The guide presents a composite of part 30 of California's education code which deals with special education. An introduction explains the history of the law, noting the passage of five legislative bills during 1984 which amended, added, or repealed special education sections. The revised part 30 is presented with the following headings: general provisions, administration; elements of the local plan; identification and referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, and review; early education for individuals with exceptional needs; career and vocational education programs and funding; awareness programs; interagency agreements; procedural safeguards; evaluation, audits, and information; funding; special education programs for individuals with exceptional needs residing in state hospitals; and joint funding for the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1980. Selected provisions of related legislation not included in part 30 are also presented. (CL)

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FOREWORD
EDUCATION CODE - PART 30
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Part 30 of the Education Code was rewritten in 1980 primarily by Senate Bill 1870 (Rodda) (Chapter 797), which became law on July 28, 1980. This bill repealed all former special education categorical programs and Master Plan for Special Education program Education Code sections that were in effect on January 1, 1980, and restructured and added code sections implementing the Master Plan for Special Education statewide.

Since the passage of SB 1870, 32 legislative measures have modified California's special education statutes.

During 1984, five legislative bills were chaptered into law, amending, adding, or repealing the special education sections under Part 30 of the Education Code.

The five measures are:

- Senate Bill 585 (Seymour) - Chapter 1668 - Statutes of 1984
  Effective Date: January 1, 1985

- Senate Bill 1379 (Alquist) - Chapter 268 - Statutes of 1984
  Effective Date: June 29, 1984

- Senate Bill 1634 (Keene) - Chapter 144 - Statutes of 1984
  Effective Date: January 1, 1985

- Assembly Bill 2841 (Felando) - Chapter 1677 - Statutes of 1984
  Effective Date: September 30, 1984

- Assembly Bill 3007 (Mountjoy) - Chapter 1717 - Statutes of 1984
  Effective Date: September 30, 1984

Senate Bill 585 (Seymour) permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to select, on a pilot basis, one elementary school district, one high school district, and one unified school district within Orange County, which has an average daily attendance of 9,000 or more to be exempt from the size and scope requirements for a single district's special education local plan area (EC 56170.5). The measure also requires the Department of Education to evaluate the effects of eliminating the size and scope requirements in the three districts in Orange County and to evaluate the statewide effect of current size and scope requirements and special education governance structure. Minor amendments were also made by the measure in EC sections 56140 and 56170.
Senate Bill 1379 (Alquist), the trailer bill to the Budget Act of 1984, repealed and added EC Section 56728.6, governing state-funded growth in special education and reallocating instructional personnel service units, in accordance with the established case loading standards by instructional setting.

Senate Bill 1634 (Keene) made a technical correction to EC Section 56362.5 concerning the name of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Assembly Bill 2841 (Felando) requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish an Awareness Program, on a pilot basis, in up to six elementary-level districts to help make nonhandicapped pupils aware of the special problems encountered by individuals with exceptional needs and how those individuals overcome their problems (EC Sections 56460-64).

Assembly Bill 3007 (Mountjoy) requires local education agencies, as a condition to receiving an apportionment, to report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction as part of the December and April pupil counts, the individual contracted program placement costs of providing special education, transportation, residential, and designated instructional services to individuals with exceptional needs placed in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools (EC Section 56741).

Assembly Bill 2313 (Vasconcellos) (Chapter 258, Statutes of 1984), the Budget Act of 1984, although not amending Part 30 of the Education Code, provided approximately $693,200,000 of state local assistance for special education, including a $10,000,000 augmentation for special education growth in 1984-85. (The Legislature approved, but the Governor vetoed $109.7 million in augmentations for special education and related programs from the budget measure.) The Budget Act also provided special education programs with a 5.9 percent cost-of-living adjustment, amounting to $73,105,000, for 1984-85.

Assembly Bill 3073 (Vasconcellos) (Chapter 267, Statutes of 1984), the 1984 budget deficiency bill, provided approximately $39.4 million for the 1983-84 special education program and special transportation deficits.

A major special education bill, Assembly Bill 3632 (W. Brown) (Chapter 1747, Statutes of 1984), concerning interagency responsibilities for providing services to handicapped children, was approved by the Governor on September 30, 1984. The new law adds Chapter 26 to the Government Code (commencing with Section 7570). This law becomes operative on July 1, 1985, except Section 7583, relative to expenditure estimates, which became operative on January 1, 1985. The provisions of AB 3632 are included on pages 113-124 of this document.

The provisions of several other special education related laws enacted during the past several years are included at the end of this document.

Other provisions of state law having impact on special education, not included in Part 30, can be found in the Education Code under such parts covering general provisions, county educational agencies, finance, local educational agencies, school operations, school facilities, school finance, employees, attendance for computing apportionments, pupils, general instructional programs, suspensions and expulsion, state commissions and committees, and state schools for the handicapped.
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CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Intent

56000. The Legislature finds and declares that all individuals with exceptional needs have a right to participate in free appropriate public education and that special educational instruction and services for these persons are needed in order to ensure them of the right to an appropriate educational opportunity to meet their unique needs.

It is the intent of the Legislature to unify and improve special education programs in California under the flexible program design of the Master Plan for Special Education. It is the further intent of the Legislature to assure that all individuals with exceptional needs are provided their rights to appropriate programs and services which are designed to meet their unique needs under Public Law 94-142.

It is the further intent of the Legislature that nothing in this part shall be construed to abrogate any right provided individuals with exceptional needs and their parents or guardians under Public Law 94-142.

It is the further intent of the Legislature that the Master Plan for Special Education provide an educational opportunity for individuals with exceptional needs which is equal to or better than that provided prior to the implementation of programs under this part, including, but not limited to, those provided to individuals previously served in a development center for handicapped pupils.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the restructuring of special education programs as set forth in the Master Plan for Special Education be implemented in accordance with provisions of this part by all school districts and county offices during a two-year transitional period commencing with fiscal year 1980-81, with full implementation to be completed by June 30, 1982.

56000.5. The Legislature finds and declares that:

(a) Pupils with low-incidence disabilities, as a group, make up less than 1 percent of the total statewide enrollment for kindergarten through grade 12.

(b) Pupils with low-incidence disabilities require highly specialized services, equipment and materials.
It is the intent of the Legislature that special education programs provide all of the following:

(a) Each individual with exceptional needs is assured an education appropriate to his or her needs in publicly supported programs through completion of his or her prescribed course of study or until such time that he or she has met proficiency standards prescribed pursuant to Sections 51215 and 51216.

(b) Early educational opportunities are available to all children between the ages of three and four years and nine months who require intensive special education and services.

(c) Early educational opportunities may be made available to children younger than three years of age who require intensive special education and services and their parents.

(d) Any child younger than four years and nine months, potentially eligible for special education shall be afforded the protections provided by this part and by federal law commencing with his or her referral for special education instruction and services.

(e) Each individual with exceptional needs shall have his or her educational goals, objectives, and special education and related services specified in a written individualized education program.

(f) Education programs are provided under an approved local plan for special education which sets forth the elements of the programs in accordance with the provisions of this part. This plan for special education shall be developed cooperatively with input from the community advisory committee and appropriate representation from special and regular teachers and administrators selected by the groups they represent to ensure effective participation and communications.

(g) Individuals with exceptional needs are offered special assistance programs which promote maximum interaction with the general school population in a manner which is appropriate to the needs of both.

(h) Pupils be transferred out of special education programs when special education services are no longer needed.

(i) The unnecessary use of labels is avoided in providing special education and related services for individuals with exceptional needs.
(j) Procedures and materials for assessment and placement of individuals with exceptional needs shall be selected and administered so as not to be racially, culturally, or sexually discriminatory. No single assessment instrument shall be the sole criterion for determining placement of a pupil. Such procedures and materials for assessment and placement shall be in the individual's mode of communication. Procedures and materials for use with pupils of limited English proficiency as defined in subdivision (m) of Section 52163, shall be in the individual's primary language. All assessment materials and procedures shall be selected and administered pursuant to Section 56320.

(k) Educational programs are coordinated with other public and private agencies, including preschools, child development programs, nonpublic, nonsectarian schools, regional occupational centers and programs and postsecondary and adult programs for individuals with exceptional needs.

(l) Psychological and health services for individuals with exceptional needs shall be available to each school site.

(m) Continuous evaluation of the effectiveness of these special education programs by the school district, special education services region, or county office shall be made to insure the highest quality educational offerings.

(n) Appropriate qualified staff are employed, consistent with credentialing requirements, to fulfill the responsibilities of the local plan and that positive efforts to employ qualified handicapped individuals are made.

(o) Regular and special education personnel are adequately prepared to provide educational instruction and services to individuals with exceptional needs.

Article 2. Definitions

56020. As used in this part, the definitions prescribed by this article apply unless the context otherwise requires.

56021. "Board" means the State Board of Education.

56022. "County office" means office of the county superintendent of schools.

56023. "Day" means a calendar day.

56024. "Department" means the Department of Education.
56025. "District" means school district.

56026. "Individuals with exceptional needs" means those persons who satisfy all the following:

(a) Identified by an individualized education program team as a handicapped child as that term was defined in subsection (1) of Section 1401 of Title 20 of the United States Code as it read July 1, 1980.

(b) Their impairment, as described by subdivision (a), requires instruction, services, or both which cannot be provided with modification of the regular school program.

(c) Come within one of the following age categories:

(1) Younger than three years of age and identified by the district, the special education services region, or the county office as requiring intensive special education and services, as defined by the State Board of Education.

(2) Between the ages of three and four years and nine months, inclusive, and identified by the district, the special education services region, or the county office as requiring intensive special education and services, as defined by the State Board of Education.

(3) Between the ages of four years and nine months and 18 years, inclusive.

(4) Between the ages of 19 and 21, inclusive; enrolled in or eligible for a program under this part or other special education program prior to his or her 19th birthday; and has not yet completed his or her prescribed course of study or who has not met proficiency standards prescribed pursuant to Sections 51215 and 51216. Any such person who becomes 22 years of age while participating in a program under this part may continue his or her participation in the program for the remainder of the then current school year.

(d) Meet eligibility criteria set forth in regulations adopted by the board, including, but not limited to, those adopted pursuant to Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 56333) of Chapter 4.

(e) Unless handicapped within the meaning of subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, pupils whose educational needs are due primarily to unfamiliarity with the English language; temporary physical disabilities; social maladjustment; or environmental, cultural, or
economic factors are not individuals with exceptional needs.

56026.5 "Low incidence disability" means a severe handicapping condition with an expected incidence rate of less than one percent of the total statewide enrollment in kindergarten through grade 12. For purposes of this definition, severe handicapping conditions are hearing impairments, vision impairments, and severe orthopedic impairments, or any combination thereof.

56027. "Local plan" means a plan which meets the requirements of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 56200) and which is submitted by a school district, special education services region, or county office.

56028. "Parent", includes any person having legal custody of a child. "Parent" in addition, includes any adult pupil for whom no guardian or conservator has been appointed and the person having custody of a minor if neither the parent or legal guardian can be notified of the educational actions under consideration. "Parent" also includes a parent surrogate.

56029. "Referral for assessment" means any written request for assessment to identify an individual with exceptional needs made by a parent, teacher, or other service provider.

56030. "Responsible local agency" means the school district or county office designated in the local plan as the entity whose duties shall include, but are not limited to, receiving and distributing regionalized services funds, providing administrative support, and coordinating the implementation of the plan.

56030.5 "Severely handicapped" means individuals with exceptional needs who require intensive instruction and training in programs serving pupils with the following profound disabilities: autism, blindness, deafness, severe orthopedic impairments, serious emotional disturbances, severe mental retardation, and those individuals who would have been eligible for enrollment in a development center for handicapped pupils under Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 56800) of this part, as it read on January 1, 1980.

56031. "Special education" means specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of individuals with exceptional needs, whose educational needs cannot
be met with modification of the regular instruction program, and related services, at no cost to the parent, which may be needed to assist such individuals to benefit from specially designed instruction.

Special education is an integral part of the total public education system and provides education in a manner that promotes maximum interaction between handicapped and nonhandicapped pupils in a manner which is appropriate to the needs of both.

Special education provides a full continuum of program options to meet the educational and service needs of individuals with exceptional needs in the least restrictive environment.

Individuals with exceptional needs shall be grouped for instructional purposes according to their instructional needs.

56032. "Special education services region" means the school districts organized within a geographic area in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 56170 to coordinate the administration and delivery of special education services. Such organization may provide for the appointment of a responsible local agency to perform functions assigned by the special education services region.

56033. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Public Instruction.


56040. Every individual with exceptional needs, who is eligible to receive educational instruction, related services, or both under this part shall receive such educational instruction, services, or both, at no cost to his or her parents or, as appropriate, to him or her.

Article 3.5. Surrogate Parents

56050. (a) For the purposes of this article, "surrogate parent" shall be defined as it is defined in the federal regulations adopted pursuant to Public Law 94-142.

(b) A surrogate parent may represent an individual with exceptional needs in matters relating to identification, assessment, instructional planning and development, educational placement, reviewing and revising the individualized education program, and in other matters relating to the provision of a free appropriate education to the individual.
_(c)_ A surrogate parent shall be held harmless by the State of California when acting in his or her official capacity except for acts or omissions which are found to have been wanton, reckless, or malicious.

Article 4. Substitute Teachers

56060. A noncredentialed person shall not substitute for any special education certificated position.

56061. A person holding a valid credential authorizing substitute teaching may serve as a substitute for the appropriately credentialed special education teacher as follows:

(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), the employer shall not employ an inappropriately credentialed substitute teacher for a period of more than 20 cumulative school days for each special education teacher absent during each school year.

(b) Upon application by the district or county office, the superintendent may approve an extension of 20 school days in addition to those authorized by subdivision (a).

(c) Only in extraordinary circumstances may an additional number of days be granted beyond the 40 school days provided for by subdivisions (a) and (b). Such additional days shall be granted in writing by the superintendent. The superintendent shall report to the board on all requests granted for an additional number of days pursuant to this subdivision.

56062. The employer shall use the following priorities in placing substitute teachers in special education classrooms:

(a) A substitute teacher with the appropriate special education credential or credentials.

(b) A substitute teacher with any other special education credential or credentials.

(c) A substitute teacher with a regular teaching credential.

56063. The employer shall be responsible for seeking, and maintaining lists of, appropriately credentialed substitute teachers. The employer shall contact institutions of higher education with approved special education programs for possible recommendations of appropriately credentialed special education personnel.
CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION

Article 1. State Board of Education

56100. The State Board of Education shall do all the following:

(a) Adopt rules and regulations necessary for the efficient administration of this part.
(b) Adopt criteria and procedures for the review and approval by the board of local plans. Local plans may be approved for up to three years.
(c) Adopt size and scope standards for use by districts, special education service regions, and county offices, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56170.
(d) Provide review, upon petition, to any district, special education service region, or county office that appeals a decision made by the department which affects its providing services under this part except a decision made pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56500).
(e) Review and approve a program evaluation plan for special education programs provided by this part in accordance with Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 56600).
(f) Recommend to the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing the adoption of standards for the certification of professional personnel for special education programs conducted pursuant to this part.
(g) Adopt regulations to provide specific procedural criteria and guidelines for the identification of pupils as individuals with exceptional needs.
(h) Adopt guidelines of reasonable pupil progress and achievement for individuals with exceptional needs. Such guidelines shall be developed to aid teachers and parents in assessing an individual pupil's education program and the appropriateness of the special education services.
(i) In accordance with the requirements of federal law, adopt regulations for all educational programs for individuals with exceptional needs, including programs administered by other state or local agencies.
(j) Adopt uniform rules and regulations relating to parental due process rights in the area of special education.
(k) Perform the duties prescribed by Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 56450).
56101. (a) Any district, special education services region, county office, or public education agency as defined in Section 56500 may request the board to grant a waiver of any provision of this code or regulations adopted pursuant to any such provision if such waiver is necessary or beneficial to the content and implementation of the pupil's individualized education program and does not abrogate any right provided individuals with exceptional needs and their parents or guardians under Public Law 94-142, or to the compliance of a district, special education services region, or county office with Public Law 94-142, as amended, Section 504 of Public Law 93-112, as amended, and federal regulations relating thereto.

(b) The board may grant, in whole or in part, any such request when the facts indicate that failure to do so would hinder implementation of the pupil's individualized education program or compliance by a district, special education services region, or county office with federal mandates for a free, appropriate education for handicapped children.

Article 2. Superintendent of Public Instruction

56120. The superintendent shall administer the provisions of this part.

56121. The superintendent shall grant approval of the organization of the local plans within each county.

56122. The superintendent shall establish guidelines for the development of local plans, including a standard format for local plans, and provide assistance in the development of local plans. The purposes of such guidelines and assistance shall be to help districts and county offices benefit from the experience of other local agencies that implement programs under this part, including, but not limited to, reducing paperwork, increasing parental involvement, and providing effective staff development activities. To the extent possible, all forms, reports, and evaluations shall be designed to satisfy simultaneously state and federal requirements.

56123. The superintendent shall review and recommend to the board for approval, local plans developed and submitted in accordance with this part.
56124. The superintendent shall promote innovation and improvement in the field of special education at the public and nonpublic, nonsectarian school, district, county, and state levels.

56125. The superintendent shall monitor the implementation of local plans by periodically conducting onsite program and fiscal reviews.

56126. The superintendent shall encourage the maximum practicable involvement of parents of children enrolled in special education programs.

56127. The superintendent shall make recommendations in the areas of staff development, curriculum, testing and multicultural assessment, and the development of materials for special education programs.

56128. The superintendent shall prepare for board approval, as necessary, any state plan required by federal law in order that this state may qualify for any federal funds available for the education of individuals with exceptional needs.

56129. The superintendent shall maintain the state special schools in accordance with Part 32 (commencing with Section 59000) so that the services of such schools are coordinated with the services of the district, special education services region, or the county office.

56130. The superintendent shall develop in accordance with Sections 33401 and 55602, an annual program evaluation plan and report of special education programs authorized under this part for submission to the board.

56131. The superintendent shall apportion funds in accordance with Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 56700) and approved local plans.

56132. The superintendent shall assist districts and county offices in the improvement and evaluation of their programs.

56133. The superintendent shall provide for the mediation conference prescribed by Sections 56502 and 56503 and the state hearing prescribed by Section 56505.

56134. The superintendent shall perform the duties prescribed by Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 56450).

56135. (a) The superintendent shall be responsible for assuring provision of, and supervising, education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs as specifically required pursuant to Public Law 94-142, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975.
(b) Nothing in this part shall be construed to authorize the superintendent to prescribe health care services.

56136. The superintendent shall develop guidelines for each low incidence disability area and provide technical assistance to parents, teachers, and administrators regarding the implementation of the guidelines. The guidelines shall clarify the identification, assessment, planning of, and the provision of, specialized services to pupils with low incidence disabilities. The superintendent shall consider the guidelines when monitoring programs serving pupils with low incidence disabilities pursuant to Section 56825. The adopted guidelines shall be promulgated for the purpose of establishing recommended guidelines and shall not operate to impose minimum state requirements.

56137. The superintendent shall develop, update every other year, and disseminate directories of public and private agencies providing services to pupils with low-incidence disabilities. The directories shall be made available as reference directories to parents, teachers, and administrators. The directories shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

(a) A description of each agency providing services and program options within each disability area.
(b) The specialized services and program options provided, including infant and preschool programs.
(c) The number of credentialed and certificated staff providing specialized services.
(d) The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of agency administrators or other individuals responsible for the programs.

Article 3. County Offices

56140. County office shall do all of the following:
(a) Initiate and submit to the superintendent a countywide plan for special education which demonstrates the coordination of all local plans submitted pursuant to Section 56200, and which ensures that all individuals with exceptional needs will have access to appropriate special education programs and related services. However, a county office shall not be required to submit a countywide plan when all the districts

- Excludes Prescription of Health Care Services
- Develop Low Incidence Disability Guidelines
- Develop and Disseminate Directories
- COUNTY OFFICES
- Countywide Plan
within the county elect to submit a single local plan.

(b) Within 45 days, approve or disapprove any proposed local plan submitted by a district or group of districts within the county or counties. Such approval shall be based on the capacity of the district or districts to ensure that special education programs and services are provided to all individuals with exceptional needs.

(1) If approved, the county office shall submit the plan with comments and recommendations to the superintendent.

(2) If disapproved, the county office shall return the plan with comments and recommendations to the district. This district may immediately appeal to the superintendent to overrule the county office's disapproval. The superintendent shall make a decision on such an appeal within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.

(3) A local plan may not be implemented without approval of the plan by the county office or a decision by the superintendent to overrule the disapproval of the county office.

(c) Participate in the state onsite review of the district's implementation of an approved local plan.

(d) Join with districts in the county which elect to submit a plan or plans pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56170. Any such plan may include more than one county, and districts located in more than one county. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to limit the authority of a county office to enter into other agreements with these districts and other districts to provide services relating to the education of individuals with exceptional needs.

Article 4. Juvenile Court Schools

56150. Special education programs authorized by this part shall be provided, pursuant to Section 48645.2, for individuals with exceptional needs who have been adjudicated by the juvenile court for placement in a juvenile hall or juvenile home, day center, ranch, or camp.

Article 5. Licensed Children's Institutions and Foster Family Homes

56155. The provisions of this article shall only apply to individuals with exceptional needs placed in a licensed children's institution or

- Approve/Disapprove Proposed Local Plans
- Submit Approved Local Plan to State Superintendent
- Return Disapproved Plan to District
- Local Plan Implementation Approval
- State Onsite Review
- Join Districts to Submit Plan(s)*
- JUVENILE COURT SCHOOLS
- Programs Provided Once Individual Adjudicated
- LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS AND FOSTER FAMILY HOMES
- Application of Article
*(Section Amended in 1984)
foster family home by a court, regional center for the developmentally disabled, or public agency, other than an educational agency.

56155.5. (a) As used in this article, "licensed children's institution" means a residential facility which is licensed by the state, or other public agency which has delegated authority by contract with the state to license, to provide nonmedical care to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. "Licensed children's institution" in addition, includes a large family home and a group home as defined by subdivision (a) of Section 80005 of Title 22 of the California Administrative Code.

(b) As used in this article, "foster family home" means a family residence which is licensed by the state, or other public agency which has delegated authority by contract with the state to license, to provide 24-hour nonmedical care and supervision for not more than six foster children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. "Foster family home," in addition, includes a small family home as defined by subdivision (a) of Section 80005 of Title 22 of the California Administrative Code.

56156. (a) Each court, regional center for the developmentally disabled, or public agency which engages in referring children to, or placing children in, licensed children's institutions shall report to the special education administrator of the district, special education services region, or county office in which the licensed children's institution is located any referral or admission of a child who is potentially eligible for special education.

(b) At the time of placement in a licensed children's institution or foster family home, each court, regional center for, the developmentally disabled, or public agency shall identify the individual responsible for representing the interests of the child for educational and related services.

(c) Each person licensed by the state to operate a licensed children's institution, or his or her designee, shall notify the special education administrator of the district, special education services region, or county office in which the licensed children's institution is located of any child potentially eligible for special education who resides at the facility.
(d) The county office shall maintain a current list of licensed children's institutions located within the county and shall notify each district, special education services region, or county office within the county of the names of licensed children's institutions located in the geographical area covered by each local plan. The county office shall notify the director of each licensed children's institution of the appropriate person to contact regarding individuals with exceptional needs.

56156.5. (a) Each district, special education services region, or county office shall be responsible for providing appropriate education to individuals with exceptional needs residing in licensed children's institutions and foster family homes located in the geographical area covered by the local plan.

(b) In multidistrict and district and county office local plan areas, local written agreements shall be developed, pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 56220, to identify the public education entities that will provide the special education services.

(c) If there is no local agreement, special education services for individuals with exceptional needs residing in licensed children's institutions shall be the responsibility of the county office in the county in which the institution is located, if the county office is part of the special education local plan area, and special education services for individuals with exceptional needs residing in foster family homes shall be the responsibility of the district in which the foster family home is located. If a county office is not a part of the special education local plan area, special education services for individuals with exceptional needs residing in licensed children's institutions, pursuant to this subdivision, shall be the responsibility of the responsible local agency or other administrative entity of the special education local plan area. This program responsibility shall continue until the time local written agreements are developed pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 56220.

56156.6. If the district in which the licensed children's institution or foster family home is located is also the district of residence of the parent of the individual with exceptional needs, and if the parent retains legal responsibility for the child's education, Section 56775 shall not apply.
56157. (a) In providing appropriate programs to individuals with exceptional needs residing in licensed children's or foster family homes, the district, special education services region, or county office shall first consider services in programs operated by public education agencies for individuals with exceptional needs. If such programs are not appropriate, special education and related services shall be provided by contract with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school.

(b) If special education and related services are provided by contract with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school, or with a licensed children's institution under this article, the terms of such contract shall be developed in accordance with the provisions of Section 56366.

56159. If a district, special education services region, or county office does not make the placement decision of an individual with exceptional needs in a licensed children's institution or in a foster family home, the court, regional center for the developmentally disabled, or public agency, excluding an education agency, placing the individual in the institution, shall be responsible for the residential costs and the cost of noneducation services of the individual.

56160. (a) The superintendent shall apportion, pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 56700), funds directly to each district or county office operating programs under this article.

(b) Reimbursements for nonpublic, nonsectarian school placements shall be made pursuant to Section 56775 to each district or county office contracting for services under this article.

(c) For purposes of the revenue calculations required pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56712, the district in which the licensed children's institution or foster family home is located shall be considered the district of residence.

56161. Individuals with exceptional needs served under this article shall not be subject to the service proportions prescribed by Article 7 (commencing with Section 56760) of Chapter 7 and the deficit provisions prescribed by Article 10 (commencing with Section 56790) of Chapter 7. However, those pupils and appropriate instructional personnel units required to provide educational services to those pupils, shall be included in the computations prescribed in Section 56728.5.
56162. Individuals with exceptional needs placed in a licensed children's institution or foster family home by a court, regional center for the developmentally disabled, or public agency, other than an educational agency, prior to the effective date of this article, shall be considered residents of the geographical area of the local plan in which the licensed children's institution or foster family home is located, for special education and related services pursuant to the provisions of this article.

56163. A licensed children's institution which provides nonsectarian educational programs for individuals with exceptional needs shall be certified by the department as prescribed by subdivision (c) of Section 56366.

56164. This article shall not apply to programs operating in state hospitals and juvenile court schools.

56165. This article shall not apply to individuals with exceptional needs placed in a licensed children's institution pursuant to Section 56365.

56166. The board shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this article.

56166.5. This article shall become operative July 1, 1982.

Article 5.5 Public Hospitals, Proprietary Hospitals and Other Residential Medical Facilities

56167. Individuals with exceptional needs who are placed in a public hospital, state licensed children's hospital, psychiatric hospital, proprietary hospital, or a medical facility for other than educational purposes are the educational responsibility of the district, special education services region, or county office in which the hospital or facility is located, as determined in local written agreements pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 56220.

56168. If the hospital or medical facility also operates a nonpublic, nonsectarian school and the individual with exceptional needs is served by that nonpublic school, the responsibility for assuring appropriate education of the individual shall be that of the district in which the parent resides, pursuant to Sections 56365 and 56366.
56169. (a) The superintendent shall apportion funds pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 56700) to the district or county operating programs under this article. Classes operated pursuant to this article shall not be subject to the deficit provisions prescribed by Article 10 (commencing with Section 56790) of Chapter 7.

(b) Except where the hospital or medical facility also operates a nonsectarian, nonpublic school, the revenue limit of the district in which the hospital or medical facility is located shall be used for computational purposes.

56169.5 (a) This article shall not apply to individuals with exceptional needs placed in a hospital or medical facility pursuant to Section 56365.

(b) This article shall not apply to programs operating in state hospitals.

Article 6. School Districts

56170. The governing board of a school district shall elect to do one of the following:

(a) If of sufficient size and scope, under standards adopted by the board, submit to the superintendent, in accordance with Section 56200, a local plan for the education of all individuals with exceptional needs residing in the district.

(b) In conjunction with one or more districts, submit to the superintendent, in accordance with Section 56200, a local plan for the education of individuals with exceptional needs residing in those districts. The plan shall, through joint powers agreements or other contractual agreements, include all the following:

(1) Provision of a governance structure and any necessary administrative support to implement the plan.

(2) Establishment of a system for determining the responsibility of participating agencies for the education of each individual with exceptional needs residing within the special education services region.

(3) Designation of a responsible local agency or alternative administrative entity to perform such functions as the receipt and distribution of regionalized services funds, provision of administrative support, and coordination of the implementation of the plan. Any participating agency may perform any of the services required by the plan.
(c) Join with the county office, to submit to the superintendent a plan in accordance with Section 56200 to assure access to special education and services for all individuals with exceptional needs residing in the geographic area served by the plan. The county office shall coordinate the implementation of such plan, unless otherwise specified in the plan. Such plan shall, through contractual agreements, include all of the following:

(1) Establishment of a system for determining the responsibility of participating agencies for the education of each individual with exceptional needs residing within the geographical area served by the plan.

(2) Designation of the county office, of a responsible local agency, or of any other administrative entity to perform such functions as the receipt and distribution of regionalized services funds, provision of administrative support, and coordination of the implementation of the plan. Any participating agency may perform any of these services required by the plan.

(d) The service area covered by the local plan developed under subdivision (a), (b), or (c) shall be known as the special education local plan area.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of any county office and any school district or group of school districts to enter into contractual agreements for services relating to the education of individuals with exceptional needs.

56170.5 (a) On a pilot project basis, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may select one high school district, one elementary school district, and one unified school district which has an average daily attendance of 9,000 or more within Orange County to be exempt from the size and scope requirement of subdivision (a) of Section 56170. The districts selected to participate in the pilot project may elect to submit a local plan for the education of all individuals with exceptional needs residing in that school district in accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 56170.

(b) If a district participating in the pilot project pursuant to subdivision (a) has special education facilities constructed under the provisions of Section 16196, that facility shall serve severely handicapped pupils from other districts within the region which that facility

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had previously served. These pupils shall be served with the funding provided by state formula without additional charge to the district where the pupil resides. The district of the pupil's residence shall transfer to the district with the facility instructional personnel service units for pupils placed pursuant to this provision in accordance with the agreements for the transfers that existed in the 1982-83 fiscal year, unless a superseding agreement is adopted.

(c) Any district selected to participate in the pilot project which elects to implement a local plan pursuant to subdivision (a) shall submit the plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by January 15 of the year of withdrawal from the special education services region.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until June 30, 1987, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is chaptered before June 30, 1987, deletes or extends that date.

56171. In developing a local plan under Section 56170, each district shall:

(a) Involve special and regular teachers selected by their peers and parents selected by their peers in an active role.

(b) Cooperate with the county office and other school districts in the geographic areas in planning its option under Section 56170 and, commencing with fiscal year 1982-83 and each fiscal year thereafter, notify the county office of its intent to elect an alternative option from those specified in Section 56170, at least one year prior to the proposed effective date of the implementation of such alternative plan.

(c) Cooperate with the county office to assure that the plan is compatible with other local plans in the county and any county plan of a contiguous county.

(d) Join with the county office in countywide planning pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56140.

(e) Submit to the county office for review any plan developed under subdivision (a), or (b) of Section 56170.

56172. (a) Each county office and district governing board shall have authority over the programs it directly maintains, consistent with the local plan submitted pursuant to Section 56170. In counties with more than one special education services region for which the county office provides services, relevant provisions of contracts between the county office and its
employees governing wages, hours, and working conditions shall supersede like provisions contained in a plan submitted under Section 56170.

(b) Any county office or district governing board may provide for the education of individual pupils in special education programs maintained by other districts or counties, and may include within their special education programs pupils who reside in other districts or counties. Section 46600 shall apply to interdistrict attendance agreements for programs conducted pursuant to this part.

Article 7. Community Advisory Committee

56190. Each plan submitted under Section 56170 shall establish a community advisory committee. Such committee shall serve only in an advisory capacity.

56191. The members of the community advisory committee shall be appointed by, and responsible to, the governing board of each participating district or county office, or any combination thereof participating in the local plan. Appointment shall be in accordance with a locally determined selection procedure that is described in the local plan. Where appropriate, this procedure shall provide for selection of representatives of groups specified in Section 56192 by their peers. Such procedure shall provide that terms of appointment are for at least two years and are annually staggered to ensure that no more than one half of the membership serves the first year of the term in any one year.

56192. The community advisory committee shall be composed of parents of individuals with exceptional needs enrolled in public or private schools, parents of other pupils enrolled in school, handicapped pupils and adults, regular education teachers, special education teachers and other school personnel, representatives of other public and private agencies, and persons concerned with the needs of individuals with exceptional needs.

56193. At least the majority of such committee shall be composed of parents of pupils enrolled in schools participating in the local plan, and at least a majority of such parents shall be parents of individuals with exceptional needs.
The community advisory committee shall have such authority and fulfill such responsibilities as are defined for it in the local plan. Such responsibilities shall include, but need not be limited to, all the following:
(a) Advising the policy and administrative entity of the district, special education services region, or county office, regarding the development, amendment, and review of the local plan. Such entity shall review and consider comments from the community advisory committee.
(b) Recommending annual priorities to be addressed by the plan.
(c) Assisting in parent education and in recruiting parents and other volunteers who may contribute to the implementation of the plan.
(d) Encouraging community involvement in the development and review of the local plan.
(e) Supporting activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs.
(f) Assisting in parent awareness of the importance of regular school attendance.

CHAPTER 3. ELEMENTS OF THE LOCAL PLAN

Article 1. State Requirements

Each local plan submitted to the superintendent under this part shall contain all the following:
(a) Compliance assurances, including general compliance with Public Law 94-142, Section 504 of Public Law 93-112, and the provisions of this part.
(b) Description of services to be provided by each district and county office. Such description shall demonstrate that all individuals with exceptional needs shall have access to services and instruction appropriate to meet their needs as specified in their individualized education programs.
(c) (1) Description of the governance and administration of the plan.
(2) Multidistrict plans, submitted pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 56170, shall specify the responsibilities of each participating county office and district governing board in the policymaking process, the responsibilities of district and county administrators of special education in coordinating the administration of the local plan.
(d) Copies of joint powers agreements or contractual agreements, as appropriate, for districts and counties that elect to enter into such agreements pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 56170.

(e) An annual budget plan to allocate instructional personnel service units, support services, and transportation services directly to entities operating such services and to allocate regionalized services funds to the county office, responsible local agency, or other alternative administrative structure. The annual budget plan shall be adopted at a public hearing held by the district, special education services region, or county office, as appropriate. Notice of this hearing shall be posted in each school in the services region at least 15 days prior to the hearing. The annual budget plan may be revised during the fiscal year, and such revisions may be submitted to the superintendent as amendments to the allocations set forth in the plan. However, such revisions shall, prior to submission to the superintendent, be approved according to the policymaking process, established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c).

(f) Verification that the plan has been reviewed by the community advisory committee and that the committee had at least 30 days to conduct such a review prior to submission of the plan to the superintendent.

(g) Description of the identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, and review in compliance with Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 56300).

(h) A description of the process being utilized to meet the requirements of Section 56303. This subdivision applies only to plans which are submitted in the 1983–84 fiscal year.

Article 2. Local Requirements

56220. In addition to the provisions required to be included in the local plan pursuant to Section 56200, each special education services region that submits a local plan pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56170 and each county office that submits a local plan pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56170 shall develop written agreements to be entered into by entities participating in the plan. Such agreements need not be submitted to the superintendent. These agreements shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Joint Powers/Contractual Agreements
- Annual Budget Plan
- CAC Review of Plan
- Description of Program Requirements
- Description of Process Utilized in Considering Regular Education Program
- LOCAL REQUIREMENTS
- Written Agreements

- Written Agreements
(a) A coordinated identification, referral, and placement system pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 56300).
(b) Procedural safeguards pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56500).
(c) Regionalized services to local programs, including, but not limited to, all the following:
(1) Program specialist service pursuant to Section 56368.
(2) Personnel development, including training for staff, parents, and members of the community advisory committee pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 56240).
(3) Evaluation pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 56600).
(4) Data collection and development of management information systems.
(5) Curriculum development.
(6) Provision for ongoing review of programs conducted, and procedures utilized, under the local plan, and a mechanism for correcting any identified problem.
(d) A description of the process for coordinating services with other local public agencies which are funded to serve individuals with exceptional needs.
(e) A description of the process for coordinating and providing services to individuals with exceptional needs placed in public hospitals, proprietary hospitals, and other residential medical facilities pursuant to Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 56167) of Chapter 2.
(f) A description of the process for coordinating and providing services to individuals with exceptional needs placed in licensed children's institutions and foster family homes pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 56155) of Chapter 2.
(g) This section shall become operative July 1, 1982.

56221. (a) Each entity providing special education under this part shall adopt policies for the programs and services it operates, consistent with agreements adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 56170, or Section 56220. The policies need not be submitted to the superintendent.
(b) Such policies shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:
(1) Nonpublic, nonsectarian services, including those provided pursuant to Sections 56365 and 56366.

- Coordinated IRP System
- Procedural Safeguards
- Regionalized Services
- Coordination With Local Public Agencies
- Public/Proprietary Hospitals
- Licensed Children's Institutions/Foster Family Homes
- Operative Date
- Adopt Policies
- Nonpublic Services
(2) Review, at a regular education or special education teacher's request, of the assignment of an individual with exceptional needs to his or her class and a mandatory meeting of the individualized education program team if the review indicates a change in the pupil's placement, instruction, related services, or any combination thereof. The procedures shall indicate which personnel are responsible for such reviews and a timetable for completion of the review.

(3) Procedural safeguards pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56500).

(4) Resource specialists pursuant to Section 56362.

(5) Transportation, where appropriate, which describes how special education transportation is coordinated with regular home-to-school transportation. The policy shall set forth criteria for meeting the transportation needs of special education pupils.

(c) The policies may include, but are not limited to, provisions for involvement of district and county governing board members in any due process hearing procedure activities conducted pursuant to, and consistent with, state and federal law.

56222. The plan for special education shall be developed and updated cooperatively by a committee of representatives of special and regular teachers and administrators selected by the groups they represent and with input from the community advisory committee to ensure adequate and effective participation and communication.

Article 3. Staff Development

56240. Staff development programs shall be provided for regular and special education teachers, administrators, certificated and classified employees, volunteers, community advisory committee members and, as appropriate, members of the district and county governing boards. Such programs shall be coordinated with other staff development programs in the district, special education services region, or county office, including school level staff development programs authorized by state and federal law.

56241. Staff development programs shall include, but not be limited to, all the following:

(a) Provision of opportunities for all school personnel, paraprofessionals, and volunteers to
participate in ongoing development activities pursuant to a systematic identification of pupil and personnel needs.

(b) Be designed and implemented by classroom teachers and other participating school personnel, including the school principal. Teachers shall comprise the majority of any group designated to design local staff development programs for instructional personnel to be established pursuant to this part. Positive efforts shall be made to ensure the individuals with exceptional needs and parents of such individuals are involved in the design and implementation of staff development programs.

(c) Allowance for diversity in development activities, including, but not limited to, small groups, self-directed learning, and systematic observation during visits to other classrooms or schools.

(d) Scheduling of time which is set aside for such purpose throughout the school year, including, but not limited to, time when participating school personnel are released from their regular duties.

(e) Evaluation and modification on a continuing basis by participating school personnel with the aid of outside personnel, as necessary.

(f) Inclusion of the school principal and other administrative personnel as active participants in one or more staff development activities implemented pursuant to this chapter.

(g) Provision of a budget for reasonable and necessary expenses, relating to staff development programs.

56242. A district, special education services region, or county office, shall receive its full average daily attendance apportionment during the regular school year to conduct staff development programs pursuant to this article. Such time shall not exceed two days each year for each participating staff member. However, no district, special education services region, or county office shall receive average daily attendance reimbursement under this section if it is reimbursed pursuant to Chapter 1147 of the Statutes of 1972, Chapter 3.1 (commencing with Section 44670) of Part 25, or Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 52000) of Part 28.

56243. Each district, special education services region, and county office shall ensure that all regular classroom teachers who provide
services to individuals with exceptional needs receive the equivalent of at least one day of training each year relating to the needs of such individuals.

CHAPTER 4. IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL, ASSESSMENT, INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND REVIEW

Article 1. Identification and Referral

56300. Each district, special education services region or county office shall actively and systematically seek out all individuals with exceptional needs, ages 0 through 21 years, including children not enrolled in public school programs, who reside in the district or are under the jurisdiction of a special education services region or a county office.

56301. Each district, special education services region, or county office shall establish written policies and procedures for a continuous child-find system which addresses the relationships among identification, screening, referral, assessment, planning, implementation, review, and the triennial assessment. Such policies and procedures shall include, but need not be limited to, written notification of all parents of their rights under this chapter, and the procedure for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals with exceptional needs.

56302. Each district, special education services, region, or county office shall provide for the identification and assessment of an individual's exceptional needs, and the planning of an instructional program to best meet the assessed needs. Identification procedures shall include systematic methods of utilizing referrals of pupils from teachers, parents, agencies, appropriate professional persons, and from other members of the public. Identification procedures shall be coordinated with school site procedures for referral of pupils with needs that cannot be met with modification of the regular instructional program.

56303. A pupil shall be referred for special educational instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and, where appropriate, utilized.
Article 2. Assessment

56320. Before any action is taken with respect to the initial placement of an individual with exceptional needs in special education instruction, an individual assessment of the pupil's educational needs shall be conducted, by qualified persons, in accordance with requirements including, but not limited to, all the following:

(a) Testing and assessment materials and procedures used for the purposes of assessment and placement of individuals with exceptional needs are selected and administered so as not to be racially, culturally, or sexually discriminatory.

(b) Tests and other assessment materials meet all the following requirements:

(1) Are provided and administered in the pupil's primary language or other mode of communication, unless the assessment plan indicates reasons why such provision and administration are not clearly feasible.

(2) Have been validated for the specific purpose for which they are used.

(3) Are administered by trained personnel in conformance with the instructions provided by the producer of such tests and other assessment materials, except that individually administered tests of intellectual or emotional functioning shall be administered by a psychometrist or credentialed school psychologist where available. It is not the intent of the Legislature to require that new personnel be hired for this purpose.

(c) Tests and other assessment materials include those tailored to assess specific areas of educational need and not merely those which are designed to provide a single general intelligence quotient.

(d) Tests are selected and administered to best ensure that when a test administered to a pupil with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills produces test results that accurately reflect the pupil's aptitude, achievement level, or any other factors the test purports to measure and not the pupil's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills unless those skills are the factors the test purports to measure.

(e) No single procedure is used as the sole criterion for determining an appropriate educational program for an individual with exceptional needs.
(f) The pupil is assessed in all areas related to the suspected disability including, where appropriate, health and development, vision, including low vision, hearing, motor abilities, language function, general ability, academic performance, self-help, orientation and mobility skills, career and vocational abilities and interests, and social and emotional status. A developmental history is obtained, when appropriate. For pupils with residual vision, a low vision assessment shall be provided in accordance with guidelines established pursuant to Section 56136.

(g) The assessment of a pupil, including the assessment of a pupil with a suspected low incidence disability, shall be conducted by persons knowledgeable of that disability. Special attention shall be given to the unique educational needs, including, but not limited to, skills and the need for specialized services, materials, and equipment consistent with guidelines established pursuant to Section 56136.

5621. (a) Whenever an assessment for the development or revision of the individualized education program is to be conducted, the parent of the pupil shall be given, in writing, a proposed assessment plan within 15 days of the referral for assessment. A copy of the notice of parent rights shall be attached to the assessment plan.

(b) The proposed assessment plan given to parents shall meet all the following requirements:

1. Be in language easily understood by the general public.
2. Be provided in the primary language of the parent or other mode of communication used by the parent, unless to do so is clearly not feasible.
3. Explain the types of assessments to be conducted.
4. State that no individualized education program will result from the assessment without the consent of the parent.

(c) No assessment shall be conducted unless the written consent of the parent is obtained prior to the assessment except pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 56506. The parent shall have at least 15 days from the receipt of the proposed assessment plan to arrive at a decision. Assessment may begin immediately upon receipt of such consent.

56322. The assessment shall be conducted by persons competent to perform the assessment, as

Assessed in All Areas
Low Vision Assessment
Assessment Conducted by Persons Knowledgeable of Disability
Unique Educational Needs
Proposed Assessment Plan
Notice of Parent Rights
Requirements
Written Consent of Parent
Assessment Conducted by Competent Persons
determined by the school district, county office, or special education services region.

56323. Admission of a pupil to special education instruction shall be made only in accordance with this article, Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 56333) and standards established by the board and upon a recommendation by the individualized education program team.

56324. (a) Any psychological assessment of pupils shall be made in accordance with Section 56320 and shall be conducted by a credentialed school psychologist who is trained and prepared to assess cultural and ethnic factors appropriate to the pupil being assessed.

(b) Any health assessment of pupils shall be made in accordance with Section 56320 and shall be conducted by a credentialed school nurse or physician who is trained and prepared to assess cultural and ethnic factors appropriate to the pupil being assessed.

56325. (a) Whenever a pupil transfers into a school district from a school district not operating programs under the same local plan in which he or she was last enrolled in a special education program, the administrator of a local program under this part may place the pupil in a comparable program for a period not to exceed 30 days. Such an interim placement may be made without complying with subdivision (a) of Section 56321.

(b) Before the expiration of the 30-day period, such interim placement shall be reviewed by the individual education program team and a final recommendation shall be made by the team in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. The team may utilize information, records, and reports from the school district or county program from which the pupil transferred.

56326. A pupil may be referred, as appropriate, for further assessment and recommendations to the California Schools for the Deaf and Blind or the Diagnostic Schools for Neurologically Handicapped Children.

56327. The personnel who assess the pupil shall prepare a written report, or reports, as appropriate, of the results of each assessment. The report shall include, but not be limited to, all the following:

(a) Whether the pupil may need special education and related services.

(b) The basis for making the determination.

(c) The relevant behavior noted during the
observation of the pupil in an appropriate setting.

(d) the relationship of that behavior to the pupil's academic and social functioning.

(e) The educationally relevant health and development, and medical findings, if any.

(f) For pupils with learning disabilities, whether there is such a discrepancy between achievement and ability that it cannot be corrected without special education and related services.

(g) A determination concerning the effects of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage, where appropriate.

(h) The need for specialized services, materials, and equipment for pupils with low incidence disabilities, consistent with guidelines established pursuant to Section 56136.

56328. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a district, special education services region, or county office may utilize a school site level and a regional level service, as provided for under Section 56336.2 as it read immediately prior to the operative date of this section, to provide the services required by this chapter.

56329. The parent of the pupil shall be provided with written notice that he or she may obtain, upon request, a copy of the findings of the assessment or assessments conducted pursuant to Section 56321. This notice may be provided as part of the assessment plan given to parents pursuant to Section 56321. The notice shall include all the following:

(a) An individualized education program team conference, including the parent and his or her representatives, shall be scheduled, pursuant to Section 56341, to discuss the assessment, the educational recommendations, and the reasons for these recommendations.

(b) A parent has the right to obtain, at public expense, an independent educational assessment of the pupil from qualified specialists, as defined by regulations of the board, if the parent disagrees with an assessment obtained by the public education agency.

However, the public education agency may initiate a due process hearing pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56500) to show that its assessment is appropriate. If the final decision resulting from the due process hearing is that the assessment is appropriate, the parent
still has the right for an independent educational assessment, but not at public expense.

If the parent obtains an independent educational assessment at private expense, the results of the assessment shall be considered by the public education agency with respect to the provision of free, appropriate public education to the child, and may be presented as evidence at a due process hearing pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56500) regarding such child.

Article 2.5. Eligibility Criteria for Special Education and Related Services on the Basis of Language and Speech Disorder or Specific Learning Disabilities

56333. A pupil shall be assessed as having a language or speech disorder which makes him or her eligible for special education and related services when he or she demonstrates difficulty understanding or using spoken language to such an extent that it adversely affects his or her educational performance and cannot be corrected without special education and related services. In order to be eligible for special education and related services, difficulty in understanding or using spoken language shall be assessed by a language, speech, and hearing specialist who determines that such difficulty results from any of the following disorders:

(a) Articulation disorders, such that the pupil's production of speech significantly interferes with communication and attracts adverse attention.

(b) Abnormal voice, characterized by persistent, defective voice quality, pitch, or loudness. An appropriate medical examination shall be conducted, where appropriate.

(c) Fluency difficulties which result in an abnormal flow of verbal expression to such a degree that these difficulties adversely affect communication between the pupil and listener.

(d) Inappropriate or inadequate acquisition, comprehension, or expression of spoken language such that the pupil's language performance level is found to be significantly below the language performance level of his or her peers.

(e) Hearing loss which results in a language or speech disorder and significantly affects educational performance.
Specific Learning Disability Eligibility Criteria

A pupil shall be assessed as having a specific learning disability which makes him or her eligible for special education and related services when it is determined that all of the following exist:

(a) A severe discrepancy exists between the intellectual ability and achievements in one or more of the following academic areas:
   (1) Oral expression.
   (2) Listening comprehension.
   (3) Written expression.
   (4) Basic reading skills.
   (5) Reading comprehension.
   (6) Mathematics calculation.
   (7) Mathematics reasoning.

(b) The discrepancy is due to a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes and is not the result of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantages.

(c) The discrepancy cannot be corrected through other regular or categorical services offered within the regular instructional program.

Visual Perceptual/Visual Motor Dysfunction

As used in Section 56337, "specific learning disability" includes, but is not limited to, disability within the function of vision which results in visual perceptual or visual motor dysfunction.

Article 3. Instructional Planning and Individualized Education Program

Each district, special education services region, or county office shall initiate and conduct meetings for the purposes of developing, reviewing, and revising the individualized education program of each individual with exceptional needs.

(a) Each meeting to develop, review, or revise the individualized education program of an individual with exceptional needs, shall be conducted by an individualized education program team.

(b) The individualized education program team shall include all of the following:
   (1) A representative other than the pupil's teacher designated by administration who may be an administrator, program specialist, or other specialist who is knowledgeable of program options appropriate for the pupil and who is qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of, special education.
   (2) The pupil's present teacher. If the pupil does not presently have a teacher, this

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IEP Team

IEP Team Members
representative shall be the teacher with the most recent and complete knowledge of the pupil who has also observed the pupil's educational performance in an appropriate setting. If no such teacher is available, this representative shall be a regular classroom teacher referring the pupil, or a special education teacher qualified to teach a pupil of his or her age.

(3) One or both of the pupil's parents, a representative selected by the parent, or both, pursuant to Public Law 94-142.

(c) When appropriate, the team shall also include:

(1) The individual with exceptional needs.

(2) Other individuals, at the discretion of the parent, district, special education services region, or county office who possess expertise or knowledge necessary for the development of the individualized education program.

(d) If the team is developing, reviewing, or revising the individualized education program of an individual with exceptional needs who has been assessed for the purpose of that individualized education program, the district, special education services region, or county office, shall ensure that a person is present at the meeting who has conducted an assessment of the pupil or who is knowledgeable about the assessment procedures used to assess the pupil and is familiar with the results of the assessment. Such person shall be qualified to interpret the results if the results or recommendations, based on such assessment, are significant to the development of the pupil's individualized education program and subsequent placement.

(e) For pupils with suspected learning disabilities, at least one member of the individualized education program team, other than the pupil's regular teacher, shall be a person who has observed the pupil's educational performance in an appropriate setting. If the child is younger than four years and nine months or is not enrolled in a school, a team member shall observe the child in an environment appropriate for a child of that age.

(f) The parent shall have the right to present information to the individualized education program team in person or through a representative and the right to participate in meetings relating to eligibility for special education and related services, recommendations, and program planning.
(g) It is the intent of the Legislature that the individualized education program team meetings be nonadversarial and convened solely for the purpose of making educational decisions for the good of the individual with exceptional needs. However, if the public education agency uses an attorney during any part of the individualized education program meeting, that use shall be governed by the provisions of Section 56507.

56342. The individualized education program team shall review the assessment results, determine eligibility, determine the content of the individualized education program, consider local transportation policies and criteria developed pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 56221, and make program placement recommendations.

Prior to recommending a new placement in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school, the individualized education program team shall submit the proposed recommendation to the local governing board of the district, special education services region, or county office for its review and recommendation regarding the cost of such placement.

The local governing board shall complete its review and make its recommendations, if any, at the next regular meeting of the board. A parent or representative shall have the right to appear before the board and submit written and oral evidence regarding the need for nonpublic school placement for his or her child. Any recommendations of the board shall be considered at an individualized education program team meeting, to be held within five days of the board's review.

Notwithstanding Section 56344, the time limit for the development of an individualized education program shall be waived for a period not to exceed 15 additional days to permit the local governing board to meet its review and recommendation requirements.

56343. An individualized education program team shall meet whenever any of the following occur:

(a) A pupil has received a formal assessment.
(b) The pupil demonstrates a lack of anticipated progress.
(c) The parent or teacher requests a meeting to develop, review, or revise the individualized education program; provided that such a request
by a parent shall not be granted more than twice in any one semester.

(d) At least annually, to review the pupil's progress, the individualized education program, and the appropriateness of placement, and to make any necessary revisions. The individualized education program team conducting the annual review shall consist of those persons specified in subdivision (b) of Section 56341. Other individuals may participate in the annual review if they possess expertise or knowledge essential for the review.

56343.5. A meeting of an individualized education program team requested by a parent to review an individualized education program pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 56343 shall be held within 30 days, not counting days in July and August, from the date of receipt of the parent's written request. If a parent makes an oral request, the school district shall notify the parent of the need for a written request and the procedure for filing a written request.

56344. An individualized education program required as a result of an assessment of a pupil shall be developed within a total time not to exceed 50 days, not counting days in July and August, from the date of receipt of the parent's written consent for assessment, unless the parent agrees, in writing, to an extension. However, such an individualized education program shall be developed within 30 days after the commencement of the subsequent regular school year for each pupil for whom a referral has been made 20 days or less prior to the end of the regular school year.

56345. (a) The individualized education program is a written statement determined in a meeting of the individualized education program team and shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

1. The present levels of the pupil's educational performance.
2. The annual goals, including short-term instructional objectives.
3. The specific special educational instruction and related services required by the pupil.
4. The extent to which the pupil will be able to participate in regular educational programs.
5. The projected date for initiation and the anticipated duration of such programs and services.
(6) Appropriate objective criteria, evaluation procedures, and schedules for determining, on at least an annual basis, whether the short-term instructional objectives are being achieved.

(b) When appropriate, the individualized education program shall also include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Prevocational career education for pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, or pupils of comparable chronological age.

(2) Vocational education, career education or work experience education, or any combination thereof, in preparation for remunerative employment, including independent living skill training for pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, or comparable chronological age, who require differential proficiency standards pursuant to Section 51215.

(3) For pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, any alternative means and modes necessary for the pupil to complete the district's prescribed course of study and to meet or exceed proficiency standards for graduation in accordance with Section 51215.

(4) For individuals whose primary language is other than English, linguistically appropriate goals, objectives, programs and services.

(5) Extended school year services when needed, as determined by the individualized education program team.

(6) Provision for the transition into the regular class program if the pupil is to be transferred from a special class or center, or nonpublic, nonsectarian school into a regular class in a public school for any part of the school day.

(7) For pupils with low incidence disabilities, specialized services, materials, and equipment, consistent with guidelines established pursuant to Section 56136.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature in requiring individualized education programs that the district, special education services region, or county office is responsible for providing the services delineated in the individualized education program. However, the Legislature recognizes that some pupils may not meet or exceed the growth projected in the annual goals and objectives of the pupil's individualized education program.

(d) Pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 51215, a pupil's individualized education program
shall also include the determination of the individualized education program team as to whether differential proficiency standards shall be developed for the pupil. If differential proficiency standards are to be developed, the individualized education program shall include these standards.

56345.5. Except as prescribed in subdivision (b) of Section 56324, nothing in this part shall be construed to authorize districts, special education services regions, or county offices to prescribe health care services.

56346. No pupil shall be required to participate in all or part of any special education program unless the parent is first informed, in writing, of the facts which make participation in the program necessary or desirable, and of the contents of the individualized education plan, and after such notice, consents, in writing, to all or part of the individualized education program. If the parent does not consent to all the components of the individualized education program, then those components of the program to which the parent has consented may be implemented so as not to delay providing instruction and services to the pupil. Components to which the parent has not consented may become the basis for a due process hearing pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56500). The parent may withdraw consent at any time after consultation with a member of the individualized education program team and after he or she has submitted written notification to an administrator.

56347. Each district, special education service region, or county office shall, prior to the placement of the individual with exceptional needs, ensure provision of a copy of his or her individualized education program to the regular teacher or teachers, the special education teacher or teachers, and other persons who provide special education, related services, or both to the individual with exceptional needs. Copies of the individualized education program shall be provided in accordance with state and federal pupil record confidentiality laws.
to meet the needs of individuals with exceptional needs for special education and related services.

56361. The continuum of program options shall include all of the following:

(a) A resource specialist program pursuant to Section 56362.

(b) Designated instruction and services pursuant to Section 56363.

(c) Special classes and centers pursuant to Section 56364.

(d) Nonpublic, nonsectarian school services pursuant to Section 56365.

(e) State special schools pursuant to Section 56367.

56361.5. (a) In addition to the continuum of program options listed in Section 56361, a district, special education services region, or county office may contract with a hospital to provide designated instruction and services, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 56363, required by the individual with exceptional needs, as specified in the individualized education program. However, a district, special education services region, or county office of education may not contract with a sectarian hospital for instructional services. A district, special education services region, or county office shall contract with a hospital for designated instruction and services required by the individual with exceptional needs only when no appropriate public education program is available.

For the purposes of this section "hospital" means a health care facility licensed by the State Department of Health Services.

(b) Contracts with hospitals pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be subject to the procedures prescribed in Sections 56365, 56366, and 56366.5.

56362. (a) The resource specialist program shall provide, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Provision for a resource specialist or specialists who shall provide instruction and services for those pupils whose needs have been identified in an individualized education program developed by the individualized education program team and who are assigned to regular classroom teachers for a majority of a school day.
(2) Provision of information and assistance to individuals with exceptional needs and their parents.

(3) Provision of consultation, resource information, and material regarding individuals with exceptional needs to their parents and to regular staff members.

(4) Coordination of special education services with the regular school programs for each individual with exceptional needs enrolled in the resource specialist program.

(5) Monitoring of pupil progress on a regular basis, participation in the review and revision of individualized education programs, as appropriate, and referral of pupils who do not demonstrate appropriate progress to the individualized education program team.

(6) Emphasis at the secondary school level on academic achievement, career and vocational development, and preparation for adult life.

(b) The resource specialist program shall be under the direction of a resource specialist who is a credentialed special education teacher, or who has a clinical services credential with a special class authorization, who has had three or more years of teaching experience, including both regular and special education teaching experience, as defined by rules and regulations of the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, and who has demonstrated the competencies for a resource specialist, as established by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing.

(c) Caseloads for resource specialists shall be stated in the local policies developed pursuant to Section 56221 and in accordance with regulations established by the board. No resource specialist shall have a caseload which exceeds 28 pupils.

(d) Resource specialists shall not simultaneously be assigned to serve as resource specialists and to teach regular classes.

(e) Resource specialists shall not enroll a pupil for a majority of a school day without prior approval by the superintendent.

(f) At least eighty percent of the resource specialists within a local plan shall be provided with an instructional aide.

56362.1. For the purposes of Section 56362, "caseload" shall include, but not be limited to,
all pupils for whom the resource specialist performs any of the services described in subdivision (a) of Section 56362.

56362.5. By July 1982, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing shall adopt rules and regulations for a resource specialist certificate of competence. The certificate shall provide all the following:

(a) Definition of the competencies required of a resource specialist.
(b) Provision for a system of direct application to the commission for a certificate of competence for each teacher who holds a valid special education credential, other than an emergency credential, and who satisfies any one of the following criteria:
   (1) Provided instruction and services as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 80070.1 of Title 5 of the California Administrative Code as it read immediately prior to July 28, 1980, for two years prior to September 1, 1981.
   (2) Provided instruction and services as specified in subdivision (b) of Section 80070.2 of Title 5 of the California Administrative Code as it read immediately prior to July 28, 1980, for two years prior to June 30, 1983.
(c) Provision for the issuance, for up to three years, of a preliminary nonrenewable certificate of competence for the resource specialist, and adoption of the standards for the issuance and continuing validity of such a certificate.
(d) Establishment of a system for verification of competencies through both of the following:
   (1) Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved institution of higher education resource specialist certificate program.
   (2) Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved competency assessment panels for resource specialist certification.
(e) Cooperation with the department in implementing these provisions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who held a preliminary resource specialist certificate of competence on January 22, 1982, and who met the requirements for a clear resource specialist certificate of competence as specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) may be issued a clear resource specialist certificate of competence upon submission of a completed application, but without any additional fee.

* (Section Amended in 1984)
The Legislature recognizes the need for specially trained professionals to assess and serve pupils of limited-English proficiency. This is particularly true of pupils with exceptional needs or pupils with suspected handicaps.

(b) The commission shall develop a bilingual-crosscultural certificate of assessment competence for those professionals who may participate in assessments for placements in special education programs. The certificate shall be issued to holders of appropriate credentials, certificates, or authorizations who demonstrate, by written and oral examination, all of the following:

1. That the person is competent in both the oral and written skills of a language other than English.
2. That the person has both the knowledge and understanding of the cultural and historical heritage of the limited-English proficient individuals to be served.
3. That the person has the ability to perform the assessment functions the candidate is certified or authorized to perform in English and in a language other than English.
4. That the person has knowledge of the use of instruments and other assessment techniques appropriate to evaluate limited-English proficient individuals with exceptional needs and ability to develop appropriate data, instructional strategies, individual educational plans, and evaluations.

(c) Certificates of bilingual-crosscultural competence for special education professionals who implement individual education plans requiring bilingual services shall be granted by the commission pursuant to Section 44253.7.

(d) It is not the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section that possession of any certificate established by this section be a state-mandated requirement for employment or continued employment. It is the intent that this is a matter for local educational agencies to determine.

56363. (a) Designated instruction and services as specified in the individualized education program shall be available when the instruction and services are necessary for the pupil to benefit educationally from his or her instructional program. The instruction and services shall be provided by the regular class...
teacher, the special class teacher, or the resource specialist if the teacher or specialist is competent to provide such instruction and services and if the provision of such instruction and services by the teacher or specialist is feasible. If not, the appropriate designated instruction and services specialist shall provide such instruction and services. Designated instruction and services shall meet standards adopted by the board.

(b) These services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Language and speech development and remediation.
2. Audiolological services.
3. Orientation and mobility instruction.
4. Instruction in the home or hospital.
5. Adapted physical education.
6. Physical and occupational therapy.
7. Vision services.
8. Specialized driver training instruction.
9. Counseling and guidance.
10. Psychological services other than assessment and development of the individualized education program.
11. Parent counseling and training.
12. Health and nursing services.
13. Social worker services.
14. Specially designed vocational education and career development.
15. Recreation services.
16. Specialized services for low-incidence disabilities, such as readers, transcribers, and vision and hearing services.

56363.3. The average caseload for language, speech, and hearing specialists in districts, county offices, or special education service regions shall not exceed 55 cases, unless the local comprehensive plan specifies a higher average caseload and the reasons for the greater average caseload.

56363.5. School districts, county offices of education, and special education service regions may seek, either directly or through the pupil's parents, reimbursement from insurance companies to cover the costs of related services to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation.

56364. Special classes and centers which enroll pupils with similar and more intensive educational needs shall be available. The classes and centers shall enroll the pupils when
the nature or severity of the disability precludes their participation in the regular school program for a majority of a school day. Special classes and centers and other removal of individuals with exceptional needs from the regular education environment shall occur only when the nature or severity of the handicap is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

In providing or arranging for the provision of nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities, including meals and recess periods, each public agency shall ensure that each individual with exceptional needs participates in those services and activities with nonhandicapped pupils to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the individual with exceptional needs. Special classes and centers shall meet standards adopted by the board.

56364.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 56364, pupils with low-incidence disabilities may receive all or a portion of their instruction in the regular classroom and may also be enrolled in special classes taught by appropriately credentialed teachers who serve these pupils at one or more school sites. The instruction shall be provided in a manner which is consistent with the guidelines adopted pursuant to Section 56361 and in accordance with the individualized education program.

56364.5. The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing shall establish standards for the issuance of credentials or permits for persons employed in special centers pursuant to Section 56364.

56365. (a) Nonpublic, nonsectarian school services, including services by nonpublic, nonsectarian agencies shall be available. Such services shall be provided under contract with the district, special education services region, or county office to provide the appropriate special educational facilities or services required by the individual with exceptional needs when no appropriate public education program is available.

(b) Pupils enrolled in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools under this section shall be deemed to be enrolled in public schools for all purposes of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 41600) of Part 24 and Section 42238. The district, special
education services region, or county office shall be eligible to receive allowances under Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 56700) for services that are provided to individuals with exceptional needs pursuant to the contract.

(c) The district, special education services region, or county office shall pay to the nonpublic, nonsectarian school the full amount of the tuition for individuals with exceptional needs that are enrolled in programs provided by the nonpublic, nonsectarian school pursuant to such contract.

(d) Before contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school outside of the State of California, every effort shall be made by the district, special education services region, or county office to utilize public schools, or to locate an appropriate nonpublic, nonsectarian school program within the state.

56365.5. Before state funds can be used for new public and non-public school special education placements of individuals with exceptional needs, the superintendent shall review the appropriateness of the placement if the cost of the placement exceeds twenty thousand dollars ($20,000).

The district, special education services region, or county office shall submit documentation to the superintendent of all efforts made to locate an appropriate alternative placement within the state and outside of the state.

The superintendent or his or her designee shall review the educational placement decision to determine if every effort was made by the district, special education services region, or county office to utilize an appropriate public or nonpublic, nonsectarian school costing less than twenty thousand dollars ($20,000).

The superintendent shall notify the district, special education services region, or county office of his or her findings within 10 days.

The twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) threshold shall be cumulatively increased by the annual percentage increase specified by Section 56723, or by the in-lieu percentage specified in the Budget Act.

Within five days following receipt of the superintendent's findings indicating availability of alternative placements, an individualized education program team meeting shall be convened to consider those findings.
If the superintendent fails to make findings within 10 days, the original placement decision of the individualized education program team shall be final.

The superintendent shall annually report the total costs incurred by districts, special education services regions, county offices, and the state resulting from placements made pursuant to this section.

56366. It is the intent of the Legislature that the role of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school shall be maintained and continued as an alternative special education service available to districts, special education services regions, and county offices, and parents.

(a) The contract for nonpublic, nonsectarian school services shall be developed in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) The contract shall specify the administrative and financial agreements between the nonpublic, nonsectarian school and the district, special education services region, or county office to provide the services included in the pupil's individualized education program. The contract may allow for partial or full-time attendance at the nonpublic, nonsectarian school.

(2) The contract shall be negotiated for the length of time for which nonpublic, nonsectarian school services are specified in the pupil's individualized education program. Changes in educational instruction, services, or placement provided under contract may only be made on the basis of revisions to the pupil's individualized education program.

At any time during the term of the contract the parent, nonpublic, nonsectarian school; or district, special education services region, or county office may request a review of the pupil's individualized education program by the individualized education program team. Changes in the administrative or financial agreements of the contract which do not alter the educational instruction, services, or placement may be made at any time during the term of the contract as mutually agreed by the nonpublic, nonsectarian school and the district, special education services region, or county office.

(3) The contract may be terminated for cause. Such cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the contract unless the parent agrees to the transfer.
of the pupil to a public school program. To terminate the contract either party shall give 20 days' notice.

(4) The nonpublic, nonsectarian school shall provide all services specified in the individualized education program, unless the nonpublic, nonsectarian school and the district, special education services region, or county office agree otherwise in the contract.

(b) If the pupil is enrolled in the nonpublic, nonsectarian school with the approval of the district, special education services region, or county office prior to agreement to a contract, the district, special education services region, or county office shall issue a warrant, upon submission of an attendance report and claim, for an amount equal to the number of creditable days of attendance at the per diem rate agreed upon prior to the enrollment of the pupil. This provision shall be allowed for 90 days during which time the contract shall be consummated.

(2) If after 60 days the contract has not been finalized as prescribed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), either party may appeal to the county superintendent of schools, if the county superintendent is not participating in the local plan involved in the nonpublic, nonsectarian school contract, or the superintendent, if the county superintendent is participating in the local plan involved in the contract, to negotiate the contract. Within 30 days of receipt of this appeal, the county superintendent or the superintendent, or his or her designee, shall mediate the formulation of a contract which shall be binding upon both parties.

(c) No contract for special education and related services provided by nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or licensed children's institutions shall be authorized under this part unless such school or institution has been certified as meeting those standards relating to the required special education services and facilities for individuals with exceptional needs. The certification shall result in the school's or institution's receiving approval to educate pupils under this part for a period no longer than five years from the date of such approval. The procedures, methods, and areas of certification shall be established by rules and regulations issued by the board. The school or institution shall be charged a reasonable sum for
this certification. In addition to those standards adopted by the board, the school or institution shall meet all applicable standards relating to fire, health, sanitation, and building safety.

56366.1. A district, special education services region, county office, nonpublic, nonsectarian school, nonpublic, nonsectarian agency, or licensed children's institution may petition the superintendent to waive one or more of the requirements under Sections 56365 and 56366. The petition shall state the reasons for the request, and shall include sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the waiver is necessary or beneficial to the content and implementation of the pupil's individualized education program and that the waiver does not abrogate any right provided individuals with exceptional needs and their parents or guardians under state or federal law, and does not hinder the compliance of a district, special education services region, or county office with Public Law 94-142, as amended, Section 504 of Public Law 93-112, as amended, and federal regulations relating thereto.

56366.5. (a) Upon receipt of a request from a nonpublic, nonsectarian school for payment for services provided under a contract entered into pursuant to Sections 56365 and 56366, the district, special education services region, or county office shall either (1) send a warrant for the amount requested within 45 days, or (2) notify the nonpublic, nonsectarian school within 10 working days of any reason why the requested payment shall not be paid.

(b) If the district, special education services region, or county office fails to comply with subdivision (a), the nonpublic, nonsectarian school may require the district, special education services region, or county office to pay an additional amount of 1-1/2 percent of the unpaid balance per month until full payment is made. The district, special education services region, or county office may not claim reimbursement from the state for such additional amount pursuant to any provision of law, including any provision contained in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 2201) of Part 4 of Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

56367. (a) Placements in state special schools pursuant to Sections 59020, 59120, and 59220 shall be made only as a result of recommendations.
from the individualized education program team, upon a finding that no appropriate placement is available in the local plan area.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a), referrals for further assessment and recommendations to the California Schools for the Deaf and Blind or the Diagnostic Schools for Neurologically Handicapped Children, pursuant to Section 56326, shall not constitute placements in state special schools.

56368. (a) A program specialist is a specialist who holds a valid special education credential, clinical services credential, health services credential, or a school psychologist authorization and has advanced training and related experience in the education of individuals with exceptional needs and a specialized indepth knowledge in preschool handicapped, career vocational development, or one or more areas of major handicapping conditions.

(b) A program specialist may do all the following:

(1) Observe, consult with, and assist resource specialists, designated instruction and services instructors, and special class teachers.

(2) Plan programs, coordinate curricular resources, and evaluate effectiveness of programs for individuals with exceptional needs.

(3) Participate in each school's staff development, program development, and innovation of special methods and approaches.

(4) Provide coordination, consultation and program development primarily in one specialized area or areas of his or her expertise.

(5) Be responsible for assuring that pupils have full educational opportunity regardless of the district of residence.

(c) For purposes of Section 41403, a program specialist shall be considered a pupil services employee, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41401.

56369. A district, special education services region, or county office, may contract with another public agency to provide special education or related services to an individual with exceptional needs.

Article 5. Review

56380. (a) The district, special education services region, or county office shall maintain
procedures for conducting, on at least an annual basis, reviews of all individualized education programs. The procedures shall provide for the review of the pupil's progress and the appropriateness of placement, and the making of any necessary revisions.

(b) The district, special education services region, or county office shall notify, in writing, parents of their right to request a review by the individualized education program team. The notice may be part of the individualized education program.

(c) Each individualized education program review shall be conducted in accordance with the notice and scheduling requirements for the initial assessment.

(d) When the individualized education program team finds that a pupil placed in a resource specialist program for more than one year has failed to show expected progress, the pupil shall receive a health and psychological evaluation as early as possible in the second year. The findings of the evaluation shall be interpreted for and considered by the individualized education program team in making their recommendations for the pupil.

Section 56381. A reassessment of the pupil, based upon procedures specified in Article 2 (commencing with Section 56320) shall be conducted at least every three years or more frequently, if conditions warrant, or if the pupil's parent or teacher requests a new assessment and a new individualized education program to be developed.

If the reassessment so indicates, a new individualized education program shall be developed.

CHAPTER 4.4. EARLY EDUCATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS

ARTICLE 1. General Provisions

Section 56425. As a condition of receiving state aid pursuant to this part, each district, special education services region, or county office that operated early education programs for individuals with exceptional needs younger than three years of age, as defined in Section 56026, and that received state or federal aid for special education for those programs in the 1980-81 fiscal year, shall continue to operate infant
programs in the 1981-82 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter.

If a district or county office offered those programs in the 1980-81 fiscal year but in a subsequent year transfers the programs to another district or county office in the special education services region, the district or county office shall be exempt from the provisions of this section in any year when the programs are offered by the district or county office to which they were transferred.

A district, county office or special education services region which is required to offer a program pursuant to this section shall be eligible for designated instructional services instructional personnel service units in excess of the number it would otherwise be eligible for pursuant to this chapter if the entity:

(1) is a member of a special education services region which offers classes equal to or greater than the amount computed pursuant to Section 56760.

(2) provided the program required by this section out of federal funds during the 1980-81 fiscal year, and such funds are no longer available for operation of the program.

The number of designated instructional services instructional personnel units to which an eligible agency is entitled pursuant to this section shall be computed as follows:

The superintendent shall determine the number of individuals with exceptional needs younger than three years of age who were served by the program in 1980-81, and shall divide the amount by 12. In no case shall the amount determined be less than one.

56426. The superintendent shall develop procedures and criteria to enable a district, special education services region, or county office to contract with private nonprofit preschools or child development centers to provide special education and related services to infant and preschool age individuals with exceptional needs. The criteria shall include minimum standards which must be met by the private, nonprofit preschool or center.

Article 2. Legislative Intent

56430. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that early intervention programs for handicapped infants, which provide educational,
health, and social services with active parent involvement, can significantly reduce the potential impact of many handicapping conditions, and positively influence later development when the child reaches school age.

It is the intent of the Legislature that existing services rendered by state agencies serving handicapped infants be coordinated and maximized.

CHAPTER 4.5. CAREER AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FUNDING

56450. (a) To the extent that funding is available, the superintendent shall, by July 1, 1981, disseminate to districts, special education service regions, and county offices information relating to exemplary local and regional programs that deliver career and vocational education services to individuals with exceptional needs.

(b) The superintendent shall annually update and disseminate such information.

(c) Such information shall include, but not be limited to, descriptions of effective methods for coordinating career and vocational education services delivered by all the following, but not limited to, secondary schools, regional occupational centers and programs, community colleges, regional centers for the developmentally disabled, sheltered workshops, programs under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (P.L. 93-203), as amended, programs under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112), as amended, and programs under the Vocational Education Act, (P.L. 94-482) as amended.

56451. The board shall, through the use of discretionary federal funds, encourage districts, special education services regions, and county offices to develop programs that coordinate career and vocational education services with other educational services for individuals with exceptional needs. Coordination includes, but is not limited to, coordination among any of the entities and programs enumerated in subdivision (c) of Section 56450.

56452. The superintendent shall ensure that the state annually secures all federal funds available for vocational education of individuals with exceptional needs.

56453. The superintendent and the Department of Rehabilitation shall enter into an interagency agreement to ensure that the state annually...
secures all federal funds available under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and that coordination in applying for, distributing, and using funds available under the Vocational Education Act, as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Education For All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, (P.L. 94-142), as amended, including, but not limited to, application for, and use thereof, be provided.

56454. In order to provide districts, special education service regions, and county offices with maximum flexibility to secure and utilize all federal funds available to enable those entities to meet the career and vocational needs of individuals with exceptional needs more effectively and efficiently, and to provide maximum federal funding to those agencies for the provision of that education, the superintendent shall do all the following:

(a) Provide necessary technical assistance to districts, special education service regions, and county offices.

(b) Establish procedures for these entities to obtain available federal funds.

(c) Apply for necessary waivers of federal statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, those governing federal career and vocational education programs.

56455. The board shall, by February 1, 1982, report to the Legislature its findings and recommendations relating to improvement of career and vocational education programs for individuals with exceptional needs.

(b) The report shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

1. Recommendations relating to the allocation of state and federal funds to county superintendents of schools and regional occupational centers and programs for providing career and vocational education programs for individuals with exceptional needs.

2. Recommendations relating to procedures for effectively coordinating the resources of secondary and postsecondary educational institutions to provide career and vocational education programs for individuals of exceptional needs.

3. Recommendations relating to prevocational education and career development at both the elementary and secondary levels for individuals with exceptional needs.

56456. It is the intent of the Legislature that districts, special education service
regions, and county offices may use any state or local special education funds for approved vocational programs, services, and activities to satisfy the excess cost matching requirements for receipt of federal vocational education funds for individuals with exceptional needs.

CHAPTER 4.6. AWARENESS PROGRAM

56460. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish an Awareness Program to help make nonhandicapped pupils aware of the special problems encountered by individuals with exceptional needs, and how those individuals overcome their problems. The program shall be conducted as a pilot project established in up to six elementary school districts selected pursuant to Section 56461. The purposes of the Awareness Program shall be to do all of the following:

(a) To impart knowledge about individuals with exceptional needs.
(b) To minimize the isolation of individuals with exceptional needs by breaking down barriers created by lack of understanding, fear, and curiosity.
(c) To increase the awareness of nonhandicapped pupils and teachers regarding physical barriers faced by individuals with exceptional needs, including, but not limited to, architectural barriers and transportation difficulties.
(d) To demonstrate ways to increase the peer status and self-esteem of the disabled student.

56461. The superintendent shall solicit requests from elementary school districts to participate in the Awareness Program. The superintendent shall select up to six elementary school districts located in the northern, central, and southern parts of the state to participate in the Awareness Program, based upon all of the following criteria:

(a) The content and activities of the district's awareness program are designed to promote positive attitudes towards individuals with exceptional needs among other pupils by increasing their knowledge of, and experience with, individuals with exceptional needs.
(b) The program training staff includes individuals with disabilities who are experienced in providing awareness programs to nonhandicapped pupils.
(c) The district has adopted a plan to disseminate the results of the pilot program to
the other elementary and secondary schools located in the district.

(d) The district's budget for the development and implementation of the awareness program shall not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000).

56462. The Awareness Program curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(a) Materials and activities to help nonhandicapped pupils become aware of their prejudices toward individuals with disabilities and to provide direct contact with disabled persons.

(b) Small group sessions with structured experiences presented by disabled persons regarding their disabilities.

(c) Multimedia presentations depicting disabled persons participating in all phases of our society.

56463. The superintendent shall develop a process for the evaluation and monitoring of the Awareness Program established in the selected districts.

56464. This chapter shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1988, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted before January 1, 1988, deletes or extends that date.

CHAPTER 4.7. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS

56475. (a) The superintendent and the directors of the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, the Department of the Youth Authority, and the Employment Development Department shall develop written interagency agreements which include fiscal responsibilities for the provision of special education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs in the State of California.

(b) The superintendent shall develop interagency agreements with other state and local public agencies, as deemed necessary by the superintendent, to carry out the provisions of state and federal law.

(c) (1) Each interagency agreement shall be submitted by the superintendent to each legislative fiscal committee, education committee, and policy committee, responsible for
legislation relating to those individuals with exceptional needs that will be affected by the agreement if it is effective.

(2) An interagency agreement shall not be effective sooner than 30 days after it has been submitted to each of the legislative committees specified in paragraph (2).

56476. (a) If any state agency fails to provide services specified in a child's individualized education program, and such agency is required to provide such services pursuant to federal law, state law, interagency agreement, or any combination thereof, such agency and the reasons for lack of provision shall be identified jointly by the superintendent and the appropriate state agency.

(b) Within 15 calendar days of identification of such a problem, a report of such lack of provision of services shall be made to the secretary of the agency having jurisdiction over the state agency involved. If the services are not provided within 60 days, the issue shall be referred to the Director of Finance who shall, after consultation with the appropriate agency, secretary and the superintendent, take whatever action he or she deems appropriate to ensure that the services are provided. Any state agency providing educationally related services to individuals with exceptional needs, pursuant to this chapter, shall obtain prior approval from the Department of Finance before reducing or eliminating such services.

CHAPTER 5. PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS

56500. As used in this chapter, "public education agency" means a district, special education services region, or county office, depending on the category of local plan elected by the governing board of a school district pursuant to Section 56170, or any other public agency providing special education or related services.

56500.1. All procedural safeguards of Public Law 94–142, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, shall be established and maintained by each noneducational and educational agency that provides education, related services, or both, to children who are individuals with exceptional needs.

56500.2. An expeditious and effective process shall be implemented for the resolution of complaints regarding any alleged violations of
due process hearing procedures prescribed by this chapter extend to the pupil, the parent, and the public education agency involved in any decisions regarding a child under any of the following circumstances, and the pupil, the parent, and the public education agency involved may initiate the due process hearing procedures prescribed by this chapter under any of the following circumstances:

(1) There is a proposal to initiate or change the identification, assessment, or educational placement of the child or the provision of a free, appropriate public education to the child.

(2) There is a refusal to initiate or change the identification, assessment, or educational placement of the child or the provision of a free, appropriate public education to the child.

(3) The parent refuses to consent to an assessment of the child.

(b) The due process hearing rights prescribed by this chapter include, but are not limited to, all the following:

(1) The right to a mediation conference pursuant to Sections 56502 and 56503.

(2) The right to examine pupil records pursuant to Section 56504. This provision shall not be construed to abrogate the rights prescribed by Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 49060) of Part 27.

(3) The right to a fair and impartial administrative hearing at the state level, before a person knowledgeable in the laws governing special education and administrative hearings, under contract with the department, pursuant to Section 56505.

(c) In addition to the rights prescribed by subdivision (b), the parent has the following rights:

(1) The right to have the pupil who is the subject of the state hearing present at the hearing.

(2) The right to open the state hearing to the public.

56502. (a) All requests for a due process hearing shall be filed with the superintendent. The party initiating a due process hearing by filing a written request with the superintendent shall provide the other party to the hearing with a copy of the request at the same time as the request is filed with the superintendent. Within three days following receipt by the public
education agency of a copy of such request, the public education agency shall advise the parent of free or low-cost legal services and other relevant services available within the geographical area. The superintendent shall take steps to ensure that within 45 days after receipt of the written hearing request the hearing is immediately commenced and completed, including, any mediation conducted pursuant to Section 56503, and a final administrative decision is rendered, unless a continuance has been granted pursuant to Section 56503 or 56505.

(b) Notwithstanding any procedure set forth in this chapter, a public education agency and a parent may, if the party initiating the hearing so chooses, meet informally to resolve any issue or issues relating to the identification, assessment, or education and placement of the child, or the provision of a free, appropriate public education to the child, to the satisfaction of both parties prior to the mediation conference. The informal meeting shall be conducted by the district superintendent, county superintendent, or director of the public education agency or his or her designee. Any designee appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall have the authority to resolve the issue or issues.

(c) Upon receipt by the superintendent of a written request by the parent or public education agency, the superintendent or his or her designee or designees shall immediately notify, in writing, both parties of the request for the hearing and the proposed date for the mediation conference. The notice shall advise both parties of all their rights relating to procedural safeguards, including the right to waive the mediation conference. The superintendent shall inform the public education agency of its responsibility to advise the parent of free or low-cost legal services and other relevant services available within the geographical area.

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the mediation conference be an intervening, informal process conducted in a nonadversarial atmosphere.

(b) The mediation conference shall be conducted prior to holding the administrative due process hearing pursuant to Section 56505, unless either party waives the mediation conference. The conference shall be completed within 15 days of receipt by the superintendent of the request for the hearing. Either party to the mediation conference may request that the conference be closed to the public if it is in the best interest of the child.
conference may request the superintendent or his or her designee to grant a continuance. Such a continuance shall be granted upon a showing of good cause. Any continuance shall not extend the 45-day maximum for completion of the due process hearing and rendering of the final administrative decision, unless the party initiating the request for the hearing is agreeable to such an extension. Such continuance shall extend the time for rendering a final administrative decision for a period only equal to the length of the continuance.

(c) The parent shall have the right, pursuant to Section 56504, to examine and receive copies of any documents contained in the child's file, maintained by the public education agency, prior to the date set for the mediation conference. The parent may be accompanied by a representative or representatives that he or she has chosen.

(d) Based upon the mediation conference, the district superintendent, the county superintendent, or the director of the public education agency, or his or her designee, may resolve the issue or issues. However, such resolution shall not conflict with state or federal law and shall be to the satisfaction of both parties. A copy of the written resolution shall be mailed to each party within 10 days following the mediation conference. A copy shall also be filed with the Advisory Commission on Special Education.

(e) If the mediation conference fails to resolve the issues to the satisfaction of both parties, a state-level hearing pursuant to Section 56505 shall be held.

(f) If the mediation conference fails to resolve the issues to the satisfaction of both parties, the mediator shall list any unresolved issues. A list of unresolved issues shall be reviewed and approved by the party initiating the hearing. These unresolved issues shall be the basis for the state-level hearing, prescribed by Section 56505.

(g) The mediation conference shall be conducted in accordance with regulations adopted by the board and shall be conducted by a mediator knowledgeable in the laws governing special education under contract with the department.

(h) Any mediation conference held pursuant to this section shall be held at a time and place reasonably convenient to the parent and pupil.

(i) Notwithstanding the intent of the Legislature that the mediation conference be
informal and nonadversarial, if the public education agency uses an attorney as its representative during any part of the conference, such use shall be governed by Section 56507.

56504. The parent shall have the right and opportunity to examine all school records of the child and to receive copies pursuant to this section and to Section 49065 within five days after such request is made by the parent, either orally or in writing. A public educational agency may charge no more than the actual cost of reproducing such records, but if this cost effectively prevents the parent from exercising the right to receive such copy or copies the copy or copies shall be reproduced at no cost.

56505. (a) The state hearing shall be conducted in accordance with regulations adopted by the board. The hearing shall be conducted by a person knowledgeable in administrative hearings under contract with the department.

(b) The hearing shall be held at a time and place reasonably convenient to the parent and the pupil.

(c) The hearing shall be conducted by a person knowledgeable in the laws governing special education and administrative hearings under contract with the department.

(d) During the pendency of the hearing proceedings, including the actual state-level hearing, the pupil shall remain in his or her present placement unless the public agency and the parent agree otherwise.

(e) Any party to the hearing held pursuant to this section shall be afforded the following rights consistent with state and federal statutes and regulations:

(1) The right to be accompanied and advised by counsel and by individuals with special knowledge or training relating to the problems of handicapped children.

(2) The right to present evidence, written arguments, and oral arguments.

(3) The right to confront, cross-examine, and compel the attendance of witnesses.

(4) The right to a written or electronic verbatim record of the hearing.

(5) The right to written findings of fact and the decision.

(6) The right to prohibit the introduction of any evidence at the hearing that has not been disclosed to the party at least five days before the hearing.
(f) The use of an attorney as a representative of the public education agency during any part of the hearing shall be governed by Section 56507.

(g) The hearing conducted pursuant to this section shall be completed and a written, reasoned decision mailed to all parties to the hearing within 45 days from the receipt by the superintendent of the request for a hearing. Either party to the hearing may request the superintendent or his or her designee to grant a continuance. The continuance shall be granted upon a showing of good cause. Any continuance shall extend the time for rendering a final administrative decision for a period only equal to the length of the continuance.

(h) The hearing conducted pursuant to this section shall be the final administrative determination and binding on all parties.

(i) In decisions relating to the placement of individuals with exceptional needs, the person conducting the state hearing shall consider cost, in addition to all other factors that are considered.

(j) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude a party from exercising the right to appeal the decision to a court of competent jurisdiction. Any appeal to court by a public education agency or parent shall not operate as an automatic stay of enforcement of the final administrative determination. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude either party to the hearing from seeking a stay of enforcement from any court of competent jurisdiction, and nothing in this section shall be construed to remove the requirement for parental consent for placement pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 56506.

56506. In addition to the due process hearing rights enumerated in subdivision (b) of 56501, the following due process rights extend to the pupil and the parent:

(a) Written notice to the parent of his or her rights in language easily understood by the general public and in the primary language of the parent or other mode of communication used by the parent, unless to do so is clearly not feasible. The written notice of rights shall include, but not be limited to, those prescribed by Section 56341.

(b) The right to initiate a referral of a child for special education services pursuant to Section 56303.
(c) The right to obtain an independent educational assessment pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56329.

(d) The right to participate in the development of the individualized education program and to be informed of the availability under state and federal law of free, appropriate public education and of all available alternative programs, both public and nonpublic.

(e) Written parental consent pursuant to Section 56321 shall be obtained before any assessment of the pupil is conducted unless the public education agency prevails in a due process hearing relating to such assessment.

(f) Written parental consent pursuant to Section 56321 shall be obtained before the pupil is placed in a special education program.

56507. (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), the public education agency shall not use the services of an attorney for actual presentation of written argument, oral argument, evidence, or any combination thereof, during any part of a mediation conference, individualized education program meeting, or state hearing.

(b) The public education agency may initiate the use of the services of an attorney for actual presentation of written argument, oral argument, evidence, or any combination thereof, during a mediation conference, individualized education program meeting, or state hearing, provided that all the following requirements are satisfied:

(1) The public education agency notifies the parent, in writing, of the use of such services at least three days prior to the mediation conference or individualized education program meeting, or at least 10 days prior to the state hearing, as appropriate.

(2) The public education agency provides for a listing of attorneys knowledgeable in mediation conferences, individualized education program meetings, and state hearings to be provided to the parent.

(3) The public education agency bears only those costs of the services of any attorney provided to the parent for which the parent is required to pay. However, in no case shall such costs to the agency be greater than the cost to the agency for its own attorney services, including the cost of preparation and advice.

(c) (1) The public education agency may use the services of an attorney for actual presentation of written argument, oral argument, evidence, or
any combination thereof, during a mediation conference, individualized education program meeting, or state hearing, if the parent initiates the use of the services of an attorney. The parent shall notify the public education agency, in writing, of the use of such services at least three days prior to the mediation conference or individualized education program meeting or at least 10 days prior to the state hearing, as appropriate.

(2) If the parent uses the services of an attorney pursuant to paragraph (1), the parent shall bear his or her costs.

If the public education agency uses the services of an attorney pursuant to paragraph (1), it shall bear its costs.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the use of attorney services by a public education agency other than for actual presentation of written argument, oral argument, evidence, or any combination thereof during any part of the mediation conference, individualized education program meeting, or state hearing.

CHAPTER 6. EVALUATION, AUDITS, AND INFORMATION

56600. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for ongoing comprehensive evaluation of special education programs authorized by this part. The Legislature finds and declares that the evaluation of these programs shall be designed to provide the Legislature, the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, and program administrators at county, district, and school levels with the information necessary to refine and improve policies, regulations, guidelines, and procedures on a continuing basis, and to assess the overall merits of these efforts.

56601. Each district, special education services region, or county office shall submit to the superintendent at least annually a report in a form and manner prescribed by the superintendent. Such reports shall include that information necessary for the superintendent to carry out the responsibilities prescribed by Section 56602 and such other statistical data, program descriptions, and fiscal information as the superintendent may require.

56602. In accordance with a program evaluation plan adopted pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 56100, the superintendent shall submit to the board, the Legislature, and the Governor, an

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annual evaluation of the special education programs implemented under this part. This evaluation shall:

(a) Utilize existing information sources including fiscal records, child counts, other descriptive data, and program reviews to gather ongoing information regarding implementation of programs authorized by this chapter.

(b) Utilize existing information to the maximum extent feasible to conduct special evaluation studies of issues of statewide concern. Such studies may include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Pupil performance.
(2) Placement of pupils in least restrictive environments.
(3) Degree to which services identified in individualized education programs are provided.
(4) Parent, pupil, teacher, program specialist, resource specialist, and administrator attitudes toward services and processes provided.
(5) Program costs, including, but not limited to:
   (A) Expenditures for instructional personnel services, support services, special transportation services, and regionalized services.
   (B) Capital outlay costs at the district and school levels, and for special education services regions, county offices, state special schools, and nonpublic, nonsectarian schools.
   (C) Funding sources at the district, special education services region, county office, state special school, and nonpublic, nonsectarian school levels.

(c) Summarize and report on the results of special studies regarding the Master Plan for Special Education performed pursuant to Section 33406.

(d) Identify the numbers of individuals with exceptional needs, their racial and ethnic data, their classification by designated instructional services, resource specialist, special day class or center, and nonpublic, nonsectarian schools, in accordance with criteria established by the board and consistent with federal reporting requirements.

56603. The Department of Education shall, as part of the annual evaluation, report the information necessary to refine and improve statewide policies, regulations, guidelines, and procedures developed pursuant to this part.

56604. (a) The superintendent shall coordinate the design of school, district, county office,
state, and independent evaluations to prevent duplication and to minimize data collection and reporting requirements at the school and district levels.

(b) The Department of Education and the independent evaluator shall utilize sampling procedures whenever feasible.

56605. The superintendent shall periodically sponsor or conduct workshops and seminars for the education of district or county personnel assigned to, and responsible for, the evaluation of local special education programs.

56606. The superintendent shall provide for onsite program and fiscal reviews of the implementation of plans approved under this part. In performing such reviews and audits, the superintendent may utilize the services of persons outside of the department chosen for their knowledge of special education programs. Each district, special education services region, or county office shall be reviewed at least once during the period of approval of its local plan.

56607. (a) The Department of Education shall contract for an independent evaluation of the programs established pursuant to this part to be conducted through January 31, 1982.

(b) Such evaluation shall contain, but need not be limited to, annual and longitudinal information from a sampling of districts and schools relating to the implementation, benefits, consequences, and costs of these programs; and, to the extent possible, attention to changes in the implementation of special education programs resulting from the operation of this part.

(c) The independent evaluator shall have expertise in evaluation. Selection of the independent evaluator, and the design and scope of the evaluation, shall be subject to approval by the Legislative Analyst and the Department of Finance. The evaluator shall submit annually a report to the Legislature and the Governor.

56607.5. (a) The State Department of Education shall contract for a study to examine the process of identification of individuals with exceptional needs to determine the extent of misdiagnosis of individuals with perceptual problems resulting in placement of those individuals into classes. The intent to issue the contract shall be included in the department's 1982-83 fiscal year state plan for federal assistance under subdivision (e) of Section 1413 of Title 20 of the United States Code. The department may utilize any funds that are available for the purposes of this section.
(b) The contract shall specifically provide for the creation of an evaluation team consisting of one neurologist, one pediatrician, one ophthalmologist, one audiologist (each trained and experienced in the diagnosis of perceptual handicaps); one optometrist trained and experienced in the identification of visual perceptual handicaps and vision therapy; and one educator trained and experienced in areas of special education dealing with perceptual learning disabilities. Each of the team members shall be selected by the Superintendent of Public Instruction after consultation with independent experts in the area of perceptual handicap identification and therapy.

(c) The contract shall specifically provide that the team shall select and examine children currently placed in special day classes for the children identified as learning handicapped or severely handicapped, with emphasis on mentally retarded and the seriously emotionally handicapped children.

(d) The contract shall specifically provide that all children determined by the team to have perceptual handicaps or problems shall be placed in appropriate classes designed for children with their learning disabilities according to the recommendations of a majority of the team with the concurrence of the individualized education program team, for a period of not less than one year. The team, at the end of this period, shall again examine each of these children to determine their progress, if any, in terms of their learning experience.

(e) The contract shall specifically provide that the team, in conjunction and cooperation with the State Department of Education, shall prepare a report to the department and the Legislature which shall, among other things, include the number of children examined, the number of children determined to have perceptual learning disabilities, the number of those children placed in new classes, and the academic progress of those children, if any, in their new placement at the expiration of one year.

(f) The contract shall specifically provide that the team shall; from time to time as it sees fit, check on each of the children for which a new placement is made to ensure that the children are properly placed and are receiving all of the appropriate training and therapy to which they are entitled under current California law.
The purpose of this section and of the contract required by this section is to examine a sufficient number of children now placed in special day classes for the children identified as learning handicapped or severely handicapped, with emphasis on mentally retarded and the seriously emotionally handicapped children, to determine if, in fact, a significant number of children are currently being misdiagnosed and misplaced. The team shall therefore select a sufficient number of special day classes and students now placed in special day classes to be of value in a statistical sense, but sufficiently small in number to be manageable in terms of the resources, personnel, and money available for the study. The team shall specifically select at least one class of their choice in each of the following school districts: the San Diego Unified School District, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the San Francisco Unified School District. In addition, one class shall be selected from a rural school district and one class shall be selected from a suburban school district. Each of the classes and all of the children selected for diagnosis shall be selected at the sole discretion of the evaluation team as determined by a majority of the team.

56608. (a) The department shall, by March 15, 1981, review the existing data and research relating to provision of special education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three years and four years and nine months. Such review shall include, but not be limited to, all the following:

(1) Long-term effects of provision of special education and related services to children in these age groups as compared to children with similar handicaps who do not receive such early intervention.

(2) The cost effectiveness of early intervention.

(b) The Legislative Analyst shall review the design and scope of this review prior to the department's performing such review.

56609. The Legislative Analyst shall submit a report to the Legislature annually in 1981, 1982, and 1983, relating to all of the following:

(a) Audits conducted pursuant to Section 56735.

(b) The local general fund contribution prescribed by Section 56755.
(c) Implementation of service proportions specified in Section 56760.
(d) Disposition of requests for waivers of service proportions submitted pursuant to Section 56761.
(e) Implementation of special transportation provisions specified in Article 8 (commencing with Section 56770) of Chapter 7.

CHAPTER 7. FUNDING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Article 1. State Aid Apportionments

56700. In fiscal year 1980-81 and in each fiscal year thereafter all apportionments to districts, special education services regions, and county offices for special education programs and services shall be computed pursuant to this chapter.

56701. The superintendent shall apportion funds for instructional personnel services, support services, and transportation services from Section A of the State School Fund directly to districts and county offices in accordance with the annual budget plan submitted pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 56200, unless the plan specifies an alternative recipient.

56702. The superintendent shall apportion funds for regionalized services from Section A of the State School Fund to the administrative entity specified in the local plan to receive and distribute such funds. Upon receipt, each entity shall distribute the funds in accordance with the allocation plan adopted pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 56200.

Article 2. Computation of State Aid

56710. The county superintendent shall compute, pursuant to this article, apportionments for state aid for special education programs and services for each district or county office operating special education programs and services.

56711. The county superintendent shall compute for each district and county office the sum of all the following:
   (a) Instructional personnel services amount pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 56720).
(b) Support services amount pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 56730).
(c) Amount for pupils in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 56740).

56712. From the sum computed pursuant to Section 56711, the county superintendent shall subtract all the following:
(a) Applicable special education federal funds received by each district or county office.
(b) For the 1981-82 fiscal year only, an amount equal to the difference, if positive, between the sum of state aid received pursuant to this chapter, local general fund contribution, federal funds, and district revenue limits for special day classes and centers, and county taxes for special education for the prior fiscal year, and the amount actually spent on special education programs and services pursuant to this part, for the prior fiscal year.
(c) The property taxes allocated to special education programs pursuant to Section 2572.
(d) The district revenue limit amounts for pupils in special day classes and centers in each district or county office.
(e) The local general fund contribution for special education computed pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section 56750).
(f) Any amounts allocated to school districts for special education programs pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56713.

56713. (a) The amount computed pursuant to Section 56712 shall be apportioned as state aid. Commencing with the 1980-81 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, state aid shall be apportioned as part of the apportionments prescribed by Sections 41330, 41332, and 41335.
(b) Commencing in the 1982-83 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter if, for any county office, the remainder computed pursuant to Section 56712 is a negative amount, no state aid shall be distributed to that county office for purposes of Section 56711. In addition, the county superintendent shall allocate an amount equal to that negative amount to school districts in that county on the basis of the district's average unduplicated pupil counts for the fall and spring semesters for the then current fiscal year.

56714. The superintendent shall adopt rules and regulations for the implementation of this chapter.
Article 3. Instructional Personnel Services

56720. The county superintendent shall compute, pursuant to this article, instructional personnel services amounts for each district and county office operating special education programs and services.

56721. Each district or county office shall submit to the county superintendent its 1979-80 average salaries and benefits paid for providing special education services, based on the regular school year, for the following instructional personnel:

(a) Special class teachers.
(b) Resource specialists; or for entities that did not operate under the master plan during fiscal year 1979-80, learning disability group teachers; or for entities that operated partially under the master plan during fiscal year 1979-80, resource specialists, and learning disability group teachers.
(c) Certificated specialists providing designated instruction and services.
(d) (1) Special education instructional aides for special classes and centers, and resource specialists.
(2) Average salaries and benefits for such aides for the purpose of this section only shall be the greater of the district's or county office's:
   (A) Average salary and benefits for a full-time equivalent special education instructional aide based on the average number of hours actually worked per instructional aide per day.
   (B) Average annual salaries and benefits for six hours of special education instructional aide time.

56722. For each district or county office, the county superintendent shall compute an instructional personnel cost unit rate based on the 1979-80 costs submitted pursuant to Section 56721 for each of the following instructional personnel services:

(a) Special classes and centers with one special class teacher, using the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 56721.
(b) Special classes and centers for the severely handicapped, as defined in Section 56030.5, with one special class teacher and one instructional aide, using the amounts computed pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (d) of Section 56721.
(c) Special classes and centers for the severely handicapped, as defined in Section 56030.5, with one special class teacher and two instructional aides, using the amounts computed pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (d) of Section 56721.

(d) Resource specialist programs with one resource specialist only, using the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56721.

(e) Resource specialist programs with one resource specialist and one instructional aide, using the amounts computed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56721 and 85 percent of the amount computed to subdivision (d) Section 56721. However, for the 1980-81 fiscal year only, each district and county office that continues, pursuant to Section 56195.2, to operate learning disability groups without aides shall use only the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56721.

(f) Certificated specialists providing designated instruction and services, using the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56721. For the purpose of this subdivision, aides providing designated instruction and services may be funded in lieu of a certificated specialist.

(g) Special classes and centers for other than the severely handicapped with one special class teacher and one instructional aide using the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (a) and 85 percent of the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 56721.

(h) Special classes and centers for other than the severely handicapped with one special class teacher and two instructional aides using the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (a) and 85 percent of the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 56721.

56723. For fiscal year 1980-81 the county superintendent shall multiply the unit rates computed pursuant to Section 56722 by 1.09. For fiscal year 1981-82, the unit rates shall be increased by 5 percent. For fiscal year 1983-84, the unit rates shall be increased by 8 percent. Commencing with fiscal year 1984-85 and each fiscal year thereafter, the unit rates shall be increased by the statewide average percentage inflation adjustment computed for revenue limits of school districts.

56724. In the event a district or county office claims special education allowances for an
in 1979-80 and for which an instructional personnel cost unit rate was not computed, such district or county office shall use the statewide average unit rate for the then current fiscal year for that instructional personnel service.

56725. For each of the instructional personnel services specified in Section 56722 for which funds have been budgeted pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 56200, the county superintendent shall multiply the units of instructional personnel service computed pursuant to Section 56760 by the appropriate unit rate for the district or county office for the then current fiscal year.

56726. For each district and county office that operates an extended year program, which is required by statute, the following amount shall be computed:

(a) For special classes, excluding those funded under subdivision (b):

(1) Divide the number of days taught in extended session for special classes, not to exceed 30, by the number of days in the regular school year.

(2) Multiply the quotient computed pursuant to paragraph (1) by the unit rate computed pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 56722, as adjusted pursuant to Section 56723, and multiply the product by 0.6.

(3) Divide the enrollment in special classes as of the second week of extended session by 14; round up to the nearest whole number; and multiply by the product computed pursuant to paragraph (2).

(b) For special centers or classes for severely handicapped pupils, as defined in Section 56030.5.

(1) Divide the number of days taught in extended session for special classes or centers, not to exceed 55, by the number of days in the regular school year.

(2) Multiply the quotient computed pursuant to paragraph (1) by the unit rate computed pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56722, as adjusted pursuant to Section 56723.

(3) Divide the enrollment in special classes or centers as of the second week of extended session by 7; round up to the nearest whole number; and multiply by the product computed pursuant to paragraph (2).

(c) For designated instruction and services for pupils in special classes during extended session:

- County Superintendent Multiplies Units

- Extended Year Computation

- Special Classes/Non-severely Handicapped

- Special Centers-Classes/Severely Handicapped

- DIS in Special Classes
(1) Divide the number of classes computed pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) by 3 and multiply that amount by the product computed by multiplying the quotient computed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) by the unit rate computed pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 56722, as adjusted pursuant to Section 56723.

(2) Divide the number of classes computed pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) by 3 and multiply that amount by the product computed by multiplying the quotient computed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) by the unit rate computed pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 56722, as adjusted pursuant to Section 56723.

(3) Multiply the amount computed pursuant to paragraph (1) by 0.6.

56727. The county superintendent shall compute the sum of the amounts computed pursuant to Section 56725 and 56726.

56728. Notwithstanding subdivision (d) of Section 56760, state aid for instructional personnel service units, operated during the regular school year and during extended year programs shall not exceed the number of units actually in operation for the then current fiscal year. Districts and county offices shall be entitled to the full unit rates computed pursuant to subdivisions (b), (c), (e), (g), and (h) of Section 56722 in regular year and extended year programs only if the appropriate number of instructional aides are actually used.

For the purposes of computing funding for aides other than those in classes for the severely handicapped, a full-time equivalent aide shall be equivalent to .85 times a full-time equivalent aide entitlement for those aides in the 1980-81 fiscal year.

56728.5. As a condition of receiving state aid pursuant to this chapter, a district or county office of education shall report in April of each year, on forms provided for this purpose by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the unduplicated count of the number of pupils receiving special education services provided by the district or county office in the spring semester. The report shall individually report the unduplicated count in special day classes, resource specialist programs, and designated instructional services.

56728.6. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (d) of Section 56760, in the 1984-85 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, a special education local plan area shall be eligible for state aid.
funding of those instructional personnel service units operated and fundable at the second principal apportionment of the prior fiscal year, so long as the unduplicated pupil count divided by the number of instructional personnel units is equal to or greater than the following:

(1) For special classes and centers — 9.
(2) For resource specialist programs — 21.
(3) For designated instruction and services — 20.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (d) of Section 56760, in the 1984-85 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, a special education local plan area shall be eligible for state funding of instructional personnel service units in excess of the number of instructional personnel service units operated and fundable at the second principal apportionment of the prior fiscal year only with the authorization of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(1) The superintendent shall not authorize additional units for a special education local plan area if, for that special education local plan area, the percentage of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12 enrolled in special education programs would exceed 10 percent.

(2) The superintendent shall not authorize additional units for a special education local plan area if, for that special education local plan area, the ratio of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12 receiving a specific instructional service would exceed the following:

(A) For special classes and centers — 0.028 percent.
(B) For resource specialist programs — 0.040 percent.
(C) For designated instruction services — 0.042 percent.

(c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall base the authorization of funding for special education local plan areas pursuant to this section, including the reallocation of instructional personnel service units, upon criteria which shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Changes in the total number of pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12.
(2) High and low average caseloads per instructional personnel service unit for each instructional setting.
(3) Lower-than-average and higher-than-average percentages of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12 who are currently enrolled in special education programs.

(d) A special education local plan area may apply for, and the superintendent may grant, a waiver of any of the standards and criteria specified in this section if compliance would prevent the provision of a free, appropriate public education or would create undue hardship. In granting the waivers, the superintendent shall consider the following:

(1) Pupil density of 25 or fewer units of average daily attendance per square mile in local plan areas of 30,000 or fewer average daily attendance.

(2) The location of licensed children's institutions, foster family homes, residential medical facilities, and other similar facilities within the boundaries of a local plan if 5 percent or more of the local plan's unduplicated pupil count resides in those facilities.

(e) For the purpose of this section, a special education local plan area may apply for, and the superintendent may grant, a waiver of the standards specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) if the waiver is programmatically justified.

(f) For the 1984-85 fiscal year only, a special education local plan area may apply for, and the superintendent may grant, a waiver of any of the standards and criteria specified in this section if either of the following applies:

(1) Compliance would require the termination of a contract employee in violation of Section 44949 or 44955.

(2) The special education local plan area's duplicated pupil count divided by the number of designated instruction and service units is equal to or greater than 39.

(g) By authorizing units pursuant to this subdivision, the superintendent shall not increase the statewide total number of instructional personnel service units for purposes of state apportionments unless an appropriation specifically for growth in the number of instructional personnel service units is made in the annual Budget Act or other legislation. If such an appropriation is made, units authorized by the superintendent pursuant to this subdivision that result in an increase in the statewide total number of instructional
personnel service units are subject to the following restrictions:

1. The units shall be funded only by such appropriation and no other funds may be apportioned for the units.
2. All units shall be fully funded pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 56700) of Part 30.

(h) This section shall become operative July 1, 1984.

Article 4. Support Services

56730. The county superintendent shall compute, pursuant to this article, a support services amount for each district and county office operating special education programs and services pursuant to this article.

56730.5. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, by January 1, 1982, with the approval of the Department of Finance and the advice of the Legislative Analyst, shall issue standards and criteria, consistent with the California School Accounting Manual and state law, for the computation of special education costs pursuant to this article.

56730.6. Within one year of the issuance of accounting standards and criteria pursuant to Section 56730.5, the Legislative Analyst and the Department of Finance shall review and comment upon the results of a study of comparable public and nonpublic school costs for services provided to individuals with exceptional needs to be conducted by the California Association of Private Special Education Schools.

56731. Each district and county office shall submit to the county superintendent the sum of salaries and benefits paid to instructional personnel, excluding substitute teachers, specified in Section 56721 for providing special education services, based on the regular school year, plus the sum of salaries and benefits paid to instructional personnel specified in Section 56721 for providing special education services for extended year programs during fiscal year 1979-80, plus the increase in salary and benefit costs for instructional aides associated with the unit rates computed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 56720) of this part.

56732. Each district and county office shall submit to the county superintendent the adjusted operating costs for special education in fiscal year 1979-80. Adjusted operating costs shall be
computed by reducing the total cost for special education reported by the district or county superintendent for fiscal year 1979-80 less the costs of special transportation, services provided by nonpublic, nonsectarian schools, tuition paid to other school districts or county offices for special education programs and services during the 1979-80 fiscal year but not paid during the 1980-81 fiscal year, pregnant minors programs, programs to provide instruction in the home or hospital for pupils with temporary physical disabilities, and, if appropriate, regionalized services, as enumerated in subdivision (c) of Section 56220.

The amount included in the total cost of special education for indirect support costs shall not exceed 4 percent of the sum of direct costs plus direct support costs.

56733. The county superintendent shall compute a support services quotient as follows:
(a) Subtract the sum computed pursuant to Section 56731 from the sum computed pursuant to Section 56732.
(b) Divide the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (a) by the sum computed pursuant to Section 56731.

56734. The support services amounts to each district and county office for the 1980-81 fiscal year shall be the amount computed pursuant to Section 56727 multiplied by the quotient computed pursuant to Section 56733.

56735. (a) The superintendent shall recommend for audit to the Controller districts or county offices, whose 1979-80 fiscal year support services quotient exceeded 125 percent of the state average support services quotient, computed pursuant to subdivision (b), for comparably sized districts.
(b) The superintendent shall compute average support services quotients for the 1979-80 fiscal year for the following groups of districts. As used in this section, "average daily attendance" is the district's regular average daily attendance.
(1) Elementary districts of 100 or less units of average daily attendance.
(2) Elementary districts with more than 100 and less than 901 units of average daily attendance.
(3) High school districts with less than 301 units of average daily attendance.
(4) Unified districts with less than 1,501 units of average daily attendance.

- Indirect Support Costs
  4 Percent Cap
- County Superintendent
  Computes Support Services Ratio
- 1980-81 Support Services Computation
- Controller Audit of Support Services
(5) Elementary districts with greater than 900 units of average daily attendance.
(6) High school districts with more than 300 units of average daily attendance.
(7) Unified districts with greater than 1,500 units of average daily attendance.

(c) For purposes of this section, county offices shall be treated as districts within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b).

(d) In addition to the audits specified in subdivision (a), the Controller may select a representative cross-section of districts to audit.

(e) The Controller may review the criteria for identifying special education costs to be issued pursuant to Section 56730.5, and make recommendations in their audit report.

56736. It is the intent of the Legislature that the adjusted operating costs for special education as computed pursuant to Section 56732 exclude all costs associated with the services enumerated in subdivision (c) of Section 56220 regardless of whether the district or county office operated under the Master Plan for Special Education during the 1979-80 fiscal year and regardless of whether the district or county office received special funding for these services. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:

(a) Identify the costs associated with the services enumerated in subdivision (c) of Section 56220 for all districts and county offices during the 1979-80 fiscal year.
(b) Recompute the support services quotients for districts and county offices, excluding the costs identified in subdivision (a) from the computation, not to exceed ninety-three dollars ($93) per unduplicated pupil count.

56737. For the 1981-82 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall:

(a) Compute the statewide unweighted average of the support services quotients computed pursuant to Section 56736, for the 1980-81 fiscal year.
(b) Compute a support services quotient for each district and county office claiming reimbursement pursuant to this chapter for the then current fiscal year for instructional personnel services units, other than for the severely handicapped, as defined in Section 56030.5, in the following manner:

(1) If the support services quotient for the prior fiscal year is greater than 1.5 times the

- Adjusted Operating Costs Exclude Regionalized Services Costs
- Identify Regionalized Services Costs
- Recompute Support Services Ratio, Minus Regionalized Services Costs, Not to Exceed $93 Per Pupil
- Support Services Ratio Squeeze
- Nonseverely Handicapped Support Services Ratio
- Greater Than 150 Percent Statewide Average

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average quotient computed pursuant to subdivision (a), then the quotient for the current fiscal year shall be 1.5 times the average quotient computed pursuant to subdivision (a).

(2) If the support services quotient for the prior fiscal year is less than or equal to 1.5 times the average quotient computed pursuant to subdivision (a) but greater than the average quotient computed pursuant to subdivision (a), then the quotient for the then current fiscal year shall be the greater of (A) or (B):

(A) The average computed pursuant to subdivision (a).

(B) The support services quotient for the prior fiscal year minus 0.1.

(3) If the support services quotient for the prior fiscal year is less than or equal to the average quotient computed pursuant to subdivision (a), then the quotient for the then current fiscal year shall be equal to the quotient for the prior fiscal year.

(4) If a district or county office did not operate special education programs and services in the fiscal year, its support services quotient for the then current fiscal year shall be the lesser of (A) or (B).

(A) The average quotient computed pursuant to subdivision (a).

(B) The statewide unweighted average for the appropriate class district or county office identified in Section 56735.

(c) The support services quotient for special day class instructional personnel services units for the severely handicapped, as defined in Section 56030.5, shall be the quotient for the prior fiscal year, except that that quotient shall not exceed 1.5 times the average quotient computed pursuant to subdivision (a).

(d) No district or county office which had a nonseverely handicapped support services ratio of 1.5 times the average in the 1981-82 fiscal year shall have that average reduced below 1.15 times the average in subsequent years.

(e) Compute a total support services amount for each district and county office equal to the sum of (1) and (2):

(1) Multiply the support services quotient for the current fiscal year computed pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) by the instructional amounts for the appropriate types of programs, computed pursuant to Section 56725.

(2) Multiply the support services quotient for the current fiscal year computed pursuant to
subdivision (b) by the extended year amount computed pursuant to Section 56726. Support services amounts for extended year programs for other than the severely handicapped, as defined in Section 56030.5, shall be divided by 2.

56738. Notwithstanding Section 56737, the support services amounts for the following instructional personnel services units shall be one-half of the amounts computed for those units pursuant to Section 56737:
(a) All instructional personnel services units added between the end of the first principal apportionment period and the end of the second principal apportionment period during a single fiscal year.
(b) Any designated instruction and services units in excess of the number of those units operated during the 1980-81 fiscal year.

56739. (a) When allocating funds received for special education pursuant to this article, it is the intent of the Legislature that, to the extent funding is available, school districts and county offices shall give first priority to expenditures to provide specialized books, materials, and equipment which are necessary and appropriate for the individualized education programs of pupils with low-incidence disabilities, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars ($500) per pupil with low-incidence disability. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit pooling the prioritized funds to purchase equipment to be shared by several pupils.
(b) Equipment purchased pursuant to this section shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, nonprescriptive equipment, sensory aids, and other equipment and materials as appropriate.

Article 5. Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services

56740. The superintendent shall apportion to each district and county office 70 percent of the cost of tuition in excess of the revenue limit and applicable federal funds for pupils enrolled in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools pursuant to Sections 56365 and 56366.

56741. (a) As a condition to receiving an apportionment pursuant to Section 56740, together with the December pupil count of individuals with exceptional needs required pursuant to federal law, and the April pupil count required pursuant to Section 56728.5, a district or county office.
shall submit a report to the superintendent, on forms provided by the superintendent for that purpose, which shall include all of the following information:

(1) The individual contracted program placement costs of providing special education, transportation, residential, and designated instructional services to individuals with exceptional needs placed in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools pursuant to Sections 56365 and 56366.

(2) The individual program placement costs specified in paragraph (1) shall be listed according to the placement categories of individuals with exceptional needs, including, but not limited to, all of the following categories:

(A) Full-day placement.
(B) Partial day placement.
(C) Residential placement within the state.
(D) Residential placement outside the state.

(b) Beginning September 15, 1985, the superintendent shall prepare a report of the data collected pursuant to subdivision (a) by September 15 of each year.

56742. Every district or county office of education which receives state funding pursuant to Section 56740 shall, as a condition of that apportionment, report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction on forms provided for that purpose, when the total cost of a placement of an individual with exceptional needs in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school exceeds by more than 100 percent the average cost, both instructional and support, including transportation and designated instructional services, of serving a pupil in a special day class in the district or county office. If the district or county office does not operate special day classes, then the figure used shall be the average special day class cost, both instructional and support, in the region.

The report shall include:
(a) The name of the nonpublic, nonsectarian school in which the individual with exceptional needs is placed.
(b) A brief description of the services provided to that individual.
(c) The total costs of the placement for that individual.

56743. Notwithstanding Section 56740, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall not apportion additional funds to districts or county offices on behalf of those placements reported by
districts and county offices pursuant to Section 56742 if the increase claimed from one year to the next exceeds the percentage increase specified by Section 56723, or an in-lieu percentage specified by the Budget Act, unless he or she makes a specific and individual finding that a greater increase is warranted.

Article 6. Local General Fund Contribution

56750. The county superintendent shall compute, pursuant to this article, a local general fund contribution for special education for each district operating special education programs and services.

56751. The county superintendent shall compute an adjusted local general fund contribution amount for each district by subtracting the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (a) from the amount computed pursuant to subdivision (b).
   (a) The sum of the district's state aid apportionments for special education, applicable federal funds, revenue limits for pupils in special classes and centers, and tuition earned by the district from operating special education programs for other districts and county offices, exclusive of such revenue earned for providing special transportation, contracting for nonpublic, nonsectarian school services, and earned on account of pregnant minors programs and programs to provide instruction in the home or hospital for pupils with temporary physical disabilities for the 1979-80 fiscal year.
   (b) The district's total reported cost of operating special education programs and services exclusive of the costs of providing special transportation, contracting for nonpublic, nonsectarian school services, and providing pregnant minors programs and instruction in the home or hospital for pupils with temporary physical disabilities for the 1979-80 fiscal year.

The amount included in total cost of special education for indirect support costs shall not exceed 4 percent of the sum of direct costs plus direct support costs.

56752. The amount computed pursuant to Section 56751 shall be divided by such district's second principal apportionment regular average daily attendance in the 1979-80 fiscal year.

56753. The amount computed pursuant to Section 56752 shall be multiplied by the second principal
apportionment regular average daily attendance of such district for the then current fiscal year.

56754. The local general fund contribution for each district shall be the lesser of the amounts computed pursuant to Section 56751 or Section 56753.

Article 7. Service Proportions

56760. The annual budget plan, required by subdivision (e) of Section 56200, shall comply with the following proportions, unless a waiver is granted by the superintendent pursuant to Section 56761:

(a) The district, special education services region, or county office shall estimate the pupils to be served in the subsequent fiscal year by instructional personnel service. Such estimate shall be computed as the ratio of pupils to be served by instructional personnel service to the enrollment of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, of the districts and county offices participating in the plan.

(1) The ratio of pupils funded by the state by instructional personnel service during the regular school year, including pupils for whom education and services are provided for by contract with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools, to the enrollment in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, shall not exceed 0.10.

(2) The ratio of pupils funded by the state by instructional personnel service to the enrollment in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, receiving a specific instructional service shall not exceed the following:

(A) For special classes and centers, 0.028.
(B) For resource specialist programs, 0.040.
(C) For designated instruction services, 0.042.

(b) The district, special education services region, or county office shall divide the amounts in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) by the appropriate ratios computed pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

(1) For special classes and centers, 10 pupils.
(2) For resource specialist programs, 24 pupils.
(3) For designated instruction and services, 24 pupils.

(c) The district, special education services region, or county office shall divide the sum of the estimated enrollments on October 1 of the subsequent fiscal year in kindergarten and grades
1. to 12, inclusive, of each district and county office participating in the plan by each of the amounts computed pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (b).

(d) The amounts computed pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be the authorized instructional personnel service units the state will fund for the district, special education services region, or county office in the then current year. The allocation of these instructional personnel service units shall be described in the annual budget plan.

(e) The number of units of instructional services funded pursuant to this article for a local plan shall not exceed for special classes and centers, an average of one teacher and one aide per special class or center actually operated.

56760.5. Notwithstanding the provisions of 56760, for the 1981-82 fiscal year special education services regions shall be eligible to receive state funding for only those instructional personnel services units that do not exceed the sum of the following:

1. The average number of instructional personnel services units offered by the special education services region in the 1980-81 fiscal year, and

2. The maximum entitlement of the special education services region at the 10 percent service level, as computed pursuant to Section 56760, minus the instructional personnel services units computed pursuant to paragraph (1), times .5.

56761. (a) A district, special education services region, or county office may request, and the superintendent may waive, any of the proportions specified in Section 56760. Such waiver shall be granted only where compliance would both prevent the provision of a free, appropriate public education and would create undue hardship, as follows:

1. For special classes and centers: proximity of the district, special education services region, or county office to state hospitals, licensed children's institutions, foster care facilities, or other facility may increase the expected numbers of individuals with exceptional needs requiring placement in special classes and centers.

2. For resource specialist programs and designated instruction and services: the district, special education services region, or
county office has implemented the eligibility criteria adopted by the board, and failure to grant the waiver may result in eligible pupils receiving inappropriate services.

(3) For the proportions specified in subdivision (b) of Section 56760: low pupil density in sparsely populated areas creates problems of distance and inaccessibility for the district, special education services region, or county office.

(b) A school district, special education services region, or county office may request the superintendent to waive one or more of the maximum unit proportions set forth in Section 56760. Such request shall be granted only if it demonstrates that the increased cost of exceeding the standard in one instructional setting is offset by savings in another instructional setting.

56762. The superintendent shall adopt rules and regulations to ensure that apportionments made pursuant to this chapter shall be paid on account of no more than 10 percent of the statewide enrollment in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, for the then current fiscal year.

Article 8.5. Licensed Children's Institutions

56775. For the 1980-81 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the superintendent shall apportion to each district and county superintendent providing programs pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 56155) of Chapter 2 an amount equal to the difference, if any, between (1) the costs of contract with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools to provide special education instruction, related services, or both, to pupils in licensed children's institutions, as funded pursuant to this chapter, and (2) the state and federal income received by the district or county superintendent for providing those programs. The sum of the excess cost plus any income from the state or federal government for those purposes shall not exceed the cost of contracts with nonpublic, nonsectarian schools to provide special education and related services for those pupils, as determined by the superintendent.
Article 9. Program Specialists and Regionalized Services

56780. (a) Commencing with the 1982-83 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the superintendent shall multiply the average of the unduplicated pupil counts for the fall and spring semesters of the then current fiscal year, not to exceed 10 percent of the enrollment in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, in the local plan, by forty-four dollars ($44), as adjusted pursuant to Section 56782.

(b) Funds received pursuant to this section shall be expended only for the following purposes:

(1) Program specialists.

(2) Regionalized services as defined pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56220.

(3) Instructional personnel services units in excess of those funded pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 56710) of Chapter 7. Units funded pursuant to this section shall not be considered part of the base number of units funded or operated for any district, county office or local plan area for the purposes of the growth tests specified in Section 56728.6.

56781. For the 1981-82 fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the superintendent shall apportion funds for regionalized services, other than program specialists, as enumerated in subdivision (c) of Section 56220 by multiplying the average of the total unduplicated counts for the fall and spring semesters of the then current fiscal year in the local plan, not to exceed 10 percent of the enrollment in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, in the local plan, by twenty-five ($25).

56782. For fiscal year 1983-84, the amounts per unduplicated pupil provided pursuant to Section 56781 shall be increased by 8 percent. Commencing with the 1984-85 fiscal year and in each fiscal year thereafter, the amounts per unduplicated pupil provided pursuant to Section 56781 shall be increased annually by the statewide average percentage inflation adjustment computed for revenue limits of school districts.

Article 10. Deficit Funding

56790. If available funds are insufficient to permit full apportionments, the deficit shall be applied pursuant to this chapter.
56791. If state funds are insufficient to fully fund programs, the deficit shall be applied equally to all apportionments to all districts and county offices.

56792. If programs operated in accordance with a locally approved budget plan submitted pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 56200 are in excess of those that are funded pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 56710), Article 8 (commencing with Section 56770), and Article 9 (commencing with Section 56780), available funds shall be allocated by the superintendent on a pro-rata basis against all claims for funds by districts and county offices operating under that local plan, unless the plan specifies an alternative allocation mechanism.


56820. Any facilities constructed or leased after July 1, 1981, for individuals with exceptional needs shall be designed and, if possible, located to achieve maximum possible interaction between individuals with exceptional needs and other pupils.

56821. The department shall include in its budget sufficient funds to make apportionments under this part and an amount sufficient for the administration by the department of the provisions of this part.

56822. Sound recordings, large type, and braille books purchased, instructional materials transcribed from regular print into special media, and special supplies and equipment purchased for individuals with exceptional needs for which state or federal funds were allowed are property of the state and shall be available for use by individuals with exceptional needs throughout the state as the board shall provide.

56823. Apportionments under this part shall be made by the superintendent as early as practicable in the fiscal year. Upon order of the superintendent, the State Controller shall draw warrants upon the money appropriated, in favor of the eligible districts or counties in the amounts ordered.

56824. Each district special education services region, and county office participating in special education programs under this part shall maintain a fiscal effort with respect to each pupil participating in special education programs that is no less than the fiscal effort of the district or county office per elementary.
The department shall annually review individual district and county office expenditures to assure the comparability of local support. This review shall be based on rules and regulations adopted by the board which take into account growth in district enrollment and increases in district costs.

56825. The department shall continuously monitor and review all special education programs approved under this part to assure that all funds appropriated to districts, special education services regions, and county offices under this part are expended for the purposes intended.

56826. Funds apportioned to districts, special education services regions, and county offices pursuant to this chapter shall be expended exclusively for programs operated under this part.

56827. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, on an ongoing basis, review the information and calculations submitted by districts and county offices in support of all apportionment computations described in this chapter. In particular, the superintendent shall review the unit rates computed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 56720), the support services amounts computed pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 56730), and the local general fund contribution computed pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section 56750) for accuracy and for consistency with this part. The superintendent shall adjust any of these or other factors computed pursuant to this part if subsequent review determines that they are incorrect.

56828. (a) No educational programs already in operation in school districts pursuant to Part 30 (commencing with Section 56000) shall be transferred to the county superintendent of schools, or to other school districts, or from the county superintendent of schools to school districts, without approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, if the transfer would result in an entitlement to increased state aid pursuant to this chapter.

(b) In the event the transfer is approved, the support services amounts and Instructional Personnel Service Units amounts for the transferring agencies and county superintendent of schools shall be computed using a weighted average. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, on an ongoing basis, review the information and calculations submitted by districts and county offices in support of all apportionment computations described in this chapter. In particular, the superintendent shall review the unit rates computed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 56720), the support services amounts computed pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 56730), and the local general fund contribution computed pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section 56750) for accuracy and for consistency with this part. The superintendent shall adjust any of these or other factors computed pursuant to this part if subsequent review determines that they are incorrect.
Instruction shall determine the additional costs to the state, if any, caused by the transfer, and permanently reduce the districts' revenue limits, or the county superintendent's support services entitlement, or both the districts' revenue limits and the county superintendent's support services entitlement, by an amount equal to the additional cost.

56829. For the 1981-82 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, if the total amount of state aid for special education claimed by districts and county offices pursuant to this chapter is less than the amount appropriated for those claims, the balance may be used by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reimburse districts and county offices of education whose expenditures for special education programs and services in the current year exceed the sum of current year revenues from all sources, including state and federal aid for special education district revenue limits for special day classes and centers, county taxes for special education, and an amount equal to the 1979-80 local general fund contribution.

The sum of the reimbursement received by districts and county offices pursuant to this section plus the total current year revenues received, including state and federal aid for special education, district revenue limits for special day classes and centers, county taxes for special education, and an amount equal to the 1979-80 local general fund contribution, shall not exceed the actual expenditures of the district or county office for special education programs and services.

CHAPTER 8. SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS RESIDING IN STATE HOSPITALS

56850. The purpose of the Legislature in enacting this chapter is to recognize that individuals with exceptional needs of mandated school age, residing in California's state hospitals for the developmentally disabled and mentally disordered, are entitled to, under Public Law 94-142, the federal Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, and Public Law 93-112, the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the same access to educational programs as is provided for individuals with exceptional needs residing in our communities.

It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that services shall be provided in the community.
near the individual state hospitals to the maximum extent appropriate, and in the least restrictive environment.

It is the further intent of the Legislature to ensure equal access to the educational process and to a full continuum of educational services for all individuals, regardless of their physical residence.

It is the further intent of the Legislature that educational services designated for state hospital residents not eligible for services mandated by Public Law 94-142 shall not be reduced or limited in any manner as a result of the enactment of this chapter.

It is the further intent of the Legislature that any cooperative agreements to provide educational services for state hospitals shall seek to maximize federal financial participation in funding such services.

56851. (a) In developing the individualized educational program for an individual residing in a state hospital who is eligible for services under Public Law 94-142, a state hospital shall include on its interdisciplinary team a representative of the district, or special education services region, or county office in which the state hospital is located, and the individual's state hospital teacher, depending on whether the state hospital is otherwise working with the district, special education services region, or county office for the provision of special education programs and related services to individuals with exceptional needs residing in state hospitals. However, if a district or special education services region that is required by this section to provide a representative from the district or special education services region does not do so, the county office shall provide a representative.

(b) The state hospital shall reimburse the district, special education services region, or the county office, as the case may be, for the costs, including salary, of providing the representative.

(c) Once the individual is enrolled in the community program, the educational agency providing special education shall be responsible for reviewing and revising the individualized education program with the participation of a representative of the state hospital and the parent. The agency responsible for the individualized education program shall be

- Full Continuum of Educational Services
- No Reduction in Services for Others
- Maximize Federal Funding
- Representative on Hospital's Interdisciplinary Team
- State Hospital Reimburses
- Reviewing and Revising IEP
responsible for all individual protections, including notification and due process.

56852. In developing the individualized educational program and providing all special education programs and related services to individuals with exceptional needs residing in the state hospitals, the state hospitals shall comply with the requirements of Public Law 94-142, Public Law 93-112, and special education provisions of this part and implementing regulations. Special education and related services shall be provided to each individual residing in a state hospital pursuant to the individualized education program for that individual.

56852.5. The State Department of Education, within its existing program review process, shall specifically review the appropriateness of pupil placement for educational services as designated in the pupil's individualized education program and the criteria used in determining such placement.

56853. Nothing contained in this chapter shall affect the continued authority of the State Departments of Developmental Services and Mental Health over educational programs for individuals not eligible for services under Public Law 94-142, nor shall it affect the overall responsibility of the state hospitals for the care, treatment, and safety of individuals with exceptional needs under their control. The state hospitals shall continue to render appropriate and necessary developmental services, health related services, psychiatric services, and related services assigned to the state hospitals in the local written agreements, as part of their responsibilities of the care and treatment of state hospital residents.

Health related services shall include services provided by physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, audiologists, registered nurses, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, psychiatric technicians, and developmental specialists and shall be the responsibility of the state hospital if the individual with exceptional needs requires these services while in the community program.

56854. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Directors of the State Departments of Developmental Services and Mental Health shall develop written interagency agreements to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
(b) For each county in which a state hospital is located, the county superintendent of schools, with the approval of the county board of education and the administrator of the state hospital, shall develop a local written agreement to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Such agreements shall be reviewed and updated annually and may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both parties to the agreements.

56855. For each county in which a state hospital is located, the county superintendent of schools shall ensure that appropriate special education and related services are available in the community for which the state hospitals can contract. Such contract shall provide for any eligible individual with exceptional needs residing in the state hospitals whose individualized education program specifies that educational services for that individual should be most appropriately provided, in whole or in part, in a program other than on the hospital grounds. The county board of education shall approve any programs operated by the county superintendent pursuant to this chapter.

56856. In order to provide appropriate special education and related services to an individual residing in a state hospital, the State Departments of Developmental Services and Mental Health shall contract with a county superintendent of schools, nonpublic, nonsectarian school, or other agency to provide all or part of the services that the individual's individualized education program indicates should be provided in a program other than on state hospital grounds. A contract between a state hospital and a nonpublic, nonsectarian school shall only be entered into when no appropriate public education program is available.

56857. Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the State Departments of Developmental Services and Mental Health from contracting with a local public education agency, a nonpublic, nonsectarian school, or another agency to provide special education and related services on the state hospital grounds for those pupils whose individualized education programs do not indicate that such education and services should be provided in a program other than on state hospital grounds. These contracts shall not involve funds appropriated for purposes of community-based special education.

56857.5. (a) Commencing with the 1982-83 fiscal year, community school agencies providing...
school programs on state hospital grounds shall begin the orderly transfer of all state hospital pupils whose individualized education programs indicate that a community school program is appropriate, to schools located in the community.

(b) Commencing with the 1983-84 fiscal year, all pupils covered by subdivision (a) shall be served in community schools other than on state hospital grounds, and the contracting provisions of this chapter shall apply only to pupils in community school programs other than on state hospital grounds.

(c) Waivers to subdivisions (a) and (b) may be granted only when approved by both the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the State Department of Developmental Services.

56858. (a) For the 1982-83 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the State Department of Developmental Services shall, on a monthly basis, commencing August 1, pay to the county superintendent of schools 6 percent of the amount obtained pursuant to the following formula:

(1) The prior year actual reported costs for special education as reported on the final expenditure report shall be used as the basis for determining actual per pupil expenditures for pupils from state hospitals who are attending special classes in community based programs.

(2) A supplemental cost report shall be prepared. This report shall include all of the following:

(i) A deduction for any unduplicated designated instruction and services and resource specialist programs reported in the final expenditure report.

(ii) Where in-kind services or personnel have been provided by the state hospital, the cost of the in-kind services or personnel which would have resulted if the services or personnel had been provided by the district or county.

The cost of in-kind services calculated pursuant to subparagraph (ii) shall be added to the amount obtained pursuant to paragraph (1) to yield an adjusted total special education expenditure which includes expenditures for in-kind services.

(3) The adjusted total special education expenditure obtained pursuant to paragraph (2) shall be divided by the average daily attendance for all special class pupils attending special...
education programs in the district and county, including state hospital pupils, to obtain an adjusted average per pupil cost for special education.

(4) The adjusted average per pupil cost for special education obtained pursuant to paragraph (3) shall be multiplied by the average daily attendance for state hospital pupils enrolled in special classes operated by the district and county.

(5) The cost of in-kind services and personnel obtained pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (2) shall be deducted from the amount obtained pursuant to paragraph (4).

(b) The county superintendent shall prorate funds to participating districts.

(c) The actual reported costs of average daily attendance shall be taken from a supplemental cost reporting form submitted by the county superintendent of schools, as prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and provided to the State Department of Developmental Services.

(d) The current year expenditures for special education and current year contributions for in-kind services and personnel shall be used to determine the adjusted per pupil cost for special education in the same manner prescribed by subdivision (a).

(e) The State Department of Developmental Services shall pay, by October 31 of the following year, the amount determined under subdivision (d), less the amount advanced pursuant to subdivision (a).

(f) Commencing with the 1983-84 fiscal year, this section shall apply only to pupils served in community school programs other than on state hospital grounds, unless a waiver is jointly approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the State Department of Developmental Services.

(g) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall monitor the use of these funds to ensure that they are expended pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, to provide special education and related services to individuals residing in state hospitals.

56858.5. (a) Any contract prescribed by this chapter shall become effective unless disapproved by the State Department of Finance or State Department of General Services within 20 working days of receipt of the contract. Each department shall have 10 working days to consider the contract.
(b) Contracts shall be submitted to the State Department of Developmental Services for approval before May 15.

(c) No payments shall be processed in advance of contract approval, and no educational services shall be provided in the community school programs in advance of contract approval.

56858.7. (a) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the inclusion of in-kind services or the assignment of state hospital personnel in a contract for services pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Ten percent of the contract costs shall be attributed to in-kind services. In-kind services above 10 percent of the contract costs shall be mutually agreed upon by both parties to the contract. Any disagreement over in-kind services above 10 percent shall not be cause for delaying approval of the contract.

(c) A 60 day prior written notice shall be given by the state hospital to the county superintendent of schools for the initiation or removal of in-kind state hospital classified personnel.

56859. All certificated state hospital employees hired to provide educational services to individuals of mandated school age after September 29, 1980, shall possess an appropriate California credential in special education. Current certificated state hospital employees who do not possess appropriate California credentials in special education shall be given a period of not more than five years from September 29, 1980, to obtain such appropriate credentials. Certificated state hospital employees who do not possess appropriate California credentials in special education at the end of the five-year period shall be reassigned to provide educational services to individuals residing in state hospitals who are not eligible for services under Public Law 94-142.

56860. Special transportation shall be the responsibility of the state hospital.

56861. The Legislative Analyst shall prepare, in consultation with the developmental disabilities area boards, a report to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by March 15, 1981, and annually each year thereafter until March 15, 1983, regarding all of the following:

(a) The implementation of this chapter.

(b) The costs of contracts pursuant to this chapter.
(c) The adequacy of education and related services provided pursuant to this chapter.

(d) The adequacy of fiscal support for educational services provided on hospital grounds and, pursuant to this chapter, in the community.

(e) Recommendations for legislative action.

56862. It is not the intent of this chapter to displace educational and related services personnel already employed by the state hospitals under the administration of the State Department of Developmental Services or the State Department of Mental Health, or to reduce their salaries or other employee benefits.

The State Department of Developmental Services and the State Department of Mental Health shall complete an annual review of the impact that implementation of this act will have in reducing the need for positions in state hospitals due to time spent by residents in community education programs and shall submit a report on its findings to the Department of Finance for approval.

56863. The state hospitals, as part of the notification to parents of pupils of their rights pursuant to Public Law 94-142, Public Law 93-112, and this part and implementing regulations, shall notify parents of the right that their child can be considered for education programs other than on state hospital grounds.

For the purposes of this section, the term "parent of pupil" shall mean a parent, a legal guardian, a conservator, a person acting as a parent of a child, or a surrogate parent appointed pursuant to Public Law 94-142.

Information and records concerning state hospital patients in the possession of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be treated as confidential under Section 5328 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-579.

56864. Individuals with exceptional needs served under this chapter shall not be subject to the service proportions prescribed by Article 7 (commencing with Section 56760) of Chapter 7, or the growth tests prescribed by Section 56728.6.

56865. Funds appropriated by Section 11 of Chapter 1191 of the Statutes of 1980 may be used for remodeling classrooms located in a community school, in addition to the purposes of Chapter 25 (commencing with Section 17785) of Part 10, in order to serve state hospital pupils whose individualized education programs require a community school program.
CHAPTER 1. JOINT FUNDING FOR EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ACT OF 1980

56875. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that numerous federal and state programs make funds available for the provision of education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs. The Legislature further finds and declares that the state has not maximized the use of available federal funds for provision of such services to these children. The Legislature further recognizes the need to simplify procedures for securing all available funds for services to individuals with exceptional needs and for utilizing federal financial resources to the greatest possible extent.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide local educational agencies with maximum flexibility to secure and utilize all available state and federal funds so as to enable such agencies to meet the needs of individuals with exceptional needs more effectively and efficiently. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide maximum federal funding to local educational agencies for the provision of education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs.

56876. On or before April 1, 1981, the Department of Education, the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, the Employment Development Department, the Department of the Youth Authority, and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities shall, in conformance with procedures established by the Office of Planning and Research, submit a plan to both the Senate Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee that shall include a timetable for implementation of this chapter, including, but not limited to the following:

(a) A list of provisions of state regulations and laws for which waivers may be granted in order that local educational agencies may maximize available federal funds to provide education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs without decreasing funds available to other state and local agencies.

(b) A list of provisions of federal law, federal regulations, or both, for which it is recommended that the state seek waiver.
(c) A list of specific related services which shall be provided by the respective departments and their political subdivisions to carry out the mandate of Public Law 94-142 and its implementing regulations.

56877. (a) Implementation of the funding procedures established pursuant to this chapter shall commence on July 1, 1981.

(b) The State Department of Education shall, in order to implement the provisions of this chapter, do all of the following:

(1) Provide necessary technical assistance to local educational agencies.

(2) Establish procedures for such agencies to obtain available federal funds.

(3) Apply for necessary waivers of federal statutes and regulations governing federal education programs that provide education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs.

(c) The State Board of Education shall grant necessary waivers of applicable state laws and administrative regulations relating to special education programs to participating local educational agencies.

56878. If necessary to simplify procedures for securing all available funds for services to individuals with exceptional needs and for utilizing federal financial resources to the greatest possible extent, the Health and Welfare Agency, at the request of the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, or the Employment Development Department; and the Youth and Adult Corrections Agency, at the request of the Department of the Youth Authority, may grant waivers of state laws and regulations for which they have administrative responsibility. Waivers granted pursuant to this section may be only for those laws and regulations identified in the plan submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section 56876, and only when necessary to implement this part.

56879. Based upon the plan submitted pursuant to Section 56876, the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, the Employment Development Department, and the Department of the
Youth Authority shall, in order to implement the provision of this chapter, do the following:

1. Grant necessary waivers of applicable state laws and administrative regulations under their respective jurisdictions to local educational agencies and other agencies, and issue such other administrative regulations as are necessary.

2. Apply for necessary waivers of federal statutes and regulations governing federal programs which provide services to individuals with exceptional needs and which are under their respective jurisdictions.

56880. (a) The Department of Finance shall evaluate the funding procedures established pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Such evaluation shall examine the implementation, effectiveness, and financial benefits of the funding procedures and shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of all the following:

1. The availability to individuals with exceptional needs of education and related services provided by public and private agencies.

2. The amount of federal funds utilized to provide education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs and the increase in the proportion of federal funds utilized by participating local educational agencies to provide such services to individuals with exceptional needs.

3. The effect of the funding procedures established pursuant to this chapter on the amount of total federal funds received by the state to provide human services.

(c) The scope, content, and methodology of the evaluation shall be submitted for review to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

(d) A preliminary evaluation shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than January 1, 1982; an interim evaluation no later than January 1, 1983; and a final evaluation no later than January 1, 1984.

56881. (a) The Office of Planning and Research shall establish procedures for development and review of state agency plans for funds available under all federal programs which may provide services to individuals with exceptional needs and which are within the jurisdictions of the Department of Education, the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services; the State Department of Social Services by Department of Finance
Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, the Employment Development Department, the Department of the Youth Authority, and the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Results of the review shall be transmitted to the state agency preparing the plan and to the responsible cabinet level agency to make a determination if the plan shall be changed. Such planning procedures and review shall assure coordination between state agencies and shall assure that applicable plans enable local education agencies to secure maximum available federal funding, without decreasing funds available to other state and local agencies, under each of the following federal programs:


(2) Medical Assistance (Medicaid), as provided under the Social Security Act of 1935, Title XIX, as amended.

(3) Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment as provided under P.L. 74-271, Social Security Act of 1935, Title XIX, as amended, Section 1905 (a)(4)(B).


(6) Crippled Children's Services as provided under P.L. 74-271, Social Security Act of 1935, Title V, Section 504, as amended.


(8) Maternal and Child Health Services, as provided under P.L. 74-271, Social Security Act of 1935, Title V, Section 503, as amended.

(9) Supplementary Security Income, Disabled Children's Program, as provided under P.L. 74-271, Social Security Act of 1935, Title XVI, Section 1615(b) as amended by P.L. 94-566.
(b) In addition to the programs enumerated in subdivision (a), any other programs under which the following services may be provided to individuals with exceptional needs shall be subject to the review procedure specified in subdivision (a) as conducted by the Office of Planning and Research.

1. Screening and identification.
2. Assessment and diagnosis.
3. Health related services, including, but not limited to, speech pathology and audiological services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and vision services and therapy.
4. Psychological counseling.
5. Mental health services.
6. Vocationally related services.
7. Social services.
8. Transportation services.
9. Other services necessary to assist individuals with exceptional needs in benefiting from their education.

56882. On or before May 1, 1981, the State Board of Education shall, after consultation with the Office of Planning and Research and all state agencies listed in Section 56876, issue regulations for implementation of the provisions of this chapter, to be used by local educational agencies, in implementing the provisions of this chapter. Such regulations shall identify all other administrative regulations relating to education and related services which shall be waived for local educational agencies. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, regulations relating to application, accounting, and reporting procedures for programs which may provide education and related services for individuals with exceptional needs.

56883. (a) On or before July 1, 1981, the Department of Education shall, after consultation with the Office of Planning and Research and the agencies listed in Section 56876, and based upon the plan required in Section 56876, issue guidelines to local educational agencies, for implementation of the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. Identification of sources of funds available under all state and federal programs which may provide education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs and for which local educational agencies and other applicable agencies are eligible.
(2) Identification of all statutes and regulations applicable to programs for individuals with exceptional needs under the jurisdictions of the Department of Education, the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Rehabilitation, the Employment Development Department, and the Department of the Youth Authority, which may be waived pursuant to subdivisions (b), (c), and (d) of Section 56877.

56884. To assist in implementation of the provisions of this chapter, the Department of Education and state agencies listed in Section 56876 shall, by April 1, 1981, after consultation with representatives of their respective local administering agencies, negotiate and enter into interagency agreements to help promote coordination of services for individuals with exceptional needs. The interagency agreements shall include, but not be limited to, the definition of each agency's roles and responsibilities for serving individuals with exceptional needs.

56885. The Department of Finance shall, after consultation with appropriate state agencies ascertain the amounts of funds, if any, that should be transferred between state agencies in order to achieve the purposes of the bill and shall notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the Senate Education Committee, and the Assembly Education Committee of such amounts pursuant to the Budget Act.

Any savings that may occur to any program due to maximized use of federal funds or services to individuals with exceptional needs as provided in this article shall be utilized to defer projected increased costs to meet full mandates of Public Law 94-142.

SELECTED PROVISIONS NOT INCLUDED IN PART 30

TRANSPORTATION CONSOLIDATION

(As Amended by SB 1379, Chapter 268, Statutes of 1984)

Article 10. Allowances for Transportation

41850. (a) Apportionments made pursuant to this article shall only be made for

- State Interagency Agreements

- Definition of Each Agency's Roles and Responsibilities for Serving Individuals With Exceptional Needs

- Amounts of Funds to be Transferred Between State Agencies

- Savings Used to Defer Increased Costs of PL 94-142

(Operative Date: July 1, 1984)
transportation, as defined in this section.

(b) As used in this article, "transportation" includes all of the following:

(1) The transportation of pupils between their homes and the regular full-time day school they attend, as provided by a school district or county superintendent of schools.

(2) The payment of moneys by a school district or county superintendent of schools to parents or guardians of pupils made in lieu of providing for the transportation of pupils between their homes and the regular full-time day schools they attend.

(3) Providing board and lodging to pupils by a school district or county superintendent of schools made in lieu of providing for the transportation of pupils between their homes and the regular full-time day schools they attend.

(4) The transportation of pupils between the regular full-time day schools they would attend and the regular full-time occupational training classes they attend, as provided by a regional occupational center or program.

(c) For purposes of this article, the computation of the allowances provided to a regional occupational center or program shall be subject to all of the following:

(1) A regional occupational center or program shall receive no allowance for 50 percent of the total transportation costs.

(2) A regional occupational center or program shall be eligible for a transportation allowance only if the total transportation costs exceed 10 percent of the total operational budget of the regional occupational center or program.

(3) A regional occupational center or program eligible for a transportation allowance pursuant to paragraph (2) shall receive an amount equal to one-third of the transportation costs subject to reimbursement.

(d) For the 1984-85 fiscal year, as used in this article, "transportation" includes the transportation of individuals with exceptional needs, as specified in their individualized education program.

(e) Commencing with the 1985-86 fiscal year, as used in this article, "transportation" includes the transportation of individuals with exceptional needs only for home-to-school transportation purposes, and shall exclude the transportation of individuals with exceptional needs for purposes other than home-to-school transportation, as specified in their
individualized education program. Program-related transportation costs shall be funded as a part of the Special Education Master Plan, as specified in Article 8 (commencing with Section 56770) of Chapter 7 of Part 30.

41851. (a) For the 1984-85 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, from Section A of the State School Fund the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall apportion to each school district and county superintendent of schools which received a transportation allowance in the prior fiscal year, an amount computed pursuant to this section. School districts and county superintendents of schools which provide transportation services by means of a joint powers agreement, a cooperative pupil transportation program, or a consortium shall receive transportation allowances pursuant to this section.

(b) Any school district or county superintendent which certifies to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the end of a fiscal year that its approved transportation expenditures for that fiscal year were at least 95 percent of the state allowance received in that fiscal year for the prior fiscal year's approved transportation costs shall receive a transportation allowance for the current fiscal year equal to the amount of the transportation allowance received in the prior fiscal year, increased by the amount provided in the Budget Act.

(c) Any school district or county superintendent which certifies at the end of a fiscal year that its approved transportation expenditures for fiscal year were less than 95 percent of the state allowance received in that fiscal year for the prior fiscal year's approved transportation costs shall certify the applicable percentage and shall receive a transportation allowance for the current fiscal year equal to the certified percentage of the transportation allowance received in that fiscal year plus 5 percent, the sum increased by the amount provided in the Budget Act.

(d) For the purpose of receiving an allowance pursuant to this section, a school district, county superintendent, or joint powers agency which transfers any part of its pupil transportation service to another entity shall report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the proportion of the costs in the fiscal year prior to the transfer that are
attributable to the part of the service transferred. In determining the allowance for the fiscal years subsequent to the transfer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, prior to the application of any cost-of-living adjustment, shall reduce the allowance of the entity transferring the service in proportion to the costs reported, and, if appropriate, increase or establish the allowance of the entity assuming the transferred service by that amount.

(e) For the 1984-85 fiscal year, for purposes of this section, the state allowance received in the prior fiscal year shall not include corrections to expenditure reports submitted by a district or a county superintendent of schools for the 1981-82, 1982-83, or 1983-84 fiscal year which would result in an increase in the state allocation to that district or county superintendent of schools pursuant to this section, and which are received by the State Department of Education subsequent to the effective date of this article.

41851.5. As used in this article, "approved transportation costs" includes replacement of buses used by a school district or county superintendent of schools to provide transportation services.

41852. Any school district or county superintendent of schools which receives a transportation allowance in the 1984-85 fiscal year, or any fiscal year thereafter, shall establish a restricted home-to-school transportation account within its general fund. The district or county superintendent shall deposit in the restricted home-to-school transportation account all transportation apportionments received pursuant to this article in any fiscal year and any other funds at the option of the district or county superintendent. Any funds remaining in the restricted home-to-school transportation account at the end of the fiscal year may remain in the restricted home-to-school transportation account for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years or may be transferred to the pupil transportation equipment fund.

(b) Any school district or county superintendent of schools may establish a pupil transportation equipment fund. The fund shall receive all state and local funds designated for acquisition, rehabilitation, or replacement of pupil transportation equipment. Funds deposited in the pupil transportation equipment fund shall be used exclusively for acquisition,
rehabilitation and replacement of pupil transportation equipment, except as provided in Section 51853.

If a school district or county superintendent of schools decides to discontinue its transportation services, any unencumbered funds remaining in the transportation fund after transportation services are discontinued shall be transferred to the general fund of the district or county superintendent.

In the fiscal year in which the funds are transferred, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall reduce the state apportionment pursuant to Section 2558 or 42238 to the district or county superintendent by the amount of the funds transferred from the transportation fund to the general fund of the district or county superintendent.

This article shall become operative July 1, 1984.

REVENUE LIMITS FOR PUPILS IN SPECIAL CLASSES AND CENTERS

(AB 70 - Chapter 1302, Statutes of 1983)

The amount per unit of average daily attendance subtracted pursuant to Section 56712 for revenue limits for pupils in special classes and centers shall be the district's total revenue limit for the current fiscal year computed pursuant to Section 42238, including funds received pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 42280), but excluding funds received pursuant to Section 42238.7, 42238.8 and 45023.4, divided by the district's current year average daily attendance pursuant to Section 42238.5.

REAPPROPRIATION OF PL 94-142 FUNDS

(AB 70 - Chapter 1302, Statutes of 1983)

The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall determine at the time of each apportionment the proposed receipts and expenditures of funds under the provisions of Public Law 94-142. In the event that the

- Discontinuing Transportation Services

- Operative Date

- Revenue Limits

- Unexpended Federal Funds
proposed distribution of funds results in funds not being expended, those funds are hereby reappropriated for reallocation for local entitlements for special education. This section shall become operative July 1, 1984.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

(Education Code - Part 25)

(As Amended by SB 1345 - Chapter 1201, Statutes of 1982)

44903.7. When a local plan for the education of individuals with exceptional needs is developed pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section 56170) of Chapter 2 of Part 30, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) Whenever any certificated employee, who is performing service for one employer, is terminated, reassigned, or transferred, or becomes an employee of another employer because of the reorganization of special education programs pursuant to Chapter 797 of the Statutes of 1980, the employee shall be entitled to the following:

(1) The employee shall retain the seniority date of his or her employment with the district or county office from which he or she was terminated, reassigned, or transferred, in accordance with Section 44847. In the case of termination, permanent employees shall retain the rights specified in Section 44956 or, in the case of probationary employees, Section 44957 and 44958, with the district or county office initiating the termination pursuant to Section 44955.

(2) The reassignment, transfer, or new employment caused by the reorganization of special education programs pursuant to Chapter 797 of the Statutes of 1980, shall not affect the seniority or classification of certificated employees already attained in any school district which undergoes such reorganization. These employees shall have the same status with respect to their seniority or classification, with the new employer, including time served as probationary employees. The total number of years served as a certificated employee with the former district or county office shall be credited, year for year, for placement on the
salary schedule of the new district or county office.

(b) All certificated employees providing service to individuals with exceptional needs shall be employed by a county office of education or an individual school district. Special education service regions or responsible local agencies resulting from local plans for the education of individuals with exceptional needs formulated in accordance with Part 30 shall not be considered employers of certificated personnel for purposes of this section.

(c) Subsequent to the reassignment or transfer of any certificated employee as a result of the reorganization of special education programs, pursuant to Chapter 797 of the Statutes of 1980, that employee shall have priority, except as provided in subdivision (d), in being informed of and in filling certificated positions in special education in the areas in which the employee is certificated within the district or county office by which the certificated employee is then currently employed. This priority shall expire 24 months after the date of reassignment or transfer, and may be waived by the employee during that time period.

(d) A certificated employee who has served as a special education teacher in a district or county office and has been terminated from his or her employment by that district or county office pursuant to Section 44955, shall have first priority in being informed of and in filling vacant certificated positions in special education, for which the employee is certificated and was employed, in any other county office or school district which provides the same type of special education programs and services for the pupils previously served by the terminated employee. For a period of 39 months for permanent employees and 24 months for probationary employees from the date of termination, the employee shall have the first priority right to reappointment as provided in this section, if the employee has not attained the age of 65 years before reappointment.

SUSPENSION - EXPULSION OF HANDICAPPED PUPILS

(Education Code - Part 27 - Section 48915 (d))

(d) In a matter involving a pupil with previously identified exceptional needs who is
currently enrolled in a special education program, the governing board may order the pupil expelled pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) only if the board also finds, based upon a determination by an individualized education program team, that the misconduct was not caused by the pupil's identified handicap or by an inappropriate placement.

However, a pupil with previously identified exceptional needs who is currently enrolled in a special education program may be suspended for any of the reasons enumerated in Section 48900 upon a first offense, without a determination by an individualized education program team that the misconduct was not caused by the pupil's identified handicap or by an inappropriate placement, if the principal or superintendent of schools determines that the pupil violated subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of Section 48900, or that the pupil's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process.

SPECIALIZED PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

(Education Code - Part 27)

(AB 3477 - Chapter 1220, Statutes of 1978)

49423.5. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 49422, any individual with exceptional needs who requires specialized physical health care services, during the regular school day, may be assisted by the following individuals:

(1) Qualified persons who possess an appropriate credential issued pursuant to Section 44267, or hold a valid certificate of public health nursing issued by the State Department of Health Services; or

(2) Qualified designated school personnel trained in the administration of specialized physical health care provided they perform such services under the supervision of a school nurse, public health nurse, or licensed physician and surgeon.

(b) Specialized health care or other services that require medically related training shall be provided pursuant to the procedures prescribed by Section 49423.

(c) Persons providing specialized physical health care services shall also demonstrate competence in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
and shall be knowledgeable of the emergency medical resources available in the community in which the services are performed.

(d) "Specialized physical health care services" as used in this section include catheterization, gavage feeding, suctioning, or other services that require medically related training.

(e) Regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section shall be developed jointly by the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health Services, and adopted by the State Board of Education.

DIFFERENTIAL PROFICIENCY STANDARDS

(Education Code – Part 28)

(As Amended By AB 283 – Chapter 206, Statutes of 1982)

51215. (a) The governing board of each school district maintaining a junior or senior high school shall, by June 1, 1978, adopt standards of proficiency in basic skills for pupils attending school within its school district.

(b) The governing board of each school district maintaining grade 6 or 8, or the equivalent, shall, by June 1, 1979, adopt standards of proficiency in basic skills for pupils attending these grades.

(c) These standards shall include, but need not be limited to, reading comprehension, writing, and computation skills, in the English language, necessary to success in school and life experiences, and shall be such as will enable individual achievement to be ascertained and evaluated.

The standards shall be directly related to the district's instructional program.

(d) Differential standards and assessment procedures which shall include, but need not be limited to, reading comprehension, writing, and computation skills, shall be adopted pursuant to this subdivision.

(1) Differential standards and assessment procedures shall be adopted for pupils who:

(A) Are enrolled in special education programs pursuant to Part 30 (commencing with Section 56000); or for whom individualized education programs have been developed, and for whom the regular instructional program has been modified, as necessary, under the supervision of a person
who holds an appropriate credential in special education; and
(B) Have diagnosed learning handicaps or disabilities such that the individualized education program team determines they have not demonstrated evidence of the ability to attain the district's regular proficiency standards with appropriate educational services and support.

(2) If the team determines that these pupils have not demonstrated evidence of the ability to attain the district's regular proficiency standards with appropriate educational services and support, the team shall develop differential proficiency standards, or modify general differential standards adopted by the governing board, appropriate to the needs and potential of the pupil.

(3) Any differential standards shall be included in the individualized education program developed for the pupil pursuant to Part 30 (commencing with Section 56000).

(4) The determination and the development of differential proficiency standards shall be part of the process of developing, reviewing, and revising a pupil's individualized education program.

(5) In the case where one or more differential standards are developed for a pupil enrolled in special education, the standards may be maintained throughout the pupil's school experience, irrespective of whether the pupil continues to be enrolled in special education.

(6) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require differential proficiency standards for a pupil who a team determines can attain the district's regular proficiency standards with appropriate educational services and support.

(7) The provisions of this subdivision shall apply prospectively and retroactively to pupils enrolled in the 9th grade, or the equivalent thereof, during the 1977-78 school year or any school year thereafter.

(8) Differential standards and assessment procedures adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall permit the pupil for whom they are adopted to attain the standards within a reasonable amount of time but not after the state is no longer required by state or federal law to provide an education to the pupil.

(9) It is the intent of the Legislature that the attainment of a standard of proficiency by a pupil shall also reflect the attainment of a
reasonable level of competence. The Legislature, therefore, recognizes that there may be some pupils who cannot meet regular or differential standards of proficiency, in reading, writing, and mathematics skills, and others who will need to remain in school beyond grade 12 or the equivalent in order to meet a standard which reflects their maximum potential.

(10) For students with diagnosed learning disabilities, as well as for students participating in the regular school program, proficiency assessments may be part of the classroom experience, and teaching materials may be used as assessment materials.

(e) Governing boards maintaining elementary or junior high schools located within a school district maintaining a high school shall adopt standards of proficiency in basic skills which are articulated with those standards adopted by the school district maintaining the high school.

(f) Designated employees of all school districts located within a high school district and one or more designees of the high school district shall meet prior to June 1, 1979, to plan for articulation of elementary and high school proficiency standards, and as necessary thereafter to review the effectiveness of such articulation procedures.

(g) Standards of proficiency shall be adopted by the governing board with the active involvement of parents broadly reflective of the socioeconomic composition of the district, administrators, teachers, counselors, and, with respect to standards in secondary schools, pupils.

WITHHOLDING OF DIPLOMA OR GRADUATION

(Education Code - Part 28)

(AB 3369 - Chapter 1333, Statutes of 1980)

51412. No diploma, certificate or other document, except transcripts and letters of recommendation, shall be conferred on a pupil as evidence of completion of a prescribed course of study or training, or of satisfactory attendance, unless such pupil has met the standards of proficiency in basic skills prescribed by the governing board of the high school district, or equivalent thereof, pursuant to Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 51215) of Chapter 2.
STATE SPECIAL SCHOOLS EXCESS
COST PROVISION

(AB 61 - Chapter 1093, Statutes of 1981)

59300. Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, the district of residence of the parent or guardian of any pupil attending a state-operated school pursuant to this part, excluding day pupils, shall pay the school of attendance for each pupil an amount equal to 10 percent of the excess annual cost of education of pupils attending a state-operated school pursuant to this part.

EVALUATING THE EFFECTS OF ELIMINATING SIZE AND SCOPE REQUIREMENTS

(SB 585 - Chapter 1668, Statutes of 1984)

SEC. 4. (a) The State Department of Education shall evaluate the effects of eliminating the size and scope requirements pursuant to Section 56170.5 of the Education Code, and shall report to the Legislature on the results of this evaluation on or before November 1, 1985, and again, thereafter, on or before January 1, 1987. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The impact on services to individuals with exceptional needs residing in the districts participating in the pilot study and residing in the geographic areas of the regions from which the participating districts withdrew.

(2) The impact on parent and pupil due process.

(3) The impact on special education costs, including, administrative costs.

(b) In addition to the evaluation required in subdivision (a), the report due on or before November 1, 1985, shall include an evaluation of the statewide effect of current size and scope requirements and special education governance structures. This evaluation shall consider, but shall not be limited to considering, the following:

(1) Services to individuals with exceptional needs.

(2) Parent and pupil due process rights.

- Report to Legislature

- Evaluate Current Size/Scope Requirements and Special Education Governance
(3) Special education costs, including administrative costs.
(4) Whether services are provided in an efficient and effective manner.
(c) The department shall conduct the studies required in subdivisions (a) and (b) using existing resources.  
(d) If the Superintendent of Public Instruction finds that the level of service to individuals with exceptional needs has declined in any of the geographic areas identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) as a result of a district's implementation of Section 56170.5, the district shall be notified by the superintendent, and on July 1 following this notification, the school district shall rejoin the region from which it withdrew.

### INTERAGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RELATED SERVICES  
(Government Code)

(AB 3632 - Chapter 1747, Statutes of 1984)

**SECTION 1.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that a number of state and federal programs make funds available for the provision of education and related services to children with handicaps who are of school age. The Legislature further finds and declares that California has not maximized, or sufficiently coordinated existing state programs, in providing supportive services which are necessary to assist a handicapped child to benefit from special education.

It is the intent of the Legislature that existing services rendered by state and local government agencies serving handicapped children be maximized and coordinated. It is the further intent of the Legislature that specific state and local interagency responsibilities be clarified by this act in order to better serve the educational needs of the state's handicapped children.

### CHAPTER 26: INTERAGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

7570. Ensuring maximum utilization of all state and federal resources available to provide

- Conduct Studies Using Existing Resources
- Decline in Level of Services
- Legislative Findings and Intent
- Joint Responsibility
handicapped children, as defined in subsection (1) of Section 1401 of Title 20 of the United States Code, with a free appropriate public education, the provision of related services, as defined in subsection (17) of Section 1401 of Title 20 of the United States Code, and designated instruction and services, as defined in Section 56363 of the Education Code, to handicapped children, shall be the joint responsibility of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary of Health and Welfare. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall ensure that this chapter is carried out through monitoring and supervision.

7571. The Secretary of Health and Welfare may designate a department of state government to assume the responsibilities described in Section 7570. The secretary, or his or her designee, shall also designate a single agency in each county to coordinate the service responsibilities described in Section 7572.

7572. (a) A child shall be assessed in all areas related to the suspected handicap by those qualified to make a determination of the child's need for the service before any action is taken with respect to the provision of related services or designated instruction and services to a child by individuals whose employment standards are not covered by the Education Code. All assessments required or conducted pursuant to this section shall be governed by the assessment procedures contained in Article 2 (commencing with Section 56320) of Chapter 4 of Part 30 of Division 4 of the Education Code. (b) Occupational therapy and physical therapy assessments shall be conducted by qualified medical personnel as specified in regulations developed by the State Department of Health Services. (c) Psychotherapy and other mental health assessments shall be conducted by qualified mental health professionals as specified in regulations developed by the State Department of Mental Health pursuant to this chapter. (d) A related service or designated instruction and service shall only be added to the child's individualized education program by the individualized education program team, as described in Part 30 (commencing with Section 56000) of the Education Code, if a formal assessment has been conducted pursuant to this section, and a qualified person conducting the assessment recommended the service in order for
the child to benefit from special education. Nothing in this section shall prevent a parent from obtaining an independent assessment in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 56329 of the Education Code, which shall be considered by the individualized education program team.

(e) Whenever a related service or designated instruction and service specified in subdivision (b) or (c) is to be considered for inclusion in the child's individualized education program, the local education agency shall invite the responsible public agency representative to meet with the individualized education program team to determine the need for the service and participate in developing the individualized education program. If the responsible public agency representative cannot meet with the individualized education program team, then the representative shall provide written information concerning the need for the service pursuant to subdivision (d) of this section. Conference calls, together with written recommendations, are acceptable forms of participation. A copy of the information shall be provided by the responsible public agency to the parents or any adult pupil for whom no guardian or conservator has been appointed.

7572.5. (a) When an assessment is conducted pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 56320) of Chapter 4 of Part 30 of Division 4 of the Education Code, which determines that a child is seriously emotionally disturbed, as defined in Section 300.5 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and any member of the individualized education program team recommends residential placement based on relevant assessment information, the individualized education program team shall be expanded to include:

(1) A representative of the county mental health department.
(2) A representative of the county welfare department.

(b) The expanded individualized education program team shall review the assessment and determine whether:

(1) The child's needs can reasonably be met through any combination of nonresidential services, preventing the need for out-of-home care.
(2) Residential care will enable the child to benefit from educational services.
(3) Residential services are available which address the needs identified in the assessment.
and which will ameliorate the conditions leading to the seriously emotionally disturbed designation.

(c) If the review required in subdivision (b) results in an individualized education program which calls for residential placement, the individualized education program shall include all the items outlined in Section 56345 of the Education Code, and shall also include:

(1) Specification of a lead case manager from among the public agency representatives on the team.

(2) Provision for a review of the case progress, the continuing need for out-of-home placement, the extent of compliance with the individualized education program, and progress toward alleviating the need for out-of-home care, by the full individualized education program team at least every six months.

(3) Specific plans for reunification services pursuant to Section 16507.4 of the Welfare and Institutions Code to the parents, so that the child's return home may be appropriately planned for at the earliest time consistent with the child's best interests.

(d) The individualized education program process, with its procedural safeguards and access to appeal procedures, is deemed to meet requirements of an administrative review hearing as called for in Section 475 of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 675), as amended by P.L. 96-272, for purposes of establishing eligibility for foster care maintenance payments.

(e) The superintendent shall enter into an agreement with the Director of the State Department of Social Services which permits the supervision of placement and care of a child placed out of home pursuant to an individualized education program to be done by the individualized education program team established above. The agreement shall specify how case supervision responsibilities shall be assigned to assure compliance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 16500) of Part 4 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, P.L. 96-272 and Part 30 (commencing with Section 56000) of Division 4 of the Education Code.

7573. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall ensure that local education agencies provide special education and those related services and designated instruction and services contained in a child's individualized education
program that are necessary for the child to benefit educationally from his or her instructional program. Local education agencies shall be responsible only for the provision of those services which are provided by qualified personnel whose employment standards are covered by the Education Code and implementing regulations.

7574. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Department of Health Services, or any designated local public health agencies, shall be responsible for medical services which are provided by a licensed physician and surgeon to determine a child's medically related handicapping condition which results in the child's need for special education and related services.

7575. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Department of Health Services, or any designated local agency administering the California Children's Services, shall be responsible for the provision of occupational therapy and physical therapy, as specified by Section 250 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code, by reason of medical diagnosis and when contained in the child's individualized education program.

(b) The department shall determine whether a California Children's Services eligible pupil, or a pupil with a private medical referral is within the scope of its statutory responsibilities. A private medical referral shall be based on a written report indicating the disability from a licensed physician and surgeon who has examined the pupil.

(c) When the California Children's Services panel physician disagrees with the private referral, the referral shall be treated by the individualized education program team as an educational recommendation only. The individualized education program team shall have the responsibility to determine if the services recommended are necessary for the pupil to benefit from special education. Upon this determination, and notwithstanding Section 7573, the provision of these services shall be the responsibility of the local educational agency.

(d) The department shall provide the service directly or by contracting with another public agency, qualified individual, or a state-certified nonpublic nonsectarian school or agency.
(e) Local education agencies shall provide necessary space and equipment for the provision of occupational therapy and physical therapy in the most efficient and effective manner.

(f) The department shall also be responsible for providing the services of an aide when the local education agency considers a less restrictive placement from home to school for a pupil for whom the California Medical Assistance Program provides a life-maintaining medical service during the time in which the pupil would be in school.

7576. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Department of Mental Health, or any designated community mental health service, shall be responsible for the provision of psychotherapy or other mental health services when required in the child's individualized education program. This service shall be provided directly or by contracting with another public agency, qualified individual, or a state-certified nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency.

7577. (a) The State Department of Rehabilitation and the State Department of Education shall jointly develop assessment procedures for determining client eligibility for State Department of Rehabilitation services for handicapped pupils in secondary schools to help them make the transition from high school to work. The assessment procedures shall be distributed to local education agencies.

(b) The State Department of Rehabilitation shall maintain the current level of services to secondary school pupils in project work ability and shall seek ways to augment services with funds which may become available.

7578. The provision of special education programs and related services for handicapped children residing in state hospitals shall be ensured by the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Mental Health and the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 56850) of Part 30 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code.

7579. (a) Prior to placing a child suspected of being handicapped in a residential facility, outside the child's home, a court, regional center for the developmentally disabled, or public agency other than an educational agency, shall notify the administrator of the special education local plan area in which the
residential facility is located. The administrator of the special education local plan area shall provide the court or other placing agency with information about the availability of an appropriate public or nonpublic, nonsectarian special education program in a special education local plan area where the residential facility is located.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 56159 of the Education Code, the involvement of the administrator of the special education local plan area in the placement discussion, pursuant to subdivision (a), shall in no way obligate a public education agency to pay for the residential costs and the cost of noneducational services for a child placed in a licensed children's institution or foster family home.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this section will encourage communication between the courts and other public agencies which engage in referring children to, or placing children in, residential facilities, and representatives of local education agencies. It is not the intent of this section to hinder the courts or public agencies in their responsibilities for placing handicapped children in residential facilities when appropriate.

7580. Prior to licensing a community care facility, as defined in Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code, in which a handicapped child may be placed, or prior to a modification of such a facility's license to permit expansion of the facility, the State Department of Social Services shall consult with the administrator of the special education local plan area in order to consider the impact of licensure upon local education agencies.

7581. The residential and noneducational costs of a child placed in a medical or residential facility by a public agency, other than a local education agency, or independently placed in a facility by the parent of the child, shall not be the responsibility of the state or local education agency, but shall be the responsibility of the placing agency or parent.

7582. Therapy treatment services provided under programs of the State Department of Health Services or State Department of Mental Health, or their designated local agencies, rendered in the public schools, shall be exempt from financial eligibility standards and family repayment requirements for these services when rendered to any handicapped child when the services are

- Involvement of SELPA Administrator
- Encourage Communication - Not Hinder Placement
- Community Care Facility Impact on Education
- Responsibility for Residential/Noneducational Costs
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necessary for the child to benefit from special education.

7583. Each local agency affected by this chapter shall estimate expenditures which were previously borne by the agency which will, as a result of enactment of this chapter, shift to another agency, or shall identify and estimate its responsibility for expenditures which will be acquired by the agency as a result of enactment of this chapter. The agency shall report the estimated shifts in responsibility in costs through appropriate state agencies by March 15, 1985, and report actual shifts in expenditures annually by March 15 in subsequent years. The appropriate state agencies shall submit this information to the Department of Finance annually by April 30.

(b) The Department of Finance shall, in the annual Budget Act, recommend appropriate adjustments, if any, in allocations and entitlements to local agencies to reflect any shifts in expenditures caused by this chapter.

(c) Any reductions in state allocations for local educational agencies resulting from this chapter shall be applied equally on a pro rata basis by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(d) By January 15, 1985, the superintendent and the Secretary of Health and Welfare shall jointly develop uniform data collection forms to be used by local agencies in reporting under this section.

7584. As used in this chapter, "handicapped children", "child," or "pupil" means individuals with exceptional needs as defined in Section 56026 of the Education Code.

7585. (a) Whenever any department or any local agency designated by that department fails to provide a related service or designated instruction instruction and service required pursuant to Section 7575 or 7576, and specified in the child's individualized education program, the parent, adult pupil, or any local education agency referred to in this chapter, shall submit a written notification of the failure to provide the service to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Secretary of Health and Welfare.

(b) When either the Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Secretary of Health and Welfare receives a written notification of the failure to provide a service as specified in subdivision (a), a copy shall immediately be
transmitted to the other party. The superintendent, or his or her designee, and the secretary, or his or her designee, shall meet to resolve the issue within 15 calendar days of receipt of the notification. A written copy of the meeting resolution shall be mailed to the parent, the local education agency, and affected departments, within 10 days of the meeting.

(c) If the issue cannot be resolved within 15 calendar days to the satisfaction of the superintendent and the secretary, they shall jointly submit the issue in writing to the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, or his or her designee, in the State Department of General Services.

(d) The Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, or his or her designee, shall review the issue and submit his or her findings in the case to the superintendent and the secretary within 30 calendar days of receipt of the case. The decision of the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, or his or her designee, shall be binding on the departments and their designated agencies who are parties to the dispute.

(e) If the meeting, conducted pursuant to subdivision (b), fails to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the parent or local education agency, either party may appeal to the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, whose decision shall be the final administrative determination and binding on all parties.

(f) Whenever notification is filed pursuant to subdivision (a), the pupil affected by the dispute shall be provided with the appropriate related service or designated instruction and service pending resolution of the dispute, if the pupil had been receiving the service. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary of Health and Welfare shall ensure that funds are available for provision of the service pending resolution of the issue pursuant to subdivision (e).

(g) Nothing in this section prevents a parent or adult pupil from filing for a due process hearing under Section 7586.

(h) The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary of Health and Welfare shall submit to the Legislature on July 1 of each year a joint report on the written notifications received pursuant to subdivision (a) on the failure of departments or their designated local agencies to provide occupational therapy.
physical therapy, or psychotherapy. This joint report shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the nature of these disputes, a summary of the outcomes of these disputes, and any recommendations for changes to the procedure set forth in subdivision (a) or with regard to any interagency agreement and regulations which might exist as a result of the implementation of this chapter.

(i) The contract between the State Department of Education and the Office of Administrative Hearings for conducting due process hearings shall include payment for services rendered by the Office of Administrative Hearings which are required by this section.

7586. (a) All state departments, and their designated local agencies shall be governed by the procedural safeguards required in Section 1415 of Title 20 of the United States Code. A due process hearing arising over a related service or designated instruction and service shall be filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Resolution of all issues shall be through the due process hearing process established in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 56500) of Part 30 of Division 4 of the Education Code. The decision issued in the due process hearing shall be binding on the department having responsibility for the services in issue as prescribed by this chapter.

(b) Upon receipt of a request for a due process hearing involving an agency other than an educational agency, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall immediately notify the state and local agencies involved by sending a copy of the request to the agencies.

(c) All hearing requests that involve multiple services that are the responsibility of more than one state department shall give rise to one hearing with all responsible state or local agencies joined as parties.

(d) No public agency, state or local, may request a due process hearing pursuant to Section 56501 of the Education Code against another public agency.

7587. By July 1, 1985, each state department named in this chapter shall develop regulations, as necessary, for the department or designated local agency to implement this act. All regulations shall be reviewed and approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to filing with the Office of Administrative Law, in order to ensure consistency with federal and
state laws and regulations governing the
education of handicapped children.

7588. This chapter shall become operative on
July 1, 1985, except Section 7583 which shall

SEC. 3. Section 11401 of the Welfare and
Institutions Code is amended to read:

11401. Aid in the form of AFDC-FC shall be
provided under this chapter on behalf of any
child under the age of 18, except as provided in
Section 11403, who meets the conditions of
subdivision (a), (b), or (c):

(a) The child has been relinquished, for
purposes of adoption, to a licensed adoption
agency, or the department, or the parental rights
of either or both of his or her parents have been
terminated after an action under the Civil Code
has been brought by a licensed adoption agency or
the department, provided that the licensed
adoption agency or the department, if responsible
for placement and care, provides to such children
all services as required by the department to
children in foster care.

(b) The child has been deprived of parental
support or care due to any of the reasons set out
under Section 11250, provided:

(1) The child has been removed from the
physical custody of his or her parent or
guardian, and

(A) Has been adjudged a dependent child of the
court on the grounds that he or she is a person
described by Section 300, or

(B) Has been adjudged a ward of the court on
the grounds that he or she is a person described
by Section 601 and 602, or

(C) Has been detained under a court order
pursuant to Section 320 or 636 which remains in
effect; or

(D) Has been placed out of home pursuant to an
individualized education program developed under
Section 7572.5 of the Government Code.

(2) The child has been voluntarily placed by
his or her parent or guardian pursuant to Section
11401.1 or in a demonstration county, pursuant to
Section 16550, et seq.; or

(3) The child is living in the home of a
nonrelated legal guardian.

(c) The child has been placed in foster care
under the provisions of the federal Indian Child
Welfare Act. The provisions of Sections 11402,
11404, and 11405 shall not be construed as
limiting payments to Indian children, as defined
in the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, placed
in accordance with such act.

- July 1, 1985 Operative
Date

- AFDC-FC Aid Conditions

- Placed Out of Home
Pursuant to IEP
SEC. 4. As part of the March 15, 1985, report which is required to be submitted by local education agencies to the Superintendent of Public Instruction under Section 7583 of the Government Code, a school district or county office of education shall report all of the following:

(a) The estimated expenditures of state local assistance funds for special education and federal funds for special education for the 1984-85 fiscal year used for the provision of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and psychotherapy.

(b) The number of handicapped pupils receiving occupational therapy, physical therapy, and psychotherapy at the time of the April pupil count.

(c) The name of the agency providing the occupational therapy, physical therapy, or psychotherapy, including the name of the agency paying for the service.
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