

Date of Hearing: April 6, 2022

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Chris Holden, Chair

AB 2814 (Wood) – As Introduced February 18, 2022

Policy Committee: Education

Vote: 7 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill establishes the Emergency Planning Grant Program under the administration of the California Department of Education (CDE) and requires the CDE, upon an appropriation by the Legislature for this purpose, to award \$1 million in competitive grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to support emergency planning activities. The bill requires the emergency planning activities to include (a) coordination with local emergency management systems (b) assessment of climate threats to the geographic area of the LEA; (c) organization of LEA emergency response procedures; and (d) development of an emergency plan that complies with the standardized emergency management system, as specified. Finally, the bill requires the CDE to award the grants by January 1, 2024 and to submit a report to the Legislature no later than November 1, 2026 that summarizes activities of the grant recipients and makes recommendations for the future.

FISCAL EFFECT:

One time cost pressure of up to \$1 million Proposition 98 (GF) for the emergency planning grants. Actual costs would depend on the amount of funds appropriated for the bill's purpose. Minor, absorbable costs to the CDE to administer the grant program and prepare the final report.

This year several bills have been introduced that require the CDE to implement a new grant or pilot program (see related legislation). While the administrative cost of an individual bill may be minor, in the aggregate total new costs could be significant and lead to future budget requests.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Purpose of the bill.** Given the increasing frequency of climate-related disasters in California—such as wildfires, floods, and mudslides—and the limited capacity of many LEAs to prepare, the Legislative Analyst's Office has recommended that the Legislature fund grants to support emergency planning activities at the LEA level – specifically those that face the greatest risk or might have less capacity to prepare and respond to climate threats without state assistance. This bill implements that recommendation.
- 2) **Related legislation (pending bills that require the CDE to administer a new pilot or grant program).**

AB 2124 (Cristina Garcia) establishes the Pupil Peer Support Training Program as a competitive grant program.

AB 1969 (Gipson) establishes a peer-to-peer mental health program.

AB 2051 (Cunningham) establishes a grant program to assist local educational agencies to implement financial literacy education.

AB 2088 (Cooper) establishes the California Pilot Paid Internship Program.

AB 2284 (Gabriel) establishes a media and digital literacy grant program.

AB 2373 (Garcia) establishes the Adaptive Sports Hubs Pilot Program.

AB 2465 (Mia Bonta) establishes the Family and Community Literacy: Supporting Literacy and Bi-literacy in Schools, Families, and Communities Grant Program.

AB 2498 (Mia Bonta) establishes the Freedom School Summer Demonstration Pilot Program.

AB 2794 (Gipson) establishes the School De-escalation Specialist Pilot Program.

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