

Senate Bill No. 70

CHAPTER 352

An act to add Section 88532 to the Education Code, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 70, Scott. Vocational education.

Existing law establishes economic and workforce regional development centers to provide specified services, and to perform specified functions relating to economic and workforce development.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia, including middle and junior high schools or high schools and regional occupational centers and programs, to improve linkages and career-technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges for the benefit of pupils and students in both education systems, as described. The bill would require the board of governors to ensure that elementary and secondary school educators strongly collaborate with college faculty in implementing this provision.

The bill would require the board of governors, in collaboration with the State Department of Education, to submit a report to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Director of Finance no later than July 1, 2007, regarding prescribed topics relating to the implementation of the bill.

The bill would appropriate \$20,193,000, as scheduled, to the board of governors for allocation for local assistance grants to consortia of community colleges and their public elementary and secondary school partners, and for associated workload, for purposes of the bill. To the extent the funds appropriated by this bill are allocated to a community college district or school district, as defined by existing law for purposes of Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, those funds may be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

Appropriation: yes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 88532 is added to the Education Code, to read:

88532. (a) The board of governors shall assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia, including middle and junior

high schools or high schools and regional occupational centers and programs, to improve linkages and career-technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges for the benefit of pupils and students in both education systems. This assistance shall include all of the following:

(1) Expanding certificate programs in identified economic development program strategic priority areas.

(2) Aligning existing technical preparation programs and career-technical education curriculum between high schools and community colleges to more targeted industry-driven programs through the models consistent with economic and workforce development strategic priority areas.

(3) Promoting the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program's successful integration of business and emerging industries with career technical programs provided in high schools.

(4) Creating new articulated courses between high schools and community colleges and, where appropriate, four-year institutions.

(5) Accelerating education and training for those students who choose to be prepared for career and technical employment opportunities in less traditional and more expeditious methods while maintaining and or improving student competencies.

(6) Exploring new and more relevant career and technical practicum models that integrate coursework and student internship.

(7) Improving the quality of career exploration and career outreach materials.

(8) Disseminating materials and curriculum to all middle schools and senior high schools.

(b) The chancellor shall develop an implementation strategy for the program objectives delineated in this section as a part of the annual expenditure plan submitted to the advisory committee for the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program and the board of governors.

(c) This section shall be operative only in fiscal years for which funds have been appropriated by the Legislature expressly for the purposes of this section.

(d) The board of governors shall ensure that elementary and secondary school educators strongly collaborate with college faculty in implementing this section.

SEC. 2. The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in collaboration with the State Department of Education, shall produce a report regarding the implementation of the act that adds this section and the allocation of the funds appropriated for the purposes of that act. This report shall be submitted to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Director of Finance no later than July 1, 2007, and shall include all of the following:

(a) Information about resource needs and recommendations for future funding.

(b) An assessment of both of the following:

(1) The capacity of high schools and community colleges to engage in, and support, effective, integrated four-year programs of career and technical preparation.

(2) The capacity-building needs of the high schools and community colleges relating to course articulation between those institutions and baccalaureate degree-granting programs.

(c) A recommendation of ways to strengthen collaboration between community colleges and high schools to expand career-technical education programs and to expand career-technical education programs and related opportunities for pupils attending elementary and secondary schools.

SEC. 3. (a) The sum of twenty million one hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$20,193,000) is hereby appropriated to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) from the Proposition 98 Reversion Account for allocation for local assistance grants to consortia of community colleges and their public elementary and secondary school partners for purposes of the act that adds this section, in accordance with a plan of expenditure developed in conjunction with the State Department of Education and approved by the Director of Finance.

(2) One hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$193,000) from the portion of the Federal Trust Fund that is made available to the State Department of Education by the United States Department of Education pursuant to the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act (Public Law 105-332) to support two-year limited-term positions for workload associated with the grants authorized in paragraph (1) for the 2005-06 fiscal year. It is the intent of the Legislature that the second fiscal year of funding for these positions be included in the Budget Act of 2006.

(b) For the purposes of making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, to the extent that the funds appropriated by this section are allocated to community college districts or school districts, they shall be deemed to be “General Fund revenues appropriated for community college districts,” as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, or “General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts,” as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for the fiscal year in which they are allocated, and shall be included within the “total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202 of the Education Code, for that fiscal year.