

CHAPTER 293

An act to add Sections 51006 and 51007 to the Education Code, relating to education.

[Approved by Governor July 5, 1984. Filed with Secretary of State July 6, 1984.]

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

SECTION 1. Section 51006 is added to the Education Code, to read:

51006. The Legislature finds that the increasing integration of computers and computer technology into our economy has profound implications for our society, and equally important implications for state educational policy.

The Legislature also finds that the methods of distribution of computer resources in the public schools will have a substantial effect upon the state's ability to meet the economic, political, and social challenges of the new technological era. Without adequate and early exposure to a basic computer education and computer resources, many students may be placed at a significant disadvantage in their opportunities to secure success in academics and the job market in the future. As females compose 51 percent of the student population in the state's public elementary and secondary schools, and ethnic minorities constitute over one-third of that population, it is imperative that California adopt a policy to ensure equitable access to technological education programs.

SEC. 2. Section 51007 is added to the Education Code, to read:

51007. (a) It is the policy of the State of California that all students enrolled in the state's public elementary and secondary schools, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, physical disability, geographic location, or socioeconomic background, shall have equitable access to educational programs designed to strengthen technological skills, including, but not limited to, computer education programs.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that state appropriations for educational programs designed to strengthen technological skills, including, but not limited to, computer education programs, shall have the goal of ensuring equitable access to those programs for all students.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this section shall not be construed to preclude funding of programs designed to serve certain categories of students as part of the state's efforts to target areas of high need.

CHAPTER 294

An act to add Section 2064.1 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to medicine.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2064.1 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2064.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2064 or any other provisions of this chapter, a regularly matriculated student undertaking a course of professional instruction in a medical school approved by the American Osteopathic Association or the Board of Osteopathic Examiners is eligible for enrollment in elective clerkships or preceptorships in any medical school or clinical training program in this state.

CHAPTER 295

An act to amend Sections 37220 and 37227.5 of the Education Code, and to amend Sections 6700, 6701, and 19853 of the Government Code, relating to state holidays.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37220 of the Education Code is amended to read:

37220. Except as otherwise provided, the public schools shall continue in session or close on specified holidays as follows:

(a) The public schools shall close on January 1st, the third Monday in January known as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day," February 12th known as "Lincoln Day," the third Monday in February known as "Washington Day," the last Monday in May known as "Memorial Day," July 4th, the first Monday in September known as "Labor Day," November 11th known as "Veterans Day," that Thursday in November proclaimed by the President as "Thanksgiving Day," and December 25th. However, the governing board of a school district may elect to celebrate Veterans Day on the Friday or Monday of the week in which November 11th occurs.

(b) The Governor in appointing any other day for a public fast, thanksgiving, or holiday may provide whether the public schools shall close on the day. If the Governor does not provide whether the