

## Legislative Digest

SB 374, O'Connell. Education: categorical programs: consolidated applications.

Under existing law, school districts that participate in certain school improvement programs are required to develop and annually update a district master plan and submit that plan to the governing board of a school district for approval, in accordance with prescribed procedures. Existing law prohibits any school from participation in school-based coordinated categorical programs unless a school plan has been approved for the school. Under existing law, school districts that participate in those programs are required to ensure that for each school in a district operating categorical programs subject to those provisions, school plans and onsite program reviews are conducted at least once every 3 years, commencing in the 1984-85 school year, by independent persons not employed by the school district. Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt regulations establishing criteria for these reviews and to develop a process for State Department of Education training and validation concerning those reviews.

This bill would delete those provisions that require school districts to ensure that for each school in a district operating categorical programs, school plans and onsite program reviews are conducted at least once every 3 years by persons not employed by the school district. The bill would also delete obsolete provisions from those provisions. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish the content, process, and frequency for conducting reviews of district achievement related to categorical programs. The bill would instead require that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, as a condition of receiving funding for specified categorical programs, school districts ensure that each school in a district operating those categorical programs consolidates any plans that are required by those programs into a single plan, to be known as the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement. The bill would revise and expand the list of school-based categorical programs covered by those provisions. The bill would also require that this plan be aligned with school goals for improving pupil achievement, and would prescribe related matters. The bill would require the plan to be annually reviewed and updated, as specified, by the schoolsite council, or, if the school does not have such a council, by schoolwide advisory groups that meet certain requirements. The bill would require the governing board of a participating school district to review and approve the school plan and subsequent revisions

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