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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 867

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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 the doctor of philosophy degree offered at the University of California. The bill would require the 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. Article 9 (commencing with Section 89280) is
2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 9. Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

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7 89280. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

8 (a) The State of California faces an ever-increasing nursing
9 shortage that jeopardizes the health and well-being of the state's
10 citizens.

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

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

19 (d) Because of the urgent need to prepare and graduate increased
20 numbers of nurses, it is the intent of the Legislature to grant the
21 California State University authority to offer the Doctor of Nursing

1 Practice degree, as an exception to the Master Plan for Higher
2 Education.

3 89281. (a) Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, in order to meet
4 specific nursing education needs in California, the California State
5 University may award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, as
6 described in this section.

7 (b) The authority to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
8 is limited to the discipline of nursing practice. The Doctor of
9 Nursing Practice degree offered by the California State University
10 shall be distinguished from the doctor of philosophy degree offered
11 at, or in conjunction with, the University of California.

12 (c) The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program offered by
13 the California State University shall ~~train nurses for advanced~~
14 ~~nursing practice and prepare clinical faculty to teach in~~
15 ~~postsecondary nursing education programs.~~ *focus on the*
16 *preparation of clinical faculty to teach in postsecondary nursing*
17 *education programs and may also train nurses for advanced*
18 *nursing practice or nurse leadership, or both. The degree program*
19 *shall not replace or supplant master's degree nursing programs*
20 *offered, as of January 1, 2010, by the California State University.*
21 The degree program shall be designed to enable professionals to
22 earn the degree while working full time.

23 (d) *A Doctor of Nursing degree program established by the*
24 *California State University is not exempt from any review and*
25 *approval processes, including those performed by the California*
26 *Postsecondary Education Commission.*

27 ~~(e)~~

28 (e) In implementing subdivision (a), the California State
29 University shall comply with the following requirements:

30 (1) Funding on a per full-time equivalent student (FTES) basis
31 for each new student in the degree program shall be within the
32 California State University's enrollment growth levels as agreed
33 to in the annual Budget Act. Enrollments in the degree program
34 shall not alter the California State University's ratio of graduate
35 instruction to total enrollment, and shall not diminish enrollment
36 growth in university undergraduate programs. Funding provided
37 from the state for each FTES shall be at the agreed-upon marginal
38 costs calculation that the California State University receives for
39 graduate enrollment.

1 (2) The California State University shall provide any initial
2 funding needed for the degree program authorized by this article
3 from within existing budgets for academic programs support,
4 without diminishing the quality of program support offered to
5 California State University undergraduate programs. Funding for
6 the degree program shall not reduce undergraduate enrollments at
7 the California State University.
8 89282. If the California State University establishes a Doctor
9 of Nursing Practice degree program pursuant to Section 89281,
10 the university shall report on the status of the degree program to
11 the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the
12 Legislative Analyst's Office, and the appropriate budget
13 subcommittees in each house of the Legislature. The report shall
14 be submitted annually, prior to any legislative budget subcommittee
15 hearing related to the degree program.