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An act to add Section 56321.6 to the Education Code, relating to special education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2555, Torrico. Special education: initial assessment: individualized education program.

Existing law requires that the parent or guardian of a pupil be given, in writing, a proposed assessment plan within 15 days of the referral of the pupil for an assessment for the development or revision of an individualized education program, unless the parent or guardian agrees, in writing, to an extension. Existing law requires that a copy of the notice of a parent's or guardian's rights be attached to the assessment plan. Existing law establishes state special schools, including the California School for the Deaf and the California School for the Blind, as part of the public school system of the state.

This bill would require that the copy of the notice of parent rights include information regarding the state special schools for pupils who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind.

By requiring local educational agencies to include additional information in the copy of the notice of parent rights attached to the assessment plan, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 56321.6 is added to the Education Code, to read:

56321.6. The copy of the notice of parent rights shall include information regarding the state special schools for pupils who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.