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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2656

Introduced by Assembly Member De Leon

February 19, 2010

An act to add Section 66014.7 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2656, as amended, De Leon. Postsecondary education: contracts for academic research.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth the missions of the public and private segments of higher education in this state. Existing law, the State Contract Act, contains provisions that generally regulate the process through which state agencies enter into contracts for goods and services.

This bill would require that any research conducted by an administrator, faculty member, or staff member of a public or private postsecondary educational institution be subject to internal institutional policies regarding minimum academic standards and protocols, as defined by the public or private postsecondary educational institution. The bill would prohibit a state agency from entering into a contract for academic research without first verifying that the contracting institution, and the administrator, faculty member, or staff member conducting the

research, are subject to those internal institutional policies. The bill would also require a state agency to require the administrator, facility member, or staff member *who conducts research pursuant to a contract with the State of California* to certify that the research complies with those minimum academic standards and protocols.

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 66014.7 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 66014.7. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, any research
4 conducted pursuant to a contract with the State of California by
5 any administrator, faculty member, or staff member of a public or
6 private postsecondary educational institution shall be subject to
7 internal institutional policies regarding minimum academic
8 standards and protocols, as defined by the public or private
9 postsecondary educational institution.

10 (b) A state agency shall not enter into a contract with a public
11 or private postsecondary educational institution for academic
12 research without first verifying that the contracting institution, and
13 the administrator, faculty member, or staff member conducting
14 the research, are subject to the internal policies of the institution
15 regarding minimum academic standards and protocols.

16 (c) A state agency shall require any administrator, faculty
17 member, or staff member of a public or private postsecondary
18 educational institution *who conducts research pursuant to a*
19 *contract with the State of California* to certify that the research
20 conducted pursuant to ~~a contract with a state agency~~ *that contract*
21 complies with the minimum academic standards and protocols in
22 accordance with subdivision (a).