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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2086

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

February 18, 2010

An act to amend Sections 10600 and 69432.7 ~~of~~ *and to add Section 44225.8 to*, the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2086, as amended, Coto. Cal Grant Program: qualifying institutions: publication of license examination passage rates.

(1) Existing law establishes in the State Department of Education the California Education Information System, consisting of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System and the California Longitudinal Teacher Integrated Data Education System. The function of the California Education Information System is to establish, conduct, and, by continuous concern, keep up to date, a basic, integrated, statewide information system for education.

This bill would add to the provisions relating to the California Education Information System an expression of the intent of the Legislature that, as the California Education Information System is implemented over time, access to public information already available on various measures of the quality of teacher preparation programs be available in electronic format and be accessible to the extent practicable through downloadable pages and reports accessible to the public in a consolidated manner. *This bill would also require all teacher preparation programs to provide information to prospective candidates regarding the license examination passage rates of completers of its program for the most recent available year, if that data is available electronically through the Internet Web site of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.*

(2) Existing law, the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes the Cal Grant A and B entitlement awards, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, the Cal Grant C awards, and the Cal Grant T awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions.

For purposes of the Cal Grant Program, existing law defines “qualifying institution” as a California private or independent postsecondary educational institution that participates in specified federal student aid programs, a nonprofit institution that is headquartered and operating in California that meets specified criteria, or a California public postsecondary educational institution.

This bill would redefine “qualifying institution” for purposes of the Cal Grant Program to mean an institution that is within any of those 3 categories and that complies with a requirement to provide information on where to access California license examination passage rates for graduates of specified *undergraduate* programs if that data is electronically available through the Internet Web site of a California licensing or regulatory agency.

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. Section 10600 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 10600. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this
4 chapter to make complete, current, and reliable information relating
5 to education available to the Legislature and to all public
6 educational agencies in California at maximum efficiency and
7 economy through statewide compatibility in the development and
8 application of information systems and electronic data-processing
9 techniques insofar as they relate to data required in reports to the
10 department.

11 (b) It is the further intent of the Legislature to recognize the
12 importance, and enhance the stature, of the education profession
13 throughout the state.

14 (c) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

15 (1) According to recent studies, there is a shortage of qualified
16 teachers, particularly in the areas of special education, English
17 language acquisition and development, mathematics, and science,
18 throughout California.

19 (2) In order for California to remain competitive in the global
20 economy, the Legislature recognizes the necessity of continuing
21 to support the recruitment of individuals to the teaching profession
22 and effective teacher preparation and professional development
23 programs. The Legislature also recognizes the importance of
24 quality instruction to the academic achievement of pupils and of
25 providing each pupil in the public schools with instruction by a
26 highly qualified teacher.

27 (3) State and local policymakers, local educational agencies,
28 teachers, parents, and pupils all need reliable information regarding
29 participation in the teacher workforce, teacher movement between
30 schools and school districts, the departure of teachers from the
31 workforce before retirement, the appropriateness of teacher
32 assignments, and the effectiveness of teacher credentialing,
33 preparation, induction, recruitment, and support, and would benefit
34 from the availability of more extensive information regarding the
35 teaching profession.

36 (4) Data regarding the teacher workforce is currently collected
37 and maintained by numerous state and local educational agencies.
38 In order for the Legislature to fulfill its intent in enacting this

1 chapter, it is necessary to integrate the data collected by those
2 existing data systems to provide an understanding of the teacher
3 workforce in the state and the effectiveness of teacher preparation
4 programs. For purposes of integrating data regarding the teacher
5 workforce in the state, Item 6110-001-0890 of Section 2.00 of the
6 Budget Act of 2005 (Chapter 38 of the Statutes of 2005)
7 appropriated funds for the department to contract for a teacher data
8 system feasibility study to determine the feasibility of converting
9 existing data systems into an integrated, comprehensive,
10 longitudinally linked teacher information system that can yield
11 high-quality program evaluations.

12 (5) It is important that policymakers and teacher candidates
13 have access to information on the quality of teacher preparation
14 programs. It is also the intent of the Legislature that the quality
15 indicators include the extent to which teachers are prepared to
16 work effectively with all pupils, including, but not necessarily
17 limited to, English language learners, special education pupils,
18 and socioeconomically disadvantaged pupils.

19 (6) It is the intent of the Legislature that, as the California
20 Education Information System is implemented over time, access
21 to public information already available on various measures of the
22 quality of teacher preparation programs be available in electronic
23 format and be accessible to the extent practicable through
24 downloadable pages and reports accessible to the public in a
25 consolidated manner.

26 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the vital goals described
27 in this section be accomplished through the establishment of a
28 comprehensive state education data information system in the
29 department that includes information regarding the teacher
30 workforce.

31 *SEC. 2. Section 44225.8 is added to the Education Code, to*
32 *read:*

33 *44225.8. (a) All teacher preparation programs, regardless of*
34 *program sponsor, including, but not limited to, local educational*
35 *agencies or other programs that are not accredited by the Western*
36 *Association of Schools and Colleges, shall provide information to*
37 *prospective candidates regarding the license examination passage*
38 *rates of completers of its program for the most recent available*
39 *year, if that data is available electronically through the Internet*
40 *Web site of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.*

1 (b) For purposes of subdivision (a), “provide” includes
2 placement of an Internet Web site address labeled as an access
3 point for data on the passage rates of program completers on the
4 Internet Web site of the program where enrollment information
5 for the program is also located, on an Internet Web site that
6 provides centralized admissions information for postsecondary
7 educational systems or programs with multiple campuses, or on
8 an application for enrollment or other program information
9 distributed to prospective candidates.

10 (c) The commission shall provide all teacher preparation
11 programs with the appropriate electronic link to comply with the
12 provisions of subdivision (a). To the extent feasible, the link may
13 also include access to additional data from the commission and
14 from the California Longitudinal Teacher Integrated Data
15 Education System regarding the types of programs offered and
16 data on program effectiveness.

17 ~~SEC. 2.~~

18 SEC. 3. Section 69432.7 of the Education Code is amended to
19 read:

20 69432.7. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the
21 following meanings:

22 (a) An “academic year” is July 1 to June 30, inclusive. The
23 starting date of a session shall determine the academic year in
24 which it is included.

25 (b) “Access costs” means living expenses and expenses for
26 transportation, supplies, and books.

27 (c) “Award year” means one academic year, or the equivalent,
28 of attendance at a qualifying institution.

29 (d) “College grade point average” and “community college
30 grade point average” mean a grade point average calculated on the
31 basis of all college work completed, except for nontransferable
32 units and courses not counted in the computation for admission to
33 a California public institution of higher education that grants a
34 baccalaureate degree.

35 (e) “Commission” means the Student Aid Commission.

36 (f) “Enrollment status” means part- or full-time status.

37 (1) “Part time,” for purposes of Cal Grant eligibility, means 6
38 to 11 semester units, inclusive, or the equivalent.

39 (2) “Full time,” for purposes of Cal Grant eligibility, means 12
40 or more semester units or the equivalent.

1 (g) “Expected family contribution,” with respect to an applicant,
 2 shall be determined using the federal methodology pursuant to
 3 subdivision (a) of Section 69506 (as established by Title IV of the
 4 federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sec.
 5 1070 et seq.)) and applicable rules and regulations adopted by the
 6 commission.

7 (h) “High school grade point average” means a grade point
 8 average calculated on a 4.0 scale, using all academic coursework,
 9 for the sophomore year, the summer following the sophomore
 10 year, the junior year, and the summer following the junior year,
 11 excluding physical education, reserve officer training corps
 12 (ROTC), and remedial courses, and computed pursuant to
 13 regulations of the commission. However, for high school graduates
 14 who apply after their senior year, “high school grade point average”
 15 includes senior year coursework.

16 (i) “Instructional program of not less than one academic year”
 17 means a program of study that results in the award of an associate
 18 or baccalaureate degree or certificate requiring at least 24 semester
 19 units or the equivalent, or that results in eligibility for transfer from
 20 a community college to a baccalaureate degree program.

21 (j) “Instructional program of not less than two academic years”
 22 means a program of study that results in the award of an associate
 23 or baccalaureate degree requiring at least 48 semester units or the
 24 equivalent, or that results in eligibility for transfer from a
 25 community college to a baccalaureate degree program.

26 (k) “Maximum household income and asset levels” means the
 27 applicable household income and household asset levels for
 28 participants in the Cal Grant Program, as defined and adopted in
 29 regulations by the commission for the 2001–02 academic year,
 30 which shall be set pursuant to the following income and asset
 31 ceiling amounts:

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 33 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS

| | Cal Grant A, C, and T | Cal Grant B |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| Dependent and Independent students with dependents* | | |
| Family Size | | |
| Six or more | \$74,100 | \$40,700 |

| | Cal Grant A, C, and T | Cal Grant B |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Five | \$68,700 | \$37,700 |
| Four | \$64,100 | \$33,700 |
| Three | \$59,000 | \$30,300 |
| Two | \$57,600 | \$26,900 |
| Independent | | |
| Single, no dependents | \$23,500 | \$23,500 |
| Married | \$26,900 | \$26,900 |

*Applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS

| | Cal Grant A, C, and T | Cal Grant B |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Dependent** | \$49,600 | \$49,600 |
| Independent | \$23,600 | \$23,600 |

**Applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

The commission shall annually adjust the maximum household income and asset levels based on the percentage change in the cost of living within the meaning of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution. An applicant who qualifies to be considered under the simplified needs test established by federal law for student assistance shall be presumed to meet the asset level test under this section. Prior to disbursing any Cal Grant funds, a qualifying institution shall be obligated, under the terms of its institutional participation agreement with the commission, to resolve any conflicts that may exist in the data the institution possesses relating to that individual.

(l) (1) "Qualifying institution" means an institution that complies with paragraph (2) and is any of the following:

1 (A) A California private or independent postsecondary
2 educational institution that participates in the Pell Grant Program
3 and in at least two of the following federal campus-based student
4 aid programs:

5 (i) Federal Work-Study.

6 (ii) Perkins Loan Program.

7 (iii) Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program.

8 (B) A nonprofit institution headquartered and operating in
9 California that certifies to the commission that 10 percent of the
10 institution's operating budget, as demonstrated in an audited
11 financial statement, is expended for the purposes of institutionally
12 funded student financial aid in the form of grants, that demonstrates
13 to the commission that it has the administrative capacity to
14 administer the funds, that is accredited by the Western Association
15 of Schools and Colleges, and that meets any other state-required
16 criteria adopted by regulation by the commission in consultation
17 with the Department of Finance. A regionally accredited institution
18 that was deemed qualified by the commission to participate in the
19 Cal Grant Program for the 2000–01 academic year shall retain its
20 eligibility as long as it maintains its existing accreditation status.

21 (C) A California public postsecondary educational institution.

22 (2) (A) The institution shall provide information on where to
23 access California license examination passage rates for the most
24 recent available year from graduates of its *undergraduate* programs
25 leading to employment for which passage of a California licensing
26 examination is required, if that data is electronically available
27 through the Internet Web site of a California licensing or regulatory
28 agency. For purposes of this paragraph, "provide" may exclusively
29 include placement of an Internet Web site address labeled as an
30 access point for the data on the passage rates of recent program
31 graduates on the Internet Web site where enrollment information
32 is also located, on an Internet Web site that provides centralized
33 admissions information for postsecondary educational systems
34 with multiple campuses, or on applications for enrollment or other
35 program information distributed to prospective students.

36 (B) The institution shall be responsible for certifying to the
37 commission compliance with the requirements of subparagraph
38 (A).

39 (m) "Satisfactory academic progress" means those criteria
40 required by applicable federal standards published in Title 34 of

- 1 the Code of Federal Regulations. The commission may adopt
- 2 regulations defining “satisfactory academic progress” in a manner
- 3 that is consistent with those federal standards.

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