



AB 1879 – SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY: LOCAL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND

After school programs provide high-quality, academically oriented services to students before school, after school, and during the summer and holiday breaks.

These programs help expand students’ learning experiences, which allows them the opportunity to utilize the skills and concepts acquired during the school day in unique and meaningful ways. Programs also provide students with a safe and supervised environment, nutrition and physical activity which all lead to improved academic performance, school attendance, and behavior and health.

In California 1, 653, 108 (24%) of K-12 youth are responsible for taking care of themselves after school and 1,284,233 (19%) of California's K-12 children participate in afterschool programs. This includes 132,000 kids who attend 21st Century Community Learning Centers- programs that serve children living in high-poverty areas and attending low-performing schools.

California also has the largest investment in after school programs in the nation with over 4,400 programs serving over 420,000 children and youth and most programs are state- funded through the AfterSchool Education and Safety (ASES) program, with additional funding through the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers program. In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, \$541,750,000 is available for grants.

California makes a large investment in afterschool programs and we should provide increased opportunities for school districts and after school programs to collaborate and keep these programs are taken under consideration when developing and updating district plans.

EXISTING LAW

Existing law requires school district governing boards to annually adopt or update a local control and accountability plan. This local control and accountability plan must be developed in consultation with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units, parents, and pupils. Currently, a representative from a local after school program is not included in the consultation process.

SOLUTION

This bill would require school district governing boards to also consult with a local after school program representative, in addition to the previously mentioned groups.

SUPPORT

OPPOSITION

STATUS

Introduced- awaiting referral to committee

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