

SCHOOL DISTRICTS in FINANCIAL DISTRESS

SEC. 13. Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 42160) is added to Part 24 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 6.5. School Districts in Financial Distress 42160.

(a) For the 2018–19 fiscal year, by March 1, 2019, the Oakland Unified School District, in collaboration with and with the concurrence of the Alameda County Office of Education and the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, shall do both of the following:

(1) Update or develop short- and long-term financial plans based on reasonable and accurate assumptions and current and past year expenditure data.

(2) Review and update school district facilities construction plans to ensure that costs are reasonable, accurate, and align with long-term financial plans for fiscal solvency.

(b) Beginning with the 2019–20 fiscal year, the Budget Act shall include an appropriation for the Oakland Unified School District, if the school district complies with the terms specified in subdivisions (a) and (c), in the following amounts:

(1) For the 2019–20 fiscal year, up to 75 percent of the school district's projected operating deficit, as determined by the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, with concurrence with the Department of Finance.

(2) For the 2020–21 fiscal year, up to 50 percent of the school district's projected operating deficit, as determined by the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, with concurrence with the Department of Finance.

(3) For the 2021–22 fiscal year, up to 25 percent of the school district's projected operating deficit, as determined by the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, with concurrence with the Department of Finance.

(c) Disbursement of funds specified in subdivision (b) shall be contingent on the Oakland Unified School District's completion of activities specified in the prior year Budget Act to improve the school district's fiscal solvency. These activities may include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Completion of comprehensive operational reviews that compare the needs of the school district with similar school districts and provide data and recommendations regarding changes the school district can make to achieve fiscal sustainability.

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(2) Adoption and implementation of necessary budgetary solutions, including the consolidation of school sites.

(3) Completion and implementation of multiyear, fiscally solvent budgets and budget plans.

(4) Qualification for positive certification pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 42130) of Chapter 6.

(5) Sale or lease of surplus property.

(6) Growth and maintenance of budgetary reserves.

(7) Approval of school district budgets by the Alameda County Office of Education.

(d) Funds described in subdivision (b) shall be allocated to Oakland Unified School District upon the certification of the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, with concurrence from the Alameda County Office of Education, to the Assembly Committee on Budget, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, and the Department of Finance that the activities described in subdivision (c), as specified in the prior year Budget Act, have been completed. Additionally, by March 1 of each year, through March 1, 2021, the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, with concurrence from the Alameda County Office of Education, shall report to the Assembly Committee on Budget, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, and the Department of Finance the progress that Oakland Unified School District has made to complete the activities described in subdivision (c), as specified in the prior year Budget Act.

(e) The activities described in subdivision (c) shall be determined in the annual Budget Act based on joint recommendations from the County Office Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team and the Alameda County Superintendent of Public Schools. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Assembly Committee on Budget, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, and the Department of Finance by March 1 of each fiscal year, through March 1, 2021, in conjunction with the certification described in subdivision (d).