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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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 either deny enrollment, permit enrollment, or permit conditional enrollment by 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.

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 would require 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.

(2) 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 pursuant to a hearing conducted
11 in accordance with the requirements of Section 66017.

12 (b) For purposes of this section, ~~“violent offense”~~ “offense”
13 means one of the following actions:

14 (1) Committed or attempted to commit murder.

15 (2) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical
16 injury to another person, including assault or battery as defined in
17 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) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife,
13 explosive, or other dangerous object, including, but not limited to,
14 any facsimile firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object,
15 *unless, in the case of possession of an object of this type, the*
16 *individual had obtained permission to possess the item from an*
17 *authorized employee of the community college district.*

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

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

31 (e) The governing board of a community college district, upon
32 making a determination pursuant to subdivision (a), may take any
33 of the following actions:

34 (1) Deny enrollment.

35 (2) Permit enrollment.

36 (3) Permit conditional enrollment.

37 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
38 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
39 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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