

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2382

Introduced by Assembly Member Blumenfield

February 19, 2010

An act to add Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 66042) to Chapter 2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2382, as introduced, Blumenfield. California State University: Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Provisions of the act do not apply to the University of California unless the regents of the university act, by resolution, to make them applicable.

Among other things, the act provides that the University of California has exclusive jurisdiction in public higher education to award the doctoral degree in all fields of learning, except that it may agree with the California State University to award joint doctoral degrees in selected fields. With respect to doctoral degrees, the act limits the California State University to awarding these degrees jointly with the University of California, as described above, or jointly with independent institutions of higher education, provided that the proposed doctoral program is approved by the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

This bill would instead authorize the California State University to award the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. This bill would require

the degree to be distinguished from doctoral degree programs at the University of California.

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 4.7 (commencing with Section 66042) is
2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 4.7. Doctoral Programs in Physical Therapy
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7 66042. (a) Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, the California
8 State University may award the Doctor of Physical Therapy
9 (P.T.D.) degree. The authority to award degrees granted by this
10 article is limited to the discipline of physical therapy. The Doctor
11 of Physical Therapy degree offered by the California State
12 University shall be distinguished from doctoral degree programs
13 at the University of California.

14 (b) Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit or preclude
15 the California Postsecondary Education Commission from
16 exercising its authority under Chapter 11 (commencing with
17 Section 66900) to review, evaluate, and make recommendations
18 relating to any and all programs established under this article.