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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 867

Introduced by Assembly Members Nava and Arambula

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An act to add Article 9 (commencing with Section 89280) to Chapter 2 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to nursing degrees.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 867, as amended, Nava. California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Existing law establishes the California State University and its various campuses under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University. Existing law requires the California State University to offer undergraduate and graduate instruction through the master's degree in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education, including teacher education.

This bill would authorize the California State University to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. The bill would distinguish the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from ~~research-based doctoral degrees~~ *the*

doctor of philosophy degree offered at the University of California. The bill would require the ~~programs~~ *Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program* to be designed to enable professionals to earn the degree while working full time, train nurses for advanced practice, and prepare *clinical* faculty to teach in postsecondary nursing programs.

The bill would require initial funding to come from existing budgets, without diminishing the quality of undergraduate programs or reducing enrollment therein.

The bill would require the California State University to annually report on the status of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program, as specified.

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) The State of California faces an ever-increasing nursing~~
4 ~~shortage that jeopardizes the health and well-being of the state's~~
5 ~~citizens.~~

6 ~~(b) Colleges and universities need to expand nursing education~~
7 ~~programs to prepare more nurses to meet the state's growing~~
8 ~~demand for nurses. An estimated state shortage of 47,600 registered~~
9 ~~nurses is expected by 2010, and by 2020 the shortage is projected~~
10 ~~to reach 116,600 according to the Governor's California Nurse~~
11 ~~Education Initiative Annual Report, September 2006.~~

12 ~~(c) Well-trained nursing faculty are critical to the ability to~~
13 ~~expand nursing programs.~~

14 ~~SEC. 2.~~

15 ~~SECTION 1.~~ Article 9 (commencing with Section 89280) is
16 ~~added to Chapter 2 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the~~
17 ~~Education Code, to read:~~

18
19 Article 9. Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

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21 89280. *The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:*

22 ~~(a) The State of California faces an ever-increasing nursing~~
23 ~~shortage that jeopardizes the health and well-being of the state's~~
24 ~~citizens.~~

1 (b) Colleges and universities need to expand nursing education
2 programs to prepare more nurses to meet the state's growing
3 demand for nurses. An estimated state shortage of 47,600
4 registered nurses is expected by 2010, and by 2020 the shortage
5 is projected to reach 116,600 according to the Governor's
6 California Nurse Education Initiative Annual Report, September
7 2006.

8 (c) Well-trained nursing faculty and practitioners are critical
9 to the ability to expand nursing programs.

10 (d) Because of the urgent need to prepare and graduate
11 increased numbers of nurses, it is the intent of the Legislature to
12 grant the California State University authority to offer the Doctor
13 of Nursing Practice degree, as an exception to the Master Plan
14 for Higher Education.

15 ~~89280.~~

16 89281. (a) Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, in order to meet
17 specific nursing education needs in California, the California State
18 University may award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, as
19 described in this section.

20 (b) The authority to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
21 is limited to the discipline of nursing practice. The Doctor of
22 Nursing Practice degree offered by the California State University
23 shall be distinguished from ~~research-based doctoral degrees~~ *the*
24 *doctor of philosophy degree* offered at, or in conjunction with, the
25 University of California.

26 (c) The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program offered by
27 the California State University shall train nurses for advanced
28 nursing practice and prepare *clinical* faculty to teach in
29 postsecondary nursing education programs. The degree ~~programs~~
30 *program* shall be designed to enable professionals to earn the
31 degree while working full time.

32 (d) ~~The~~ *In implementing subdivision (a), the* California State
33 University shall ~~follow all of~~ *comply with* the following
34 requirements:

35 (1) Funding on a per full-time equivalent student (FTES) basis
36 for each new student in ~~these degree programs~~ *the degree program*
37 shall be within the California State University's enrollment growth
38 levels as agreed to in the annual Budget Act. Enrollments in ~~these~~
39 ~~programs~~ *the degree program* shall not alter the California State
40 University's ratio of graduate instruction to total enrollment, and

1 shall not diminish enrollment growth in university undergraduate
2 programs. Funding provided from the state for each FTES shall
3 be at the agreed-upon marginal costs calculation that the California
4 State University receives for graduate enrollment.

5 ~~(2) Each student in the programs authorized by this article shall~~
6 ~~be charged fees in an amount that is no higher than the rate charged~~
7 ~~for students in state-supported doctoral degree programs at the~~
8 ~~University of California, including joint programs of the California~~
9 ~~State University and the University of California.~~

10 ~~(3)~~

11 (2) The California State University shall provide any initial
12 funding needed for the ~~programs~~ *degree program* authorized by
13 this article from within existing budgets for academic programs
14 support, without diminishing the quality of program support offered
15 to California State University undergraduate programs. Funding
16 ~~of these programs for the degree program~~ shall not reduce
17 undergraduate enrollments at the California State University.

18 89282. *If the California State University establishes a Doctor*
19 *of Nursing Practice degree program pursuant to Section 89281,*
20 *the university shall report on the status of the degree program to*
21 *the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the*
22 *Legislative Analyst’s Office, and the appropriate budget*
23 *subcommittees in each house of the Legislature. The report shall*
24 *be submitted annually, prior to any legislative budget subcommittee*
25 *hearing related to the degree program.*