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An act to amend Section 81 of Chapter 15 of the Statutes of 2017, relating to school finance, and making an appropriation therefor.



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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 81 of Chapter 15 of the Statutes of 2017 is amended to read:

SEC. 81. (a) For the 2017–18 fiscal year, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Social Services in order to provide additional services for refugee pupils, pupils and unaccompanied undocumented minors. The State Department of Social Services shall allocate funding to school districts impacted by significant numbers of refugee pupils and other eligible populations served by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ~~an office of the Administration for Children & Families within the United States Department of Health & Human Services, based on the eligibility criteria and allocation methodology set forth by the ORR for the federal Refugee School Impact program;~~ unaccompanied undocumented minors using a formula to be developed by the department based upon the refugee and unaccompanied undocumented minor arrivals in a school district during the preceding 60-month period for which the department has data.

(b) Of the funds allocated in subdivision (a), an equal amount shall be available for grants in the 2017–18, 2018–19, and 2019–20 fiscal years.

(c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) “Refugee” means populations eligible to receive benefits and services from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), an office of the Administration for Children & Families within the United States Department of Health & Human Services.

(2) “Unaccompanied undocumented minor” has the same meaning as unaccompanied alien children as defined in Section 279(g)(2) of Title 6 of the United States Code.

(e)

(d) For purposes of making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the appropriation made by subdivision (a) shall be deemed to be “General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts,” as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2017–18 fiscal year, and included within the “total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the 2017–18 fiscal year.

(e) In accordance with Section 1621(d) of Title 8 of the United States Code, this section provides services for undocumented persons.



## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_  
as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_  
General Subject: Education finance; schools services; refugee pupils and unaccompanied  
undocumented minors.

Existing law appropriates, for the 2017–18 fiscal year, \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Social Services in order to provide additional services for refugee pupils by allocating funding to school districts impacted by significant numbers of refugee pupils and other eligible populations served by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement based on the eligibility criteria and allocation methodology set forth for the federal Refugee School Impact program.

This bill would expand the purposes of that appropriation to provide additional services for pupils who are unaccompanied undocumented minors, as defined, thereby making an appropriation. The bill instead would require the State Department of Social Services to allocate funding to school districts impacted by significant numbers of refugee pupils, other eligible populations served by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, and unaccompanied undocumented minors using a formula to be developed by the department based upon the refugee and unaccompanied undocumented minor arrivals in a school district during the preceding 60-month period for which the department has data.

Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

