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Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: SB 215 - A

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SUMMARY

Allows Department of Education to adjust amounts charged related to distribution of agricultural products received from United States Department of Agriculture for school food programs. Modifies provisions related to certain reimbursements for breakfasts and lunches provided by school district, government agency or community group, as identified by State Board of Education by rule.

Modifies requirements for participation in program to increase number of licensed speechlanguage pathologists and certified speech-language pathology assistants employed in education service districts and school districts.

Authorizes Department of Education to issue subpoenas related to certain investigations. Specifies confidentiality requirements for information obtained by department during investigation.

Modifies required notification by Department of Education at completion of investigation of suspected sexual conduct. Requires persons and entities that receive certain confidential materials related to sexual conduct investigation to retain confidentiality of materials. Directs Department of Human Services to report outcomes of certain investigations to Department of Education if investigations involve conduct committed by certain persons who are school employees, contractors, agents or volunteers.

Directs education service districts to provide technical and other assistance to school districts, certain public charter schools or, as applicable, to Youth Corrections Education Program or Juvenile Detention Education Program.

Clarifies that superintendents of school districts have responsibilities related to participating in intensive program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure prohibits the public disclosure of information and records submitted, collected or maintained by the Department of Education (DOE) for the purposes of investigations regarding whether schools meet DOE standards, whether schools are involved in religious activities, the use of restraints or seclusion rooms, or discrimination or sexual conduct or abuse.



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If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain information related to DOE investigations regarding whether schools meet DOE standards, whether schools are involved in religious activities, the use of restraints or seclusion rooms, or regarding discrimination or sexual conduct or abuse.