has been expended.

81 (d) Grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be used to provide support services that include, at a
82 minimum, all of the following:

83 (1) Services provided on school campuses, to the extent practicable.
84 (2) Suicide prevention services.
85 (3) Drop-out prevention services.
86 (4) Outreach to high-risk youth and young adults, including, but not limited to, foster
87 youth, youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer, and youth who have
88 been expelled or suspended from school.
89 (5) Placement assistance and development of a service plan that can be sustained over time
90 for students in need of ongoing services.

91 (e) Funding may also be used to provide other prevention, early intervention, and direct services,
92 including, but not limited to, hiring qualified mental health personnel, professional development for
93 school staff on trauma-informed and evidence-based mental health practices, and other strategies that
94 respond to the mental health needs of children and youth, as determined by the commission.

95 (f) The commission shall determine the amount of grants and shall take into consideration the level of
96 need and the number of school age youth in participating educational entities when determining grant
97 amounts. In determining the distribution of funds appropriated in the 2021–22 fiscal year, the
98 commission shall take into consideration any previous funding the grantee received under this section.

99 (g) The commission may establish incentives to provide matching funds by awarding additional grant
100 funds to partnerships that do so.

101 (h) If the commission is unable to provide a grant to a partnership in a county because of a lack of
102 applicants or because no applicants met the minimum requirements within the timeframes established
103 by the commission, the commission may redistribute those funds to other eligible grantees.

104 (i) Partnerships currently receiving grants from the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013
105 (Part 3.8 (commencing with Section 5848.5)) are eligible to receive a grant under this section for the
106 expansion of services funded by that grant or for the inclusion of additional educational entity partners
107 within the mental health partnership.

108 (j) Grants awarded pursuant to this section may be used to supplement, but not supplant, existing
109 financial and resource commitments of the county, city, or multi-county mental health or behavioral
110 health departments, or a consortium of those entities, or educational entities that receive a grant.

111 (k) (1) The commission shall develop metrics and a system to measure and publicly report on the
112 performance outcomes of services provided using the grants.

113 (2) (A) The commission shall provide a status report to the fiscal and policy committees of the
114 Legislature on the progress of implementation of this section no later than March 1, 2022, and
115 provide an updated report no later than March 1, 2024. The reports shall address, at a minimum, all
116 of the following:

117 (i) Successful strategies.
118 (ii) Identified needs for additional services.
119 (iii) Lessons learned.
120 (iv) Numbers of, and demographic information for, the school age children and youth served.
121 (v) Available data on outcomes, including, but not limited to, linkages to ongoing services
122 and success in meeting the goals identified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c).

123 (B) The reports to be submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be submitted in compliance with
124 Section 9795 of the Government Code.

125 (l) This section does not require the use of funds allocated for the purpose of satisfying the minimum
126 funding obligation under Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution for the partnerships
127 established by this section.

128 (m) The commission may enter into exclusive or nonexclusive contracts, or amend existing contracts,
129 on a bid or negotiated basis in order to implement this section. Contracts entered into or amended
130 pursuant to this subdivision are exempt from Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 14825) of Part 5.5
131 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, Section 19130 of the
132 Government Code, and Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public Contract
133 Code, and shall be exempt from the review or approval of any division of the Department of General
134 Services.

135 (n) This section shall be implemented only to the extent that monies are appropriated in the annual
136 Budget Act or or statute for purposes of this section, *including a tax on social media companies as*
137 *described below.*

138 (o) *A 2% tax shall be levied on the advertising revenue of any social media platform with a total global*
139 *annual revenue of over \$50 million, with the resulting funds appropriated to fund the implementation of*
140 *this section.*

141 (a) *For the purposes of this section, the term “social media platform” refers to any website*
142 *or internet medium as defined below.*

143 (i) *Permits a person to become a registered user, establish an account, or create a profile*
144 *for the purpose of allowing users to create, share, and view user-generated content*
145 *through such as an account or profile.*

146 (ii) *Enables one or more users to generate content that can be viewed by other users on the*
147 *platform.*

148 (iii) *Primarily serves as a medium for users to interact with content generated by other*
149 *users of the medium.*

150 (b) *“Advertising revenue” is defined as revenue generated through the sale of digital*
151 *advertising impressions that are served to customers in California through an online*
152 *platform, regardless of whether those impressions are served on internet websites or*
153 *accessed through online or mobile applications.*

Introduced by Members representing

Wilmington

February 16, 2024

An act to amend California Penal Code 597s, relating to willful animal abandonment

ABSTRACT

This legislation will increase the disciplinary classification against animal abandonment from misdemeanor to an aggravated misdemeanor.

The People of the State of California do enact, as follows:

Penal Code Part 1, Title 14, Section 597s.

- (a) Every person who willfully abandons any animal is guilty of *an aggravated* misdemeanor.
- (b) This section shall not apply to the release or rehabilitation and release of native California wildlife pursuant to statute or regulations of the California Department of Fish and Game.

