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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 867**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Nava and Arambula**

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An act to add and repeal Article 9 (commencing with Section 89280) of 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 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, 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.

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

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

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

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

11 89281. (a) Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, in order to meet  
12 specific nursing education needs in California, the California State  
13 University may establish a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot  
14 program at three campuses chosen by the Board of Trustees to  
15 award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, as described in this  
16 section.

17 (b) The authority to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree  
18 is limited to the discipline of nursing practice. The Doctor of  
19 Nursing Practice degree offered by the California State University  
20 through the degree pilot program shall be distinguished from the  
21 doctor of philosophy degree offered at, or in conjunction with, the  
22 University of California.

23 (c) The Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot program offered  
24 by the California State University shall focus on the preparation  
25 of clinical faculty to teach in postsecondary nursing education  
26 programs and may also train nurses for advanced nursing practice  
27 or nurse leadership, or both. The degree pilot program shall not  
28 replace or supplant master's degree nursing programs offered, as  
29 of January 1, 2010, by the California State University. The degree  
30 pilot program shall be designed to enable professionals to earn the  
31 degree while working full time.

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

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

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

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

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

21 89282. (a) If the California State University establishes a  
 22 Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot program pursuant to  
 23 Section 89281, the California State University, the Legislative  
 24 Analyst’s Office, and the Department of Finance shall jointly  
 25 conduct a statewide evaluation of the degree pilot program  
 26 implemented under this article. The results of the evaluation shall  
 27 be reported, in writing, to the Legislature and the Governor on or  
 28 before January 1, 2017. The evaluation shall consider all of the  
 29 following:

30 (1) The number of Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot  
 31 programs implemented, including information regarding the  
 32 number of applicants, admissions, enrollments, degree recipients,  
 33 time-to-degree, attrition, and public school and community college  
 34 program partners.

35 (2) The extent to which the degree pilot program is fulfilling  
 36 identified state needs for training in ~~educational leadership~~ *nursing*  
 37 *practice*, including statewide supply and demand data that  
 38 considers capacity at the University of California and in  
 39 California’s independent colleges and universities.

1 (3) Information on the place of employment of students and the  
2 subsequent job placement of graduates.

3 (4) Any available evidence on the effects that the graduates of  
4 the degree pilot program are having on ~~elementary and secondary~~  
5 ~~school and community college reform efforts and on student~~  
6 ~~achievement.~~ *addressing the state’s nursing shortage.*

7 (5) Pilot program costs and the fund sources that were used to  
8 finance the program, including a calculation of cost per degree  
9 awarded.

10 (6) The costs of the degree pilot program to students, the amount  
11 of financial aid offered, and student debt levels of graduates of the  
12 program.

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

15 (8) Recommendations for the degree pilot program, including  
16 whether the program should be continued or modified.

17 (b) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall  
18 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
19 Code.

20 89283. (a) The California State University shall permit students  
21 who enroll in the degree pilot program prior to July 1, 2018, to  
22 complete their coursework on or after July 1, 2018.

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

25 89284. This article shall remain in effect only until July 1,  
26 2018, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
27 that is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

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30 **CORRECTIONS:**

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