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No. 867

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An act to add *and repeal* 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~~. *degree pilot program*.

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, *until July 1, 2018*, would authorize the California State University to *establish a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot program at 3 campuses chosen by the Board of Trustees* 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 *pilot 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 *the California State University to enroll and maintain no more than 90 full-time equivalent students in the degree pilot program at all 3 campuses combined. 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:~~

The bill would require the California State University, the Legislative Analyst’s Office, and the Department of Finance to jointly conduct a statewide evaluation of the degree pilot program and report the results to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2017.

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 *Pilot Program*
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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.

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 registered
4 nurses is expected by 2010, and by 2020 the shortage is projected
5 to reach 116,600 according to the Governor's California Nurse
6 Education Initiative Annual Report, September 2006.

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

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

14 89281. (a) Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, in order to meet
15 specific nursing education needs in California, the California State
16 University may *establish a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree*
17 *pilot program at three campuses chosen by the Board of Trustees*
18 *to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, as described in*
19 *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 *through the degree pilot program* shall be distinguished from 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 *pilot* program offered
27 by the California State University shall focus on the preparation
28 of clinical faculty to teach in postsecondary nursing education
29 programs and may also train nurses for advanced nursing practice
30 or nurse leadership, or both. The degree *pilot* program shall not
31 replace or supplant master's degree nursing programs offered, as
32 of January 1, 2010, by the California State University. The degree
33 *pilot* program shall be designed to enable professionals to earn the
34 degree while working full time.

35 (d) A Doctor of Nursing ~~degree~~ *Practice degree pilot* program
36 established by the California State University is not exempt from
37 any review and approval processes, including those performed by
38 the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

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

1 (1) Enrollment and maintenance shall be limited to no more
2 than 90 full-time equivalent students (FTES) in the degree pilot
3 program at all three campuses combined.

4 (1)

5 (2) Funding on a per full-time equivalent student (FTES) FTES
6 basis for each new student in the degree *pilot* program shall be
7 within the California State University's enrollment growth levels
8 as agreed to in the annual Budget Act. Enrollments in the degree
9 *pilot* program shall not alter the California State University's ratio
10 of graduate instruction to total enrollment, and shall not diminish
11 enrollment growth in university undergraduate programs. Funding
12 provided from the state for each FTES shall be at the agreed-upon
13 marginal costs calculation that the California State University
14 receives for graduate enrollment.

15 (2)

16 (3) The California State University shall provide any initial
17 funding needed for the degree *pilot* program authorized by this
18 article from within existing budgets for academic programs support,
19 without diminishing the quality of program support offered to
20 California State University undergraduate programs. Funding for
21 the degree *pilot* program shall not reduce undergraduate
22 enrollments at the California State University. *It is the intent of*
23 *the Legislature that the California State University seek private*
24 *donations or other nonstate funds to fund startup costs for the*
25 *degree pilot program.*

26 89282. (a) If the California State University establishes a
27 Doctor of Nursing Practice degree *pilot* program pursuant to
28 Section 89281, ~~the university shall report on the status of the degree~~
29 ~~program to the California Postsecondary Education Commission,~~
30 ~~the Legislative Analyst's Office, and the appropriate budget~~
31 ~~subcommittees in each house of the Legislature. The report shall~~
32 ~~be submitted annually, prior to any legislative budget subcommittee~~
33 ~~hearing related to the degree program.~~ *the California State*
34 *University, the Legislative Analyst's Office, and the Department*
35 *of Finance shall jointly conduct a statewide evaluation of the*
36 *degree pilot program implemented under this article. The results*
37 *of the evaluation shall be reported, in writing, to the Legislature*
38 *and the Governor on or before January 1, 2017. The evaluation*
39 *shall consider all of the following:*

1 (1) *The number of Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot*
2 *programs implemented, including information regarding the*
3 *number of applicants, admissions, enrollments, degree recipients,*
4 *time-to-degree, attrition, and public school and community college*
5 *program partners.*

6 (2) *The extent to which the degree pilot program is fulfilling*
7 *identified state needs for training in educational leadership,*
8 *including statewide supply and demand data that considers*
9 *capacity at the University of California and in California's*
10 *independent colleges and universities.*

11 (3) *Information on the place of employment of students and the*
12 *subsequent job placement of graduates.*

13 (4) *Any available evidence on the effects that the graduates of*
14 *the degree pilot program are having on elementary and secondary*
15 *school and community college reform efforts and on student*
16 *achievement.*

17 (5) *Pilot program costs and the fund sources that were used to*
18 *finance the program, including a calculation of cost per degree*
19 *awarded.*

20 (6) *The costs of the degree pilot program to students, the amount*
21 *of financial aid offered, and student debt levels of graduates of*
22 *the program.*

23 (7) *The extent to which the degree pilot program is in*
24 *compliance with the requirements of this article.*

25 (8) *Recommendations for the degree pilot program, including*
26 *whether the program should be continued or modified.*

27 (b) *A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall*
28 *be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*
29 *Code.*

30 89283. (a) *The California State University shall permit*
31 *students who enroll in the degree pilot program prior to July 1,*
32 *2018, to complete their coursework on or after July 1, 2018.*

33 (b) *The California State University shall not enroll any new*
34 *students in the degree pilot program on or after July 1, 2018.*

35 89284. *This article shall remain in effect only until July 1,*
36 *2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,*
37 *that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that*
38 *date.*