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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 655

**Introduced by Assembly Member Liu
(~~Coauthor: Assembly Member Jackson~~)**

February 19, 2003

An act to add ~~Sections 66901.5 and 69510.5 to, and to add Chapter 11.1 (commencing with Section 66910) to Part 40 of, Section 69751.4~~ to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 655, as amended, Liu. Postsecondary education: ~~California Postsecondary Education Policy and Finance Commission; California Postsecondary Education Commission;~~ Student Aid Commission: *National Guard Assumption Program of Loans for Education.*

~~Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their~~



~~respective institutions of higher education. Among other things, the act establishes the 17-member California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) for, among other purposes, the collection of data pertinent to the planning and coordination of the higher education system of the state.~~

Existing law establishes the Student Aid Commission as the primary state agency for the administration of state-authorized student financial aid programs available to students attending all segments of postsecondary education. Under existing law, the commission, among other things, administers the Cal Grant Program, the Student Opportunity and Access Program, the Assumption Program of Loans for Education, the Graduate Assumption Program of Loans for Education, the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program, ~~and the California State Work-Study Program, and the National Guard Assumption Program of Loans for Education.~~ The Student Aid Commission also oversees the state's participation in the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

Existing law establishes, commencing with the 2004–05 fiscal year, and ending with the 2006–07 fiscal year, the National Guard Assumption Program of Loans for Education, for qualifying members of the National Guard, the State Military Reserve, and the Naval Militia, as defined, who seek, or who have completed, baccalaureate degrees at institutions of higher education within this state, who receive a loan under a designated loan program, and who complete a certain period of service as qualifying members. Under the National Guard Assumption Program of Loans for Education, a qualifying member is eligible to receive up to \$11,000 in loan assumption payments if he or she completes up to 4 years of qualifying service.

This bill would specify that, in the 2004–05 fiscal year, the commission shall issue up to 100 new warrants under this program, and, commencing with the 2005–06 fiscal year, the commission may not issue more than the number of warrants that are authorized by the Governor and the Legislature in the annual Budget Act for the assumption of loans under this program.

~~This bill would consolidate the program responsibilities of the Student Aid Commission and CPEC into a single state entity, known as the California Postsecondary Education Policy and Finance Commission, and would provide for the appointment of its members and of an executive director. The bill would require the California Postsecondary Education Policy and Finance Commission to succeed~~



~~to the powers, duties, functions, and obligations of CPEC and the Student Aid Commission on July 1, 2005.~~

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

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. — Section 66901.5 is added to the Education Code;~~

2 SECTION 1. Section 69751.4 is added to the Education Code,

3 to read:

4 69751.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

5 (a) In the 2004–05 fiscal year, the commission shall issue up to
6 100 new warrants under this article.

7 (b) Commencing with the 2005–06 fiscal year, the commission
8 shall issue no more than the number of warrants that are
9 authorized by the Governor and the Legislature in the annual
10 Budget Act for the assumption of loans under this article.

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12 **All matter omitted in this version of the**
13 **bill appears in the bill as amended in the**
14 **Senate, August 19, 2003 (JR 11)**
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18 CORRECTIONS
19 **Heading — Line 2.**

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