

(7) Plans to leverage existing regional structures, including, but not necessarily limited to, local workforce investment areas.

(e) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education may identify additional elements that consortia must include in a plan.

(f) (1) On or before March 1, 2014, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education shall submit a joint report to the Legislature and the Governor. This report shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, both of the following:

(A) The status of developing regional consortia across the state, including identification of unserved geographic areas or emerging gaps in regional program delivery.

(B) The status and allocation of grant awards made to regional consortia.

(2) The report shall be submitted to the Legislature as provided in Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(g) (1) On or before March 1, 2015, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the State Department of Education shall submit a joint report to the Legislature and the Governor. This report shall include, but is not limited to, both of the following:

(A) The plans developed by regional consortia across the state.

(B) Recommendations for additional improvements in the delivery system serving adult learners.

(2) The report shall be submitted to the Legislature as provided in Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(h) It is the intent of the Legislature to work toward developing common policies related to adult education affecting adult schools at local educational agencies and community colleges, including policies on fees and funding levels.

(i) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide additional funding in the 2015–16 fiscal year to regional consortia to expand and improve the provision of adult education.

SEC. 39. Article 9 (commencing with Section 84900) is added to Chapter 5 of Part 50 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

#### Article 9. Adult Education Block Grant Program

84900. The Adult Education Block Grant Program is hereby established under the administration of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

84901. For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply, unless otherwise specified:

(a) “Adult” means a person 18 years of age or older.

(b) “Consortium” means an adult education consortium approved pursuant to this article.

(c) “Executive director” means the executive director of the State Board of Education.

(d) "Program" means the Adult Education Block Grant Program established by Section 84900.

84902. (a) The chancellor and the Superintendent are the state officials responsible for identifying and understanding the educational needs of adults in the state.

(b) The chancellor and the Superintendent shall use the powers provided by this article to support the effective provision of services that address the educational needs of adults in all regions of the state.

(c) In performing duties under this article, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall seek advice from, and coordinate with, other state officials responsible for programs for adults.

84903. (a) The chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, shall divide the state into adult education regions and shall determine the physical boundaries of each region.

(b) When determining the boundaries of the adult education regions, the chancellor and the Superintendent shall consider factors that impact the provision of adult education, including all of the following:

(1) Economic and demographic factors, including the locations of regional labor markets.

(2) The boundaries of regions used to distribute funds for other state programs.

(3) The presence of adult education providers that have demonstrated effectiveness in meeting the educational needs of adults.

(c) Until otherwise determined by the chancellor and the Superintendent, the physical boundaries of the adult education regions shall be the same as the physical boundaries of the regions established for purposes of providing planning and implementation grants pursuant to Section 84830.

84904. (a) The chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, shall approve one adult education consortium in each adult education region.

(b) Until otherwise determined by the chancellor and the Superintendent, the consortia to which planning and implementation grants were apportioned pursuant to Section 84830 shall be deemed approved for purposes of this section.

→ 84905. The chancellor and the Superintendent, with the advice of the executive director, shall approve, for each consortium, rules and procedures that adhere to all of the following conditions:

(a) Any community college district, school district, or county office of education, or any joint powers authority consisting of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these, located within the boundaries of the adult education region shall be permitted to join the consortium as a member.

(b) As a condition of joining a consortium, a member shall commit to reporting any funds available to that member for the purposes of education and workforce services for adults and the uses of those funds.

(c) A member of the consortium shall be represented only by an official designated by the governing board of the member.

(d) (1) Decisionmaking procedures are specified that ensure that all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(A) All members of the consortium shall participate in any decision made by the consortium.

(B) A proposed decision is considered at an open, properly noticed public meeting of the consortium at which members of the public may comment.

(C) The consortium has provided the public with adequate notice of a proposed decision and considered any comments submitted by members of the public, and any comments submitted by members of the public have been distributed publicly.

(D) (i) The consortium has requested comments regarding a proposed decision from other entities located in the adult education region that provide education and workforce services for adults.

(ii) The consortium has considered and responded to any comments submitted by entities pursuant to clause (i).

(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, entities that provide education and workforce services to adults include, but are not necessarily limited to, local public agencies, departments, and offices, particularly those with responsibility for local public safety and social services; workforce investment boards; libraries; and community-based organizations.

(E) A decision is final.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, a decision includes approval of an adult education plan pursuant to Section 84906 and approval of a distribution schedule pursuant to Section 84913.

(e) The members of the consortium may decide to designate a member to serve as the fund administrator to receive and distribute funds from the program.

84906. (a) As a condition of receipt of an apportionment of funds from this program for a fiscal year, the members of a consortium shall have approved an adult education plan that addresses that fiscal year.

(b) An adult education plan shall include all of the following:

(1) An evaluation of the educational needs of adults in the region.

(2) A list of the following:

(A) Entities that provide education and workforce services to adults in the region.

(B) Entities that are impacted by, or that have a fundamental interest in, the provision of those services.

(3) A description of the services provided by entities listed pursuant to paragraph (2).

(4) An evaluation of current levels and types of education and workforce services for adults in the region.

(5) An evaluation of the funds available to the members of the consortium and the entities listed pursuant to paragraph (2), including funds other than those apportioned pursuant to this article.

(6) Actions that the members of the consortium will take to address the educational needs identified pursuant to paragraph (1).