

Assembly Bill No. 2203

CHAPTER 549

An act to add Section 66406.5 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2203, Solorio. Public postsecondary education: college textbooks.

Existing law establishes the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, and the California Community Colleges, which are administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Existing law requires the trustees and the board of governors, and requests the regents, to work with the academic senates of each respective segment to encourage faculty to give consideration of the least costly practices in assigning textbooks, including using a selected textbook as long as it is educationally sound.

This bill would require the trustees, and request the regents, to review each respective segment's student transfer policies, and to revise those policies, to ensure that faculty may choose a textbook selected for a transfer or general education course, regardless of publication date, for as long as the textbook is available to students and the information contained in the textbook is current and reflects contemporary thinking in the discipline.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66406.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:
66406.5. The Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, review each respective segment's student transfer policies, and to revise those policies, to ensure that faculty may choose a textbook selected for a transfer or general education course, regardless of publication date, for as long as the textbook is available to students and the information contained in the textbook is current and reflects contemporary thinking in the discipline.

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