

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 3, 2001

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1080

Introduced by Assembly Member Kehoe

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section ~~69435.3~~ 69439 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1080, as amended, Kehoe. Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program.

Existing law, known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes the Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards, the Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards, the Cal Grant C Awards, and the Cal Grant T Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under the program.

This bill would ~~make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions~~, with respect to the Cal Grant C Awards, require the commission to seek to establish a continuous Cal Grant C application process. Until this continuous application process is implemented, the bill would require the commission to establish March 2 and September 2 of each year as the minimum number of dates by which it will accept applications for Cal Grant C awards.

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

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 69435.3 of the Education Code is~~
2 *SECTION 1. Section 69439 of the Education Code is*
3 *amended to read:*

4 69439. (a) Commencing with the 2001–02 academic year,
5 and each academic year thereafter, a Cal Grant C award shall be
6 utilized only for occupational or technical training in a course of
7 not less than four months. There shall be the same number of Cal
8 Grant C awards each year as were made in the 2000–01 fiscal year.
9 The maximum award amount and the total amount of funding shall
10 be determined each year in the annual Budget Act.

11 (b) “Occupational or technical training” means that phase of
12 education coming after the completion of a secondary school
13 program and leading toward recognized occupational goals
14 approved by the commission.

15 (c) (1) The commission may use criteria it deems appropriate
16 in selecting students with occupational talents to receive grants for
17 occupational or technical training.

18 (2) *In recognition of the needs of students participating in open*
19 *entry/open exit vocational programs, the commission shall seek to*
20 *establish a continuous Cal Grant C application process. Until a*
21 *continuous application process is implemented, the commission*
22 *shall establish March 2 and September 2 of each year as the*
23 *minimum number of dates by which it will accept applications for*
24 *Cal Grant C awards.*

25 (d) The Cal Grant C recipients shall be eligible for renewal of
26 their grants until they have completed their occupational or
27 technical training in conformance with terms prescribed by the
28 commission. In no case shall the grants exceed two calendar years.

29 (e) Cal Grant C awards shall be for institutional fees, charges,
30 and other costs including tuition, plus training-related costs, such
31 as special clothing, local transportation, required tools,
32 equipment, supplies, and books. In determining the amount of
33 grants and training-related costs, the commission shall take into
34 account other state and federal programs available to the applicant.

35 (f) Cal Grant C awards shall be awarded in areas of
36 occupational or technical training as determined by the
37 commission after consultation with appropriate state and federal
38 agencies.



1 amended to read:

2 ~~69435.3.—(a) Any California resident is entitled to receive a~~
3 ~~Cal Grant B award, and the commission shall allocate that award~~
4 ~~pursuant to Section 66021.2, if all of the following criteria are met:~~

5 ~~(1) The student has submitted, pursuant to Section 69432.9, the~~
6 ~~complete financial aid application, submitted or postmarked no~~
7 ~~later than March 2 of the academic year of high school graduation~~
8 ~~or its equivalent for the award year immediately following the~~
9 ~~academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent, or no~~
10 ~~later than March 2 of the academic year following high school~~
11 ~~graduation or its equivalent for the second award year following~~
12 ~~the year of high school graduation or its equivalent.~~

13 ~~(2) The student demonstrates financial need pursuant to~~
14 ~~Section 69433.~~

15 ~~(3) The student attains a high school grade point average of at~~
16 ~~least 2.0 on a four-point scale.~~

17 ~~(4) The student's household has an income and asset level that~~
18 ~~does not exceed the level for Cal Grant B recipients as set forth in~~
19 ~~Section 69432.7.~~

20 ~~(5) The student is pursuing an undergraduate academic~~
21 ~~program of not less than one academic year that is offered by a~~
22 ~~qualifying institution.~~

23 ~~(6) The student is enrolled at least part time.~~

24 ~~(7) The student meets the general Cal Grant eligibility~~
25 ~~requirements set forth in Article 1 (commencing with Section~~
26 ~~69430).~~

27 ~~(b) A student whose household income does not exceed the~~
28 ~~maximum household income and asset levels, as set forth in~~
29 ~~Section 69432.7, for a Cal Grant B shall receive access costs and~~
30 ~~tuition and fees pursuant to Section 66021.2.~~

