This bill, for the 2020–21 school year, would waive the minimum requirements for instructional minutes offered during the school year and would authorize a local educational agency to meet the minimum requirements for instructional minutes offered during a school day and for instructional days offered in the 2020–21 school year through in-person instruction or a combination of in-person instruction and distance learning, as provided.

The bill would require a local educational agency that offers distance learning during the 2020–21 school year to comply with specified requirements. The bill would require local educational agencies to document pupils’ participation on each school day for which distance learning is provided and to regularly communicate with parents and guardians regarding a pupil’s academic progress. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to withhold a portion of a local educational agency’s funding apportionments for failing to offer the minimum number of instructional days in the 2020–21 school year. To the extent these provisions impose additional requirements on school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

Existing law requires, on or before July 1, 2014, governing boards of school districts and county boards of education to adopt a local control and accountability plan, as provided. Existing law requires charter schools, on or before July 1, 2015, and each year thereafter, to adopt a local control and accountability plan to update the goals and annual actions to achieve those goals identified in the charter petition, as provided.

This bill would provide that school districts, county boards of education, and charter schools are not required to adopt a local control and accountability plan for the 2020–21 school year. The bill instead would require the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, and the governing body of a charter school to adopt a learning continuity and attendance plan by September 30, 2020. The bill would require the Superintendent, in consultation with the State Board of Education, to develop a template for the learning continuity and attendance plan on or before August 1, 2020, as provided. The bill would require the learning continuity and attendance plan to include specified information about the instruction the school district, county office of education, or charter school will provide to pupils in the 2020–21 school year. By requiring school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to adopt a learning continuity and attendance plan, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Existing law establishes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to, among other duties, establish standards for the issuance and renewal of credentials, certificates, and permits. A regulation issued by the commission requires that, for each examination score used to satisfy a requirement for the issuance of a credential, certificate, permit, or waiver, no more than 10 years may elapse between the date the score was earned and the issuance date of the credential, certificate, permit, or waiver for which the examination score was used.

This bill would extend the time of validity of examination scores used to satisfy a requirement for the issuance of a credential, certificate, permit, or waiver pursuant to the regulation referenced above to 11 years for any score used to satisfy a requirement from March 19, 2020, to June 30, 2021, inclusive.

Existing law sets the minimum requirements for the services credential with a specialization in pupil personnel services as a baccalaureate or higher degree from an approved institution, a 5th year of study,
and any specialized and professional preparation required by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, including completion of a commission-approved program of supervised field experience. Specified regulations issued by the commission require this field experience to take place in at least 2 settings.

8280.1.
(a) The Superintendent shall administer the Early Learning and Care Workforce Development Grants Program to expand the number of qualified early learning and care professionals and increase the educational credentials of existing early learning and care professionals across the state, pursuant to this section.

(b) (1) There is hereby appropriated one hundred fifty million dollars ($150,000,000) to the department from the General Fund for the competitive workforce development grants program established pursuant to this section to be released in the 2019–20 fiscal year.

(2) The Director of Finance may change the release of funds scheduled in paragraph (1), if deemed necessary. The director shall notify the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, or the chairperson’s designee, of the director’s intent to notify the Controller of the necessity to change the release of funds scheduled in paragraph (1). The total amount released shall not be greater or lesser than the amount appropriated in paragraph (1). The Controller shall make the funds available to the department not sooner than five days after receipt of this notification.

(3) Notwithstanding Section 16304 of the Government Code, of the amount appropriated for this program in this subdivision, the Superintendent shall allocate the funds available for the grants through the 2023–24 fiscal year, in approximately equal amounts each fiscal year.

c) The Superintendent shall award and administer the workforce development grants to local, regional, or local and regional quality improvement partnerships, as defined by the Superintendent, consistent with the Quality Rating and Improvement System local consortia, as defined in Section 8203.1, representing all counties of the state. A local, regional, or local and regional quality improvement partnership may form a consortia with one or more regional partners. All local, regional, or local and regional quality improvement partnerships shall submit a plan to the department that describes how they will allocate funds and increase the number, qualifications, and competencies of early learning and care professionals in their county or region. The plan shall also describe how local partnerships will engage in collaborative partnerships with their members, local governmental agencies, businesses, nonprofit organizations, or other interested partners to improve the educational attainment of early learning and care professionals in their county or region, including those working in centers, family childcare homes, and license-exempt settings that serve a majority of children who receive subsidized early learning and care services or are eligible to received subsidized early learning and care services, pursuant to this chapter.

d) Workforce development grant award amounts shall be determined based on the following criteria:

(1) Demonstrated need for early learning and care professionals in each county or region.

(2) The cost of living in each county or region.

(3) The number of children under 13 years of age in each county or region who are in a family whose income is up to 85 percent of the state median income.

e) Workforce development grants may be used for costs associated with the educational expenses of current and future early learning and care professionals that move those professionals along the early learning and care career lattice and support their attainment of increased education or English language proficiency, as well as professional development in early childhood instruction or child development,
including developing competencies in serving children with exceptional needs and dual language learners. Allowable uses of funds include:

1. Tuition, supplies, and other related educational expenses.

2. Transportation and childcare costs incurred as a result of attending classes.

3. Substitute teacher pay for early learning and care professionals that are currently working in a subsidized early learning and care setting.

4. Stipends and professional development expenses, aligned to the Quality Counts California professional development system in that area, as determined by the Superintendent.

5. Career, course, and professional development coaching, counseling, and navigation services.

6. Other educational expenses as determined by the Superintendent.

(f) Local, regional, or local and regional quality improvement partnerships awarded funding pursuant to this section may partner with local or online accredited higher education institutions, local agencies that provide high-quality, credit-bearing trainings, or apprenticeship programs that integrate and embed higher education coursework with on-the-job training of professionals.

(g) The Superintendent may set aside no more than 1 percent of the total funding appropriated for the Early Learning and Care Workforce Development Grants Program to provide technical assistance and support for grantees and potential grantees on developing proposals for and implementing workforce development grants.

(h) Local, regional, or local and regional quality improvement partnerships receiving grants shall commit to providing program data to the department, as specified by the Superintendent, including, but not limited to, recipient information, educational progress, and employment status, and participate in overall program evaluation.

(i) The Superintendent shall provide a report to the Governor as well as the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature by October 1, 2020, and annually thereafter through the 2023–24 fiscal year, on the expenditure of funds as well as relevant outcome data in order to evaluate the impact of the program.

(j) The competitive workforce development grants program established pursuant to this section shall be funded from funds appropriated in this section.

(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Superintendent, with the concurrence of the executive director of the state board, shall recommend to the Department of Finance and the budget committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2021, any changes to the funding methodology in this section related to the recommendations and priorities provided pursuant to Section 8207.

(l) On June 30, 2020, the amounts appropriated for purposes of this section shall revert to the General Fund.

SEC. 34.
Part 24.5 (commencing with Section 43500) is added to Division 3 of Title 2 of the Education Code, to read:
PART 24.5. SCHOOL FINANCE, INSTRUCTION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE 2020–21 SCHOOL YEAR

43500.
For purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Distance learning” means instruction in which the pupil and instructor are in different locations and pupils are under the general supervision of a certificated employee of the local educational agency. Distance learning may include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Interaction, instruction, and check-ins between teachers and pupils through the use of a computer or communications technology.

(2) Video or audio instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the pupil and certificated employee is online interaction, instructional television, video, telecourses, or other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology.

(3) The use of print materials incorporating assignments that are the subject of written or oral feedback.

(b) “In-person instruction” means instruction under the immediate physical supervision and control of a certificated employee of the local educational agency while engaged in educational activities required of the pupil.

(c) “Local educational agency” means a school district, county office of education, or charter school, excluding a charter school classified as a nonclassroom-based charter school pursuant to Sections 47612.5 and 47634.2 as of the 2019–20 fiscal year.

43501.
For the 2020–21 school year, the minimum schoolday for a local educational agency is as follows:

(a) 180 instructional minutes in kindergarten.

(b) 230 instructional minutes in grades 1 to 3, inclusive.

(c) 240 instructional minutes in grades 4 to 12, inclusive.

(d) 180 instructional minutes for pupils in grades 11 and 12 that are also enrolled part time in classes of the California State University or the University of California for which academic credit will be provided upon satisfactory completion of enrolled courses.

(e) 180 instructional minutes for any pupil who is also a special part-time student enrolled in a community college under Article 1 (commencing with Section 48800) of Chapter 5 of Part 27 of Division 4 and who will receive academic credit upon satisfactory completion of enrolled courses.

(f) 180 instructional minutes for pupils enrolled in a continuation high school.

43502.
(a) For purposes of calculating apportionments for the 2020–21 fiscal year, a local educational agency shall offer in-person instruction, and may offer distance learning, pursuant to the requirements of this part.

(b) Notwithstanding Sections 41601, 42238.05 to 42238.053, inclusive, and 46010, for purposes of calculating apportionments for the 2020–21 fiscal year for a local educational agency, except for a new
charter school that is authorized by the governing board of a school district or county board of education on or before June 1, 2020, or approved by the state board at its July 8 and 9, 2020, meeting and that is beginning instruction in the 2020–21 school year, the department shall use the average daily attendance in the 2019–20 fiscal year reported for both the second period and the annual period apportionment that included all full school months from July 1, 2019, to February 29, 2020, inclusive, and extended year average daily attendance attributed to the 2019–20 school year reported pursuant to Section 96 of the act adding this part. Any positive adjustment to average daily attendance for the 2019–20 fiscal year in the second or annual period attendance report submitted to the Superintendent after August 17, 2020, shall be substantiated by concurrence from an independent auditor.

(c) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, a local educational agency shall satisfy the annual instructional day requirements described in Sections 41420, 46200.5, and 46208, and in Section 11960 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations through in-person instruction or a combination of in-person instruction and distance learning pursuant to this part.

(d) (1) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, a local educational agency shall not be required to offer the annual instructional minutes that it would otherwise have offered pupils to meet the requirements of Sections 46207 and 47612.5, or the implementing regulations for those sections.

(2) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, a local educational agency shall not be required to offer the minimum instructional minutes in physical education required pursuant to Sections 51210, 51220, 51222, and 51223.

(e) For the 2020–21 school year, instructional minutes shall be determined as follows:

(1) For in-person instruction, instructional minutes shall be based on time scheduled under the immediate physical supervision and control of an employee of the local educational agency who possesses a valid certification document, registered as required by law.

(2) For distance learning, instructional time shall be based on the time value of assignments as determined, and certified to, by an employee of the local educational agency who possesses a valid certification document, registered as required by law.

(3) For a combined day of instruction delivered through both in-person instruction and distance learning, time scheduled under the immediate supervision of an employee of the local educational agency who possesses a valid certification document can be combined with assignments made under the general supervision of an employee of the local educational agency who possesses a valid certification document as registered by law to meet the equivalent of a minimum day of instruction.

(f) For the 2020–21 school year, the process by which a local educational agency receives credit for a material decrease in average daily attendance for apportionment pursuant to Section 46392 due to an event described in Section 46392 that occurs during the 2020–21 fiscal year is suspended for all local educational agencies.

(g) Except for a new charter school that is authorized by the governing board of a school district or county board of education on or before June 1, 2020, or approved by the state board at its July 8 and 9, 2020, meeting, and that is beginning instruction in the 2020–21 school year, for purposes of any calculations that would use average daily attendance, the Superintendent, consistent with subdivision (b), shall use
the local educational agency’s average daily attendance in the 2019–20 school year in place of its average daily attendance in the 2020–21 school year.

43503.
(a) (1) For the 2020–21 school year, a local educational agency that offers distance learning shall comply with the requirements of subdivision (b).

(2) Distance learning may be offered under either of the following circumstances:

(A) On a local educational agency or schoolwide level as a result of an order or guidance from a state public health officer or a local public health officer.

(B) For pupils who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining because of exposure to COVID-19.

(b) Distance learning shall include all of the following:

(1) Confirmation or provision of access for all pupils to connectivity and devices adequate to participate in the educational program and complete assigned work.

(2) Content aligned to grade level standards that is provided at a level of quality and intellectual challenge substantially equivalent to in-person instruction.

(3) Academic and other supports designed to address the needs of pupils who are not performing at grade level, or need support in other areas, such as English learners, pupils with exceptional needs, pupils in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and pupils requiring mental health supports.

(4) Special education, related services, and any other services required by a pupil’s individualized education program pursuant to Section 56341, including the requirements of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (9) of subdivision (a) of Section 56345, with accommodations necessary to ensure that individualized education program can be executed in a distance learning environment.

(5) Designated and integrated instruction in English language development pursuant to Section 11300 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations for English learners, including assessment of English language proficiency, support to access curriculum, the ability to reclassify as fully English proficient, and, as applicable, support for dual language learning.

(6) Daily live interaction with certificated employees and peers for purposes of instruction, progress monitoring, and maintaining school connectedness. This interaction may take the form of internet or telephonic communication, or by other means permissible under public health orders. If daily live interaction is not feasible as part of regular instruction, the governing board or body of the local educational agency shall develop, with parent and stakeholder input, an alternative plan for frequent live interaction that provides a comparable level of service and school connectedness.

(c) Pursuant to Sections 49550 and 47613.5, school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools shall provide nutritionally adequate meals for pupils who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, whether engaged in in-person instruction or distance learning, contingent upon the department receiving an approved waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture, for each day of the scheduled school year.
43504.
(a) The compulsory education requirements described in Section 48200 continue to apply for the 2020–21 school year.
(b) A local educational agency shall offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible.
(c) For the 2020–21 school year, for purposes of the requirement on school districts to offer 180 instructional days per school year pursuant to Section 46208 and the requirement on charter schools to offer 175 instructional days per school year pursuant to Section 11960 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, an instructional day is a day in which all pupils are scheduled for the length of the day established by the governing board or body of the local educational agency in a classroom under the immediate supervision of a certificated employee or in distance learning that meets the minimum requirements described in this part.
(d) (1) Each local educational agency shall document daily participation for each pupil on each schoolday, in whole or in part, for which distance learning is provided. A pupil who does not participate in distance learning on a schoolday shall be documented as absent for that schoolday.
(2) For purposes of this section, daily participation may include, but is not limited to, evidence of participation in online activities, completion of regular assignments, completion of assessments, and contacts between employees of the local educational agency and pupils or parents or guardians.
(e) Each local educational agency shall ensure that a weekly engagement record is completed for each pupil documenting synchronous or asynchronous instruction for each whole or partial day of distance learning, verifying daily participation, and tracking assignments.
(f) (1) A pupil who does not participate daily in either in-person instruction pursuant to subdivision (b) or distance learning pursuant to subdivision (d) shall be deemed absent by the local educational agency. A local educational agency shall use documentation of the absence for purposes of reporting its chronic absenteeism rates in its local control and accountability plan.
(2) Each local educational agency shall develop written procedures for tiered reengagement strategies for all pupils who are absent from distance learning for more than three schooldays or 60 percent of the instructional days in a school week. These procedures shall include, but are not limited to, verification of current contact information for each enrolled pupil, daily notification to parents or guardians of absences, a plan for outreach from the school to determine pupil needs including connection with health and social services as necessary and, when feasible, transitioning the pupil to full-time in-person instruction.
(g) Each school shall regularly communicate with parents and guardians regarding a pupil’s academic progress.
(h) The Controller shall include instructions necessary to enforce the requirements of this part in the 2020–21 audit guide required by Section 14502.1.
(i) (1) For a school district or charter school that offers fewer than the instructional days required in subdivision (c), the Superintendent shall withhold from the local educational agency’s local control funding formula grant apportionment for the prior year average daily attendance of each affected grade level, the sum of .0056 multiplied by that apportionment for each day less than what was required pursuant to this section.
(2) For a local educational agency that does not meet the requirements in subdivision (d), (e), or (f), the Superintendent shall withhold from the local educational agency’s local control funding formula grant apportionment the percentage of days out of compliance multiplied by the derived value of average daily attendance, all multiplied by the average daily attendance of each affected grade level. For purposes of this paragraph, the percentage of days out of compliance is equivalent to the number of days out of compliance divided by the total number of instructional days required to be offered.

(3) A local educational agency that provides distance learning shall not be penalized for instruction provided before September 1, 2020, that fails to meet the requirements of this section.

43509.

(a) (1) For the 2020–21 school year, the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, and the governing body of a charter school shall adopt both of the following:

(A) By September 30, 2020, a learning continuity and attendance plan pursuant to this section.

(B) By December 15, 2020, with the first interim report required pursuant to Sections 1240, 42131, and 47604.33, the local control funding formula budget overview for parents required pursuant to Section 52064.1.

(2) (A) The governing board of a school district, a county board of education, and the governing body of a charter school shall not be required to adopt a local control and accountability plan or an annual update to a local control and accountability plan pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 52059.5) of Chapter 6.1 of Part 28 of Division 4 or Section 47606.5 for the 2020–21 school year.

(B) The governing board of a school district, a county board of education, and the governing body of a charter school shall not be required to comply with paragraph (2) of Executive Order No. N-56-20.

(b) The governing board of a school district, a county board of education, and the governing body of a charter school shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units of the school district, county office of education, or charter school, parents, and pupils in developing a learning continuity and attendance plan pursuant to this section. Specifically, engagement under this section shall include all of the following:

(1) The superintendent of a school district, a county superintendent of schools, and a charter school administrator shall solicit recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the learning continuity and attendance plan.

(2) The superintendent of a school district, a county superintendent of schools, and a charter school administrator shall notify members of the public of the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the learning continuity and attendance plan, using the most efficient method of notification possible. This paragraph does not require a school district, county board of education, or charter school to produce printed notices or to send notices by mail. The superintendent of a school district, a county superintendent of schools, and a charter school shall ensure that all written notifications related to the learning continuity and attendance plan are provided consistent with Section 48985.

(3) The superintendent of a school district and a county superintendent of schools shall present the learning continuity and attendance plan to the parent advisory committee and the English learner parent
advisory committee established pursuant to Section 52063 separately for review and comment. The superintendent of a school district and a county superintendent of schools shall respond, in writing, to comments received from the parent advisory committee and the English learner parent advisory committee.

(4) The superintendent of a school district, a county superintendent of schools, and a charter school administrator shall present the learning continuity and attendance plan at a public hearing of the governing board of the school district, the county board of education, or the governing body of the charter school for review and comment by members of the public. The agenda for the public hearing shall be posted at least 72 hours before the public hearing and shall include the location where the learning continuity and attendance plan will be available for public inspection.

(5) (A) The governing board of a school district, a county board of education, and the governing body of a charter school shall adopt the learning continuity and attendance plan in a public meeting. This meeting shall be held after, but not on the same day as, the public hearing held pursuant to paragraph (4).

(B) The governing board of a school district, a county board of education, and the governing body of a charter school shall provide options for remote participation in the public hearings required by paragraph (4) and subparagraph (A) and include efforts to solicit feedback pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) to reach pupils, families, educators, and other stakeholders who do not have internet access, or who speak languages other than English.

c) (1) Not later than five days after adoption of a learning continuity and attendance plan, the governing board of a school district shall file the learning continuity and attendance plan with the county superintendent of schools. The county superintendent of schools may submit recommendations, in writing, for amendments to the learning continuity and attendance plan by October 30, 2020. The governing board of a school district shall consider the recommendations submitted by the county superintendent of schools in a public meeting within 15 days of receiving the recommendations. If a county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over a single school district, the Superintendent shall perform the duties specified in this paragraph.

(2) Not later than five days after adoption of a learning continuity and attendance plan, the county board of education shall file the learning continuity and attendance plan with the Superintendent. The Superintendent may submit recommendations, in writing, for amendments to the learning continuity and attendance plan by October 30, 2020. The county board of education shall consider the recommendations submitted by the Superintendent in a public meeting within 15 days of receiving the recommendations.

(3) Not later than five days after adoption of a learning continuity and attendance plan, the governing body of a charter school shall file the learning continuity and attendance plan with its chartering authority and the county superintendent of schools, or only to the county superintendent of schools if the county board of education is the chartering authority.

d) A learning continuity and attendance plan adopted pursuant to this section shall be posted consistent with the requirements of Sections 52065 and 47606.5.

e) A learning continuity and attendance plan adopted by the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school shall address continuity of learning and include, for the school district, county office of education, or charter school and each school within the
school district, county office of education, or charter school, all of the information specified in the
template developed by the Superintendent pursuant to subdivision (f).

(f) On or before August 1, 2020, the Superintendent, in consultation with the executive director of the
state board, shall develop a template for the learning continuity and attendance plan that includes, but is
not limited to, all of the following:

(1) A description of how the school district, county office of education, or charter school will provide
continuity of learning and address the impact of COVID-19 on pupils, staff, and the community in the
following areas, and the specific actions and expenditures the school district, county office of education,
or charter school anticipates taking to support its ability to address the impacts of COVID-19:

(A) In-person instructional offerings, and specifically, the actions the school district, county office of
education, or charter school will take to offer classroom-based instruction whenever possible, particularly
for pupils who have experienced significant learning loss due to school closures in the 2019–20 school
year or are at greater risk of experiencing learning loss due to future school closures.

(B) Plans for a distance learning program, including all of the following:

(i) How the school district, county office of education, or charter school will provide continuity of
instruction during the school year to ensure pupils have access to a full curriculum of substantially similar
quality regardless of the method of delivery. This shall include a plan for curriculum and instructional
resources that will ensure instructional continuity for pupils if a transition between in-person instruction
and distance learning is necessary.

(ii) A plan for ensuring access to devices and connectivity for all pupils to support distance learning
whenever it occurs.

(iii) How the school district, county office of education, or charter school will measure participation and
assess pupil progress through live contacts and synchronous instructional minutes, as well as how the
time value of pupil work will be measured.

(iv) What professional development and resources will be provided to staff to support the provision of
distance learning, including technological support.

(v) To the extent that staff roles and responsibilities change because of COVID-19, what the new roles and
responsibilities of affected staff will be.

(vi) What additional supports for pupils with unique needs will be provided, including for English learners,
pupils with exceptional needs served across the full continuum of placements, pupils in foster care, and
pupils who are experiencing homelessness during the period in which distance learning is provided.

(C) How the school district, county office of education, or charter school will address pupil learning loss
that results from COVID-19 during the 2019–20 and 2020–21 school years, including all of the following:

(i) How the school district, county office of education, or charter school will assess pupils to measure pupil
learning status, particularly in the areas of English language arts, English language development, and
mathematics.
(ii) What actions and strategies the school district, county office of education, or charter school will use to address learning loss and accelerate learning progress for pupils, as needed, and how these strategies differ for pupils who are classified as English learners, are eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, or are foster youth, as those terms are defined in Section 42238.01, individuals with exceptional needs, pupils in foster care, and pupils who are experiencing homelessness.

(iii) How the effectiveness of the services or supports provided to address learning loss will be measured.

(D) How the school district, county office of education, or charter school will monitor and support the mental health and social and emotional well-being of pupils and staff during the school year.

(E) What professional development will be provided to staff, and what resources will be provided to pupils and staff to address trauma and other impacts of COVID-19 on the school community.

(F) Pupil engagement and outreach, including the procedures of the school district, county office of education, or charter school for tiered reengagement strategies for pupils who are absent from distance learning, and how the school district, county office of education, or charter school will provide outreach to pupils and their parents or guardians, including in languages other than English, when pupils are not meeting compulsory education requirements, or the school district, county office of education, or charter school determines the pupil is not engaging in instruction and is at risk of learning loss.

(G) School nutrition, including how the school district, county office of education, or charter school will provide meals for pupils who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, as defined in Section 42238.01, for pupils participating in both in-person instruction and distance learning, as applicable and contingent upon the department receiving an approved waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture, for each day of the scheduled school year.

(2) For each of the areas described in paragraph (1), the learning continuity and attendance plan shall describe how federal and state funding included in the original or revised budget adopted by the governing board of a school district, a county board of education, or the governing body of a charter school is used to support the efforts described in the learning continuity and attendance plan, including federal and state funds provided for learning loss mitigation pursuant to Section 110 of the act adding this part. If the actions and expenditures described in paragraph (1) are not included in the budget, the learning continuity and attendance plan shall reference how these expenditures will be included in the first interim report of the school district, county office of education, or charter school pursuant to Section 1240, 42131, or 47604.33.

(3) The learning continuity and attendance plan shall include a description of how the school district, county office of education, or charter school is increasing or improving services in proportion to funds generated on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated pupils under the local control funding formula pursuant to Sections 2574, 2575, 42238.02, and 42238.03 in the 2020–21 fiscal year pursuant to the regulations adopted by the state board pursuant to Section 42238.07. The description shall include the portion of any federal funds provided to backfill reductions to the local control funding formula on a dollar-for-dollar basis generated on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated pupils pursuant to Sections 2574, 2575, 42238.02, and 42238.03.
43510. If any activities authorized pursuant to this part and implementing regulations are found to be a state reimbursable mandate pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution, funding provided for school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools pursuant to Sections 2574, 2575, 42238.02, and 42238.03 shall be used to directly offset any mandated costs.

43511. (a) The requirements of this part shall not be waived by the state board pursuant to Section 33050 or any other law.

(b) This part shall become inoperative on June 30, 2021, and, as of January 1, 2022, is repealed.

SEC. 35. Section 44225.4 is added to the Education Code, to read:

44225.4. The time of validity of examination scores used to satisfy a requirement for the issuance of a credential, certificate, permit, or waiver pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 80071 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is extended to 11 years for any score used to satisfy a requirement from March 19, 2020, to June 30, 2021, inclusive.

SEC. 36. Section 44235.4 is added to the Education Code, to read:

44235.4. The time of validity of fees submitted with paper applications for credentials not available for online renewal or recommendation pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 80002 of, and subdivision (e) of Section 80487 of, Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, is extended to 120 days for applications received by the commission from March 19, 2020, to June 30, 2021, inclusive.

SEC. 76. Article 2.2 (commencing with Section 56836.14) is added to Chapter 7.2 of Part 30 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 2.2. Special Education Funding Formula

56836.14. Commencing with the 2020–21 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Superintendent shall annually calculate the special education funding formula pursuant to this article.

56836.142. (a) For purposes of this article, the following terms and phrases have the following meanings:

(1) “Average daily attendance reported for a special education local plan area” means the total of the following:

(A) The total number of units of average daily attendance reported for the second principal apportionment pursuant to Section 41601 for all pupils enrolled in the district or districts that are a part of the special education local plan area.
(B) The total number of units of average daily attendance reported pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 41601 for all pupils enrolled in schools operated by the county office or offices that compose the special education local plan area, or for those county offices that are a part of more than one special education local plan area, that portion of the average daily attendance of pupils enrolled in the schools operated by the county office that are under the jurisdiction of the special education local plan area.

(2) For purposes of computing apportionments pursuant to this chapter for the special education local plan area identified as the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court and Community School/Division of Alternative Education Special Education Local Plan Area, the term “average daily attendance” means the total number of units of average daily attendance reported for the second principal apportionment pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 41601 for all pupils enrolled in districts within the County of Los Angeles and all schools operated by the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the districts within the County of Los Angeles.

(3) “Special education local plan area” includes the school district or districts, county office or offices of education, and charter schools comprising the special education local plan area.

(b) (1) For purposes of this article, the inflation factor shall be the percentage change in the annual average value of the Implicit Price Deflator for the State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services for the United States, as published by the United States Department of Commerce for the 12-month period ending in the third quarter of the prior fiscal year. This percentage change shall be determined using the latest data available as of May 10 of the preceding fiscal year compared with the annual average value of the same deflator for the 12-month period ending in the third quarter of the second preceding fiscal year, using the latest data available as of May 10 of the preceding fiscal year, as reported by the Department of Finance.

(2) The inflation factor shall be determined pursuant to this subdivision unless otherwise specified in the annual Budget Act.

56836.144.
For the 2020–21 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the Superintendent shall calculate allocations to special education local plan areas based on the average daily attendance reported for the special education local plan area for the fiscal year in which the computation is made, the most recent prior fiscal year, or the second most recent prior fiscal year, whichever is greatest.

56836.146.
(a) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall determine the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance for each special education local plan area, which shall be the greater of the following:

(1) Six hundred twenty-five dollars ($625) per unit of average daily attendance.

(2) The amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance calculated in the 2019–20 fiscal year pursuant to Section 56836.08 for the special education local plan area.

(b) Commencing with the 2021–22 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Superintendent shall determine the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance for each special education local plan area, which shall be the greater of the following:
(1) For the 2021–22 fiscal year, the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance calculated for the 2020–21 fiscal year pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), adjusted by the inflation factor described in Section 56836.142. For each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance calculated for the prior fiscal year pursuant to this paragraph, adjusted each year by the inflation factor described in Section 56836.142.

(2) The amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance calculated in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

(c) For purposes of calculating the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance for the special education local plan area identified as the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court and Community School/Division of Alternative Education Special Education Local Plan Area, the Superintendent shall make the following computations:

(1) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, increase the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance computed for that special education local plan area for the 2019–20 fiscal year pursuant to Section 56836.10 by 13 percent and then multiply by the inflation factor described in Section 56836.142 for the 2020–21 fiscal year.

(2) For the 2021–22 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance computed for that special education local plan area for the prior fiscal year shall be adjusted by the inflation factor described in Section 56836.142 for the current fiscal year.

56836.148.
(a) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall determine the base grant funding for each special education local plan area by multiplying the amount funded per unit of average daily attendance for each special education local plan area computed in subdivision (a) of Section 56836.146 by the funded average daily attendance computed in Section 56836.144 for the corresponding special education local plan area.

(b) Commencing with the 2021–22 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Superintendent shall determine the base grant funding for each special education local plan area by multiplying the amount funded per unit of average daily attendance for each special education local plan area computed in subdivision (b) of Section 56836.146 by the funded average daily attendance computed in Section 56836.144 for the corresponding special education local plan area.

(c) For purposes of calculating the base funding for the special education local plan area identified as the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court and Community School/Division of Alternative Education Special Education Local Plan Area, the Superintendent shall make the following computations:

(1) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, multiply the amount of funding per funded unit of average daily attendance computed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 56836.146 by the funded average daily attendance computed in subdivision (a) of Section 56836.144.

(2) Commencing with the 2021–22 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, multiple the amount of funding per funded unit of average daily attendance computed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 56836.146 by the funded average daily attendance computed in subdivision (a) of Section 56836.144.
Notwithstanding any other law, for the 2020–21 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the Superintendent shall make the following computations to determine the amount of General Fund moneys that the special education local plan area may claim:

(a) Determine the total amount of property taxes for the special education local plan area pursuant to Section 2572 for the fiscal year in which the computation is made.

(b) Calculate the amount of funding computed for the special education local plan area pursuant to Section 56836.148 for the fiscal year in which the computation is made.

(c) Subtract the amount computed in subdivision (a) from the amount computed in subdivision (b).

SEC. 77.
Section 56836.159 of the Education Code is amended to read:

56836.159.
(a) For the 2001–02 fiscal year, the Superintendent shall compute a permanent adjustment for each special education local plan area as determined by this section.

(b) The Superintendent shall rank each special education local plan area by its funding level per unit of average daily attendance as determined by dividing the amount calculated for each special education local plan area for the 2001–02 fiscal year pursuant to Section 56836.08 plus the amount provided to each special education local plan area pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56836.158 by each special education local plan area’s average daily attendance upon which funding is based for the 2001–02 fiscal year pursuant to Section 56836.13.

(c) The Superintendent shall increase the special education local plan areas with the lowest level of funding per unit of average daily attendance as determined in subdivision (b) to that of the special education local plan area with the next highest level of funding per unit of average daily attendance by allocating an amount from that available for this purpose from the Budget Act to the lowest level special education local plan areas. The amount to be allocated shall equal the difference between the funding level per unit of average daily attendance of the lowest level special education local plan areas and the next highest level special education local plan area multiplied by the average daily attendance upon which funding is based for the 2001–02 fiscal year pursuant to Section 56836.13 of the lowest level special education local plan areas.

(d) If there is additional funding available after the allocation pursuant to subdivision (c), the allocation pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be repeated until all the funds appropriated for this purpose in the Budget Act have been used. If the amount appropriated for the purposes of this section from the 2001–02 Budget Act is not sufficient to fully fund the allocation pursuant to subdivision (c), the funding provided to each special education local plan area in the last iteration pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be prorated.

(e) The amount, if any, computed pursuant to subdivision (c) and subdivision (d) for each special education local plan area shall be a permanent increase and shall, commencing in the 2002–03 fiscal year, be included in the prior year amount determined pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 56836.10.