

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1400

Introduced by Assembly Member Fong

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 76038 to the Education Code, relating to community college districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1400, as introduced, Fong. Community colleges: expulsion: hearing.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by a governing board, throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction to students at the community college campuses maintained by the districts.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a district to expel a student for good cause when the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others. Existing law requires that the expulsion be accompanied by a hearing.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a district to deny admission to any individual who has been expelled from a community college within the preceding 10 years for certain violent offenses, as provided, if the board determines that the person continues to pose a risk to the safety of others. This bill would require a hearing before making the determination as to whether the person continues to pose a risk.

(2) The bill would also allow the community college district to request information from another community college district in determining whether the applicant continues to pose a danger to the physical safety of others. The bill requires any community college district receiving the request to respond to the request within 5 working days.

By requiring a community college district to respond to the request of another community college for information regarding an expelled student, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 76038 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 76038. (a) If the governing board of a community college
4 district receives an application for admission from an individual
5 who has been expelled from another district pursuant to this article
6 within the preceding 10 years for any of the violent offenses listed
7 in subdivision (b), the governing board may hold a hearing to
8 determine whether that individual poses a continuing danger to
9 the physical safety of the students and employees of the district.
10 The determination shall be made after a hearing conducted pursuant
11 to the requirements of Section 66017.

12 (b) A person may be denied enrollment if a determination has
13 been made pursuant to subdivision (a) and the person has
14 previously been expelled for having committed any act as defined
15 pursuant to any of paragraphs (1) to (8), inclusive:

16 (1) Committed or attempted to commit murder.

17 (2) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical
18 injury to another person, including assault or battery as defined in
19 Section 240 or 242 of the Penal Code, except in self-defense.

1 (3) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as
2 defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289 of the Penal
3 Code or committed sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of
4 the Penal Code.

5 (4) Committed or attempted to commit kidnapping, or seized,
6 confined, inveigled, enticed, decoyed, abducted, concealed,
7 kidnapped, or carried away another person by any means with the
8 intent to hold or detain that person for ransom or reward.

9 (5) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.

10 (6) Committed stalking as defined in Section 646.9 of the Penal
11 Code.

12 (7) Threatened a community college district employee or officer
13 to do, or refrain from doing, any act in the performance of her or
14 his duties.

15 (8) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife,
16 explosives, or other dangerous object, including, but not limited
17 to, any facsimile firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous
18 object.

19 (c) A community college district may request information from
20 another community college district in determining whether the
21 applicant continues to pose a danger to the physical safety of others.
22 Any community college district receiving such a request shall
23 respond no later than five working days from the receipt of the
24 request.

25 (d) Any student who has been previously expelled from a
26 community college in the state for any of the actions listed in
27 subdivision (b) shall inform the district of his or her prior expulsion
28 upon seeking admission. Failure to do so shall be considered by
29 the district in determining whether to grant admission, and a written
30 record of the fact shall be maintained by the district with the
31 applicant's file.

32 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
33 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
34 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
35 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
36 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.