

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 555**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani**

February 25, 2009

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An act to add and repeal Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 48805) of Chapter 5 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 555, as introduced, Furutani. Community colleges: attendance by secondary school pupils: partnerships.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to authorize pupils, with parental permission, who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work, to attend community college as special part-time students to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level, in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

This bill would authorize unspecified community college districts to enter into partnerships with school districts to provide secondary school pupils with the opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical, or vocational work, or other coursework at a campus of the California Community Colleges.

The bill would require, for each partnership entered into pursuant to the bill, the affected community college district and school district to submit an annual report containing prescribed data.

These provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2015.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) Campuses of the California Community Colleges are located  
4 throughout California, providing an educational resource for all  
5 communities.

6 (b) Some secondary school pupils are allowed to take classes  
7 at community colleges. These pupils are called “special-admits,”  
8 and they participate in “concurrent enrollment programs,” mainly  
9 targeted at “advanced education,” primarily defined as college-level  
10 work.

11 (c) There are strict limits on this activity in law, providing these  
12 opportunities to only 5 percent of any high school class and  
13 restricting the types of classes pupils may take to include only  
14 “advanced education” in most cases.

15 (d) A serious abuse of concurrent enrollment by a few school  
16 and community college districts several years ago resulted in  
17 statutory reform and restriction on this type of enrollment.

18 (e) The current restrictions inhibit local ability to make  
19 maximum use of community college facilities and opportunities,  
20 and the time has come to encourage and expand these valuable  
21 programs, but with appropriate statutory prohibitions to guard  
22 against a repeat of the abuses of the past.

23 (f) Allowing high school pupils to take community college  
24 courses could provide benefits to pupils and to the state in a wide  
25 array of opportunities, including more opportunities for advanced  
26 scholastic work, career-technical partnerships and coursework,  
27 basic skills, English as a second language, and dropout prevention.

28 (g) Exposure to college classes and the college environment  
29 while in high school improves college participation rates.

1 SEC. 2. Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 48805) is added  
2 to Chapter 5 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education  
3 Code, to read:

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5 Article 1.5. Partnerships Between Community College Districts  
6 and School Districts  
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8 48805. The following community college districts shall be the  
9 only districts eligible to enter into a partnership under this article:

- 10 (a) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 (b) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

13 48806. (a) (1) The governing board of a community college  
14 district may enter into a formal partnership with a school district  
15 or school districts located within its immediate service area to  
16 provide elementary and secondary school pupils with the  
17 opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical,  
18 or vocational work, and basic skills courses.

19 (2) A participating community college district shall adopt a  
20 partnership agreement with each school district partner. The  
21 partnership agreement shall be approved by the governing board  
22 of the community college district and the governing board of the  
23 school district.

24 (3) (A) The partnership agreement shall outline the terms of  
25 the partnership, and may include, but not necessarily be limited  
26 to, the scope, nature, and schedule of courses offered. The  
27 partnership agreement may establish protocols for information  
28 sharing and joint facilities use.

29 (B) A copy of the partnership agreement shall be filed with the  
30 State Department of Education and with the office of the  
31 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges prior to the start  
32 of a program effort authorized by this article.

33 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any applicable  
34 open course requirements that are operative either in statute or in  
35 regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community  
36 Colleges shall be waived for any community college district  
37 governing board that enters into an agreement pursuant to this  
38 section for instruction for secondary school pupils on a campus of  
39 the partner school district.

1 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this article, to  
2 provide a smoother transition from high school to college for pupils  
3 by providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate  
4 atmosphere, and to maximize the educational opportunities  
5 available to California's secondary school pupils by encouraging  
6 programs and partnerships between school districts and community  
7 college districts, including, but not necessarily limited to, advanced  
8 scholastic, college-level, and career-technical coursework, summer  
9 school opportunities, English as a second language instruction,  
10 basic skills remediation, and dropout intervention.

11 (6) A community college district shall not provide physical  
12 education course opportunities to secondary school pupils pursuant  
13 to this article.

14 (7) A pupil shall receive credit for community college courses  
15 that he or she completes at the level determined to be appropriate  
16 by the school district and community college governing boards  
17 pursuant to the partnership agreement as described in paragraph  
18 (2).

19 (b) For purposes of state apportionments, a community college  
20 district shall be credited additional full-time equivalent students  
21 attributable to the attendance of pupils in community college  
22 courses as special part-time students pursuant to this article.

23 (c) A school district the pupils of which attend community  
24 college courses as special part-time students pursuant to this section  
25 shall, for purposes of state apportionments, continue to receive  
26 credit for attendance by those pupils computed in the manner  
27 prescribed by law. A pupil's attendance at school for the minimum  
28 schoolday shall be deemed a day of attendance for purposes of  
29 making the computation.

30 (d) (1) A community college district shall not receive a state  
31 allowance or apportionment for an instructional activity for which  
32 a school district has been, or shall be, paid an allowance or  
33 apportionment.

34 (2) The attendance of a pupil at a community college as a special  
35 part-time or full-time student pursuant to this section is authorized  
36 attendance, for which the community college shall be credited or  
37 reimbursed pursuant to Section 48802 or 76002, provided that no  
38 school district has received reimbursement for the same  
39 instructional activity. Credit for courses completed shall be at the  
40 level determined to be appropriate by the governing boards of the

1 school district and the community college district pursuant to the  
2 partnership agreement as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision  
3 (a).

4 (e) For purposes of this section, a special part-time student may  
5 enroll in up to, and including, 11 units per semester, or the  
6 equivalent thereof, at the community college he or she attends.

7 (f) The governing board of a community college district shall  
8 not assign a high priority for registration or enrollment to a special  
9 part-time or full-time student attending community college pursuant  
10 to this section in order to ensure that the special students do not  
11 displace regularly admitted students.

12 48807. (a) For each partnership entered into pursuant to this  
13 article, the affected community college district and school district  
14 shall report annually to the office of the Chancellor of the  
15 California Community Colleges all of the following information:

16 (1) The total number of secondary school pupils enrolled in  
17 each program, classified by school district.

18 (2) The total number of successful course completions of  
19 secondary school pupils enrolled in each program, classified by  
20 school district.

21 (3) The total number of successful course completions of  
22 students in courses equivalent to those courses tracked under  
23 paragraph (2) in the general community college curriculum.

24 (4) The total number and percentage of students participating  
25 in an advanced education program under this article who  
26 successfully earn a community college certificate or degree, or  
27 both.

28 (5) The total number and percentage of students participating  
29 in an advanced education program under this article who enroll in  
30 a four-year college or university or who transfer from a community  
31 college to a four-year college or university.

32 (6) The average number of units accrued by students involved  
33 in each advanced education program under this article, classified  
34 by district.

35 (7) The total number of participants in an advanced education  
36 program under this article at each school location who matriculate  
37 at a college or university in this state.

38 (8) The total number of students at each school location who  
39 are not participating in an advanced education program under this  
40 article and who matriculate at a college or university in this state.

- 1 (b) The annual report required by this section shall be
- 2 transmitted to all of the following:
- 3 (1) The Legislature.
- 4 (2) The Director of Finance.
- 5 (3) The Superintendent.
- 6 (4) The governing boards of each of the following community
- 7 college districts:
- 8 (A) Los Angeles.
- 9 (B) Los Rios.
- 10 (C) San Jose-Evergreen.
- 11 (5) The governing board of each participating school district.
- 12 48808. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,
- 13 2015, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
- 14 that is enacted before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends that date.