

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 11, 2010

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 73

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

February 12, 2010

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 73, as amended, DeSaulnier. California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness.

This measure would continue the existence and set forth the membership of the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness, to perform duties to promote fitness and health in schools and workplaces. It would permit the task force to accept private funds and in-kind donations, require the task force to submit a report on its work to the Legislature on or before June 30, 2012, and provide that the task force would cease to exist on July 1, 2014, unless its existence is extended by a later enacted resolution.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California is currently facing a
2 growing obesity crisis in which 58.8 percent of all adults are
3 overweight and ~~78~~ *less than 70* percent of children in grades 5, 7,
4 and 9 did not pass a physical performance test known as the
5 Fitnessgram; and

6 WHEREAS, Healthy workplace and school environments can
7 greatly enhance the quality of life for California workers, children
8 and their families, increase morale, prevent illness, and enhance
9 productivity of California businesses and students; and

1 WHEREAS, Corporate America traditionally overlooks the
2 importance of employee well-being in relation to the work
3 environment; and

4 WHEREAS, California's schools often present a model of eating
5 and activity that is incongruent with the healthy habits encouraged
6 in health, nutrition, and physical education; and

7 WHEREAS, Californians' obesity and overweight rates are
8 leading to an epidemic of Type II Diabetes (formerly known as
9 Adult Onset Diabetes) among children and adults, with projections
10 that one in three children born in 2006 will contract the disease;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The current rates of overweight, inactivity, obesity,
13 and diabetes are costing California over 41 billion dollars each
14 year in health costs and lost productivity; and

15 WHEREAS, A legislative task force is necessary to provide a
16 framework and support to help California companies enhance
17 employee wellness programs as a long-term health solution; and

18 WHEREAS, A legislative task force is necessary to provide a
19 framework and support to California's schools in order to create
20 healthier education environments; and

21 WHEREAS, The California Task Force on Youth and Workplace
22 Wellness was established in the 2001–02 Regular Session of the
23 Legislature by SCR 40 and SCR 99, and continued in the 2005–06
24 Regular Session of the Legislature by SCR 73, to promote fitness
25 and health in the Legislature, schools, and workplaces; and

26 WHEREAS, The California Task Force on Youth and Workplace
27 Wellness has successfully elevated the profile of fitness in the
28 California Legislature, in schools and workplaces statewide, and
29 has developed projects such as the Physical Education Research
30 for Kids project and the California Fit Business Award to continue
31 encouraging healthy eating and activity environments for all
32 Californians; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the California Task Force on Youth and
35 Workplace Wellness is hereby continued to promote fitness and
36 health in the Legislature, schools, and workplaces; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the task force shall be comprised of Members
38 of the Legislature and experts as follows:

39 (a) The task force shall have 20 voting members, with additional
40 advisory members and alternates as requested or needed.

1 (b) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint two Members
2 from the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules shall
3 appoint two Members from the Senate. Additionally, both the
4 Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules shall
5 each appoint alternate members from the Assembly and from the
6 Senate.

7 (c) Additionally, both the Speaker of the Assembly and the
8 Senate Committee on Rules shall each appoint members, from
9 each of the following categories:

- 10 (1) Two members from the field of education.
- 11 (2) Two members from the field of industry or business.
- 12 (3) Two members from the field of health.
- 13 (4) One member from the field of fitness; ~~and be it further.~~

14 (d) ~~That two~~ Two “youth representatives” and two alternates
15 between the ages of 15 and 19 shall be appointed *by* the foregoing
16 members of the task force and approved by the task force chair,
17 for one-year terms, concurrent with the academic school year; and
18 be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Members of the Legislature who serve on
20 the task force shall serve only to the extent that their service is
21 consistent with their duties as Members of the Legislature; and be
22 it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Senate Committee on Rules shall name the
24 chair of the task force; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That members of the task force appointed by the
26 Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly shall
27 serve at the pleasure of the appointing power; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the members of the task force shall conduct the
29 business of the task force on a volunteer basis and shall not receive
30 a salary for services nor be reimbursed for travel and other expenses
31 incurred in the performance of their duties as task force members;
32 and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the task force shall have all of the following
34 duties:

35 (a) To meet twice a year to discuss strategies. The task force
36 shall strive to generate media and public interest in the activities
37 of the task force and its annual meetings in a manner that elevates
38 the importance of healthy and fit schools and workplaces in the
39 minds of all Californians.

1 (b) To support the existing task force Internet Web site, and to
2 publicize the task force mission statement and inform visitors of
3 resources available to California citizens, schools, and companies.
4 Features shall include a library of wellness tips, educational tools,
5 examples of successful school and corporate wellness programs,
6 including individual success stories, and biographies of task force
7 members.

8 (c) To generate media and legislative attention for the task force
9 and increase awareness of wellness issues.

10 (d) To submit a report on the work of the task force to the
11 Legislature on or before June 30, 2012; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the task force shall create two subcommittees,
13 one on youth wellness, and another on corporate wellness, to
14 specialize work and expertise. Other subcommittees may be created
15 as the members of the task force deem appropriate. Each
16 subcommittee shall report on its work and findings to the entire
17 task force; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the task force is authorized to accept private
19 funds and in-kind donations to pay expenses incurred in conducting
20 its business. These expenses include, but are not limited to, staff,
21 administrative, meeting, and publication expenses; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the task force shall cease to exist on July 1, 2014,
23 unless a later enacted resolution that is enacted before that date
24 deletes or extends that date.