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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 24**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Block  
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An act to amend Section 89320 of, and to add Section 89013 to, the Education Code, relating to the California State University.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 24, as amended, Block. California State University: feasibility study: ~~Chula Vista~~. *Chula Vista: student religious creed.*

(1) Existing law establishes the various segments of the public higher education system in the state. These segments include the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University, ~~within 18 months of the effective date of this bill~~ by July 1, 2011, to complete and submit to the trustees a study about the feasibility of a California State University satellite program, and

ultimately, an independent California State University campus, at Chula Vista. *If the trustees decide that a new campus or off-campus center is needed at Chula Vista, the trustees would be required to submit a formal needs study to the California Postsecondary Education Commission.*

(2) Existing law requires the Trustees of the California State University to require each state university to permit a student to take a test at a time when it would not violate the student’s religious creed. Existing law provides that this requirement does not apply if providing an alternative time to take the test would create an undue hardship.

This bill would ~~remove this~~ *redefine the undue hardship exception to specify the circumstances that constitute an undue hardship is.*

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 89013 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 89013. (a) The Chancellor of the California State University
- 4 shall conduct a study about the feasibility of a California State
- 5 University satellite program, and ultimately, an independent
- 6 California State University campus, at Chula Vista. The study shall
- 7 include all of the following:
- 8 (1) Ten-year enrollment projections and physical capacity
- 9 analysis.
- 10 (2) Regional workforce needs.
- 11 (3) Prospective economic impact and job creation in the region.
- 12 (4) Infrastructure availability.
- 13 (5) The potential alleviation of overcrowding and traffic at the
- 14 San Diego State University campus.
- 15 (6) Considerations of plausible alternatives.
- 16 (7) Academic planning and program justification.
- 17 (8) A description of proposed student services and student
- 18 outreach programs.
- 19 (9) Support and capital outlay budget projections.
- 20 (10) Geographic and physical accessibility.
- 21 (11) Environmental and social impacts.
- 22 (12) Effects on other educational institutions.

1 (b) The chancellor shall complete and submit the study to the  
2 trustees ~~within 18 months from the effective date of this section.~~  
3 *by July 1, 2011.*

4 (c) *If the trustees determine there is a need for a new campus*  
5 *or off-campus center at Chulu Vista, the trustees shall submit a*  
6 *formal needs study to the California Postsecondary Education*  
7 *Commission pursuant to Section 66904.*

8 SEC. 2. Section 89320 of the Education Code is amended to  
9 read:

10 89320. (a) The Trustees of the California State University  
11 shall require each state university, in administering any test or  
12 examination, to permit any student who is eligible to undergo the  
13 test or examination to do so, without penalty, at a time when that  
14 activity would not violate the student's religious creed.

15 (b) *Subdivision (a) does not apply if the trustees or their*  
16 *designee determine that administering the test or examination at*  
17 *an alternate time would impose an undue hardship. Either of the*  
18 *following circumstances constitute an undue hardship:*

19 (1) *Expense in administering the test at a different time that*  
20 *creates a substantial financial burden for the institution.*

21 (2) *Substantial disruption to the educational mission of the*  
22 *institution caused by administering the test at a different time.*