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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1720

**Introduced by Committee on Higher Education (Alquist (Chair),
Havice, Jackson, Liu, Lowenthal, Matthews, Negrete McLeod,
Robert Pacheco, and Wyman)**

March 14, 2001

An act to add ~~Article 14.5 (commencing with Section 94996) to and repeal Article 14.5 (commencing with Section 94996) of Chapter 7 of Part 59 of the Education Code, relating to private postsecondary education, and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1720, as amended, Committee on Higher Education. Private postsecondary and vocational education: report.

The existing Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989, which is administered by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education in the Department of Consumer Affairs, generally effectuates legislative intent to ensure minimum standards of instructional quality and institutional stability in private postsecondary educational institutions. Existing law establishes the California Postsecondary Education Commission as the statewide postsecondary education planning and coordinating agency and as an adviser to the Legislature and the Governor.

This bill would require the California Postsecondary Education Commission to review and evaluate the Private Postsecondary and



Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989, and report its results to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education-Kindergarten through University. The bill would require this review and evaluation to include, among other things, the ability of the private postsecondary education sector to serve the needs of California students. *The bill would require that the report be submitted on or before January 1, 2003.* The bill would provide that the implementation of its provisions is contingent on funding being appropriated for its purposes. *This provision would be repealed as of January 1, 2003.*

The bill would appropriate \$125,000 from the General Fund to the commission for expenditure, without regard to fiscal year, for the purposes of the bill.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 14.5 (commencing with Section 94996)
2 is added to Chapter 7 of Part 59 of the Education Code, to read:

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Article 14.5. Review and Report

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6 94996. (a) The California Postsecondary Education
7 Commission shall review and evaluate this chapter and report to
8 the Governor, the Legislature, and the Joint Committee to Develop
9 a Master Plan for Education-Kindergarten through University, on
10 the results of this review and evaluation. The commission shall
11 include in this report any recommendations for revising this
12 chapter as it deems appropriate. The review and evaluation shall
13 take into consideration the ability of the private postsecondary
14 education sector to serve the needs of California students and shall
15 include, but not necessarily be limited to, review and evaluation
16 of all of the following:

17 (1) The implementation of this chapter by the bureau.

18 (2) The effectiveness of the law in protecting student
19 consumers, consistent with state and federal law.

20 (3) The effectiveness of the standards and evaluation
21 procedures for private institutions.

22 (4) The efficiency of the bureau’s internal operations.



- 1 (5) The classification of educational programs.
- 2 (6) Student fees and institutional costs.
- 3 (7) The Student Tuition Recovery Fund.
- 4 (b) *The report shall be submitted on or before January 1, 2003.*
- 5 (c) The implementation of the review and report requirements
- 6 of this article is contingent upon the appropriation of funding for
- 7 these purposes.
- 8 94996.3. *This article shall remain in effect only until January*
- 9 *1, 2003, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted*
- 10 *statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2003, deletes or extends*
- 11 *that date.*
- 12 SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
- 13 (\$125,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
- 14 California Postsecondary Education Commission for expenditure,
- 15 without regard to fiscal year, for the purposes of Article 14.5
- 16 (commencing with Section 94996) of Chapter 7 of Part 59 of the
- 17 Education Code.

