

AMENDED IN SENATE JANUARY 23, 2002

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SENATE BILL

No. 811

Introduced by Senator O'Connell
(Coauthor: Senator Vincent)

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 51226.3 of the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 811, as amended, O'Connell. Curriculum.

Existing law specifies the course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and requires the State Department of Education to incorporate specified materials in department publications used as curriculum resources.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent that ~~all~~, *whenever relevant*, state and local professional development activities provide teachers with content background and resources to assist in teaching that promotes compassion and respect for both humans and animals. This bill would require that the promotion of compassion and respect for both humans and animals be considered, *where relevant*, in the next cycle in which the science, and history/social science curricula frameworks and the accompanying instructional materials are adopted.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 51226.3 of the Education Code is
 2 amended to read:
 3 51226.3. (a) The State Department of Education shall
 4 incorporate, into publications that provide examples of curriculum
 5 resources for teacher use, those materials developed by publishers
 6 of nonfiction, trade books, and primary sources, or other public or
 7 private organizations, that are age-appropriate and consistent with
 8 the subject frameworks on history and social science that deal with
 9 civil rights, human rights violations, genocide, slavery, and the
 10 Holocaust.
 11 (b) The Legislature encourages all state and local professional
 12 development activities to provide teachers with content
 13 background and resources to assist in teaching about civil rights,
 14 human rights violations, genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust.
 15 (c) The Legislature encourages all state and local professional
 16 development activities to provide teachers with content
 17 background and resources to assist in teaching about the Great
 18 Irish Famine of 1845-50.
 19 (d) The Great Irish Famine of 1845–50 shall be considered in
 20 the next cycle in which the history/social science curriculum
 21 framework and its accompanying instructional materials are
 22 adopted.
 23 (e) The Legislature encourages ~~all~~, *whenever relevant*, state
 24 and local professional development activities to provide teachers
 25 with content background and resources to assist in teaching that
 26 promotes compassion and respect for both humans and animals.
 27 (f) The promotion of compassion and respect for both humans
 28 and animals shall be considered, *where relevant*, in the next cycle
 29 in which the science, and history/social science curricula
 30 frameworks and the accompanying instructional materials are
 31 adopted.

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