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AB 927: Williams Inspections

SUMMARY

AB 927 expands the allotted time for County Offices of Education to complete Williams Inspections from the first 4 weeks to the first 8 weeks of the school year.

BACKGROUND

County Offices of Education are required to perform Williams Inspections which stem from the *Williams v. California* lawsuit, in which students from under-resourced schools argued that they were denied equal access to instructional materials, safe and adequate school facilities, and qualified teachers.

The lawsuit's settlement led to the enactment of *Williams Legislation*, requiring regular inspections to ensure that historically marginalized students receive the same educational opportunities as their peers in well-resourced schools.

Schools eligible for Williams Monitoring include those identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) or Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), as well as schools where 15% or more of teachers lack a valid and clear or preliminary teaching credential.

These criteria reflect deep-rooted inequities in California's public education system, where many students continue to face systemic barriers to high-quality education. As of 2024, 1,813 schools qualify for Williams Monitoring, highlighting the widespread need for sustained oversight.

However, the current requirement that Williams Inspections be conducted within the first four weeks of the school year fails to provide the time necessary to thoroughly evaluate these schools. The disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have further highlighted educational disparities and increased the number of schools that qualify for an inspection.

The increasing number of underperforming schools makes it difficult to conduct comprehensive inspections within such a short timeframe.

By extending the inspection period, California ensures that its most vulnerable students are not merely checked off a compliance list but are genuinely supported in their right to a high-quality education.

THIS BILL

AB 927 extends the annual review for schools to inspect the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of facilities by the 4th week of the school year to the 8th week of the school year to ensure sufficient review.

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