

Senate Bill No. 511

CHAPTER 187

An act to amend Sections 60641, 69613, 69613.6, 69667, 70101, 70104, 70124, 87482, and 87882 of the Education Code, and to amend Section 68926.3 of the Government Code, relating to education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 511, Committee on Education. Education.

(1) Existing law establishes the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program, also known as the STAR Program, and requires the State Department of Education to ensure that school districts administer the California Standards Test to their pupils, as specified. Under existing law, a pupil or his or her parent or guardian may authorize the release of the pupil's results to a postsecondary educational institution.

This bill would require the department to ensure that a California Standards Test that is augmented for the purpose of determining readiness for college-level coursework inform a pupil in grade 11 that he or she may request that results from that assessment be released to a postsecondary educational institution.

(2) Existing law establishes the Assumption Program of Loans for Education, the California Physician Assistant Loan Assumption Program, and the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education, each administered by the Student Aid Commission, whereby eligible postsecondary education students may enter into loan repayment agreements with the commission in exchange for working in certain specified high-need areas at certain occupations.

This bill would make clarifying changes to these provisions regarding the retention of student loans for program participants who are unable to satisfy the terms of their loan assumption agreements.

(3) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law requires that any person who is employed to teach adult or community college classes for not more than 67% of the hours per week considered a full-time assignment for regular employees having comparable duties, excluding substitute service, be classified as a temporary employee.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a community college district to employ any qualified individual as a temporary faculty member. Except for clinical nursing faculty as provided below, temporary faculty members serving pursuant to this provision may not be employed by any

one school district for more than 2 semesters or 3 quarters within any period of 3 consecutive years. A temporary faculty member serving as a full-time clinical nursing faculty or as part-time clinical nursing faculty teaching 60% or more of the hours per week considered a full-time assignment for regular employees may be employed by any one school district for up to 4 semesters or 6 quarters within any period of 3 consecutive academic years between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2014, inclusive.

This bill would instead allow nursing faculty that teach up to 67% of the hours per week considered a full-time assignment for regular employees having comparable duties, excluding substitute service, to be employed by any one school district in the amounts described above.

(4) Existing law creates the Community College Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program to provide community college students equal access to academic advice assistance and to encourage community college districts to provide opportunities by compensating part-time faculty who hold office hours related to their teaching load. "Part-time faculty" is defined as any person who is employed to teach for not more than 60% of the hours per week considered a full-time assignment.

This bill would change the definition of "part-time faculty" by increasing the percentage of the hours per week to 67.

(5) Existing law imposes a filing fee of \$485 to file a notice of appeal in a civil case. Existing law requires, until January 1, 2010, that \$65 of this fee be deposited into the California State Law Library Special Account for the support of the California State Law Library.

This bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2015.

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

SECTION 1. Section 60641 of the Education Code is amended to read: 60641. (a) The department shall ensure that school districts comply with each of the following requirements:

(1) The standards-based achievement test provided for in Section 60642.5 is scheduled to be administered to all pupils during the period prescribed in subdivision (b) of Section 60640.

(2) The individual results of each pupil test administered pursuant to Section 60640 shall be reported, in writing, to the parent or guardian of the pupil. The written report shall include a clear explanation of the purpose of the test, the score of the pupil, and the intended use by the school district of the test score. This subdivision does not require teachers or other school district personnel to prepare individualized explanations of the test score of each pupil.

(3) (A) The individual results of each pupil test administered pursuant to Section 60640 also shall be reported to the school and teachers of a pupil. The school district shall include the test results of a pupil in his or her pupil records. However, except as provided in this section, individual pupil test

results only may be released with the permission of either the pupil's parent or guardian if the pupil is a minor, or the pupil if the pupil has reached the age of majority or is emancipated.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a pupil or his or her parent or guardian may authorize the release of individual pupil results to a postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of credit, placement, determination of readiness for college-level coursework, or admission.

(4) The districtwide, school-level, and grade-level results of the STAR Program in each of the grades designated pursuant to Section 60640, but not the score or relative position of any individually ascertainable pupil, shall be reported to the governing board of the school district at a regularly scheduled meeting, and the countywide, school-level, and grade-level results for classes and programs under the jurisdiction of the county office of education shall be similarly reported to the county board of education at a regularly scheduled meeting.

(b) The publisher of the standards-based achievement tests provided for in Section 60642.5 shall make the individual pupil, grade, school, school district, and state results available to the department pursuant to paragraph (9) of subdivision (a) of Section 60643 by August 8 of each year in which the achievement test is administered for those schools for which the last day of test administration, including makeup days, is on or before June 25. The department shall make the grade, school, school district, and state results available on the Internet by August 15 of each year in which the achievement test is administered for those schools for which the last day of test administration, including makeup days, is on or before June 25.

(c) The department shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the results of the test for all pupils who take the test by June 25 are made available on the Internet by August 15, as set forth in subdivision (b).

(d) The department shall ensure that a California Standards Test that is augmented for the purpose of determining credit, placement, or readiness for college-level coursework of a pupil in a postsecondary educational institution inform a pupil in grade 11 that he or she may request that the results from that assessment be released to a postsecondary educational institution.

SEC. 2. Section 69613 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69613. (a) Program participants shall meet all of the following eligibility criteria prior to selection in the program and shall continue to meet these criteria, as appropriate, during the payment periods:

(1) The applicant has completed at least 60 semester units, or the equivalent, and is enrolled in an academic program leading to a baccalaureate degree at an eligible institution, has agreed to participate in a teacher internship program, or has been admitted to a program of professional preparation that has been approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

(2) The applicant is currently enrolled in, or has been admitted to, a program in which he or she will be enrolled on at least a half-time basis, as determined by the participating institution. The applicant shall agree to

maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum of half-time enrollment, as defined by the participating eligible institution.

(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), if a person participating in the program fails to maintain at least half-time enrollment, as required by this article, under the terms of the agreement pursuant to paragraph (2), the loan assumption agreement shall be invalidated and the participant shall retain full liability for all student loan obligations. This subparagraph shall not apply if the participant is in his or her final semester or quarter in school and has no additional coursework required to obtain his or her teaching credential.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if a program participant is unable to maintain at least half-time enrollment due to serious illness, pregnancy, or other natural causes, or is called to active military duty status, the participant is not required to retain full liability for the student loan obligation for a period not to exceed one calendar year, unless approved by the commission for a longer period.

(C) If a natural disaster prevents a program participant from maintaining at least half-time enrollment due to the interruption of instruction at the eligible institution, the term of the loan assumption agreement shall be extended for a period not to exceed one calendar year, unless approved by the commission for a longer period.

(3) The applicant has been judged by his or her postsecondary institution, school district, or county office of education to have outstanding ability on the basis of criteria that may include, but need not be limited to, any of the following:

- (A) Grade point average.
- (B) Test scores.
- (C) Faculty evaluations.
- (D) Interviews.
- (E) Other recommendations.

(4) The applicant has received, or is approved to receive, a loan under one or more of the following designated loan programs:

(A) The Federal Family Education Loan Program (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1071 et seq.).

(B) Any educational loan program approved by the Student Aid Commission.

(5) The applicant has agreed to teach full time for at least four consecutive academic years, or on a part-time basis for the equivalent of four full-time academic years, after obtaining a teaching credential in a public elementary or secondary school in this state, in a subject area that is designated as a current or projected shortage area by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or, on the date the teacher is hired, at an eligible school.

(b) An agreement shall remain valid even if the subject area under which an applicant becomes eligible to enter into an agreement ceases to be a designated shortage field by the time the applicant becomes a teacher.

(c) For the purposes of calculating eligible years of teaching for the redemption of an award, the designation by the Superintendent of Public

Instruction of a newly opened school pursuant to Section 52056 shall apply retroactively from the date the school first opened.

(d) A person participating in the program pursuant to this section shall not enter into more than one agreement.

(e) A person participating in the program pursuant to this section shall not owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant or defaulted on any student loan.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a credentialed teacher teaching in a public school ranked in the lowest two deciles on the Academic Performance Index pursuant to Section 52052, possesses a clear multiple subject or single subject teaching credential or level II education specialist credential and who has not otherwise participated in the program established by this article, is eligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption pursuant to this article. The number of loan assumption agreements provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed 400 per year. The commission shall develop and adopt regulations for the implementation of this subdivision by January 1, 2010.

SEC. 3. Section 69613.6 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69613.6. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), if a program participant fails to complete a minimum of four consecutive school years of classroom instruction on a full-time basis or the equivalent on a part-time basis as required by this article, under the terms of the agreement pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 69613, the participant shall retain full liability for all student loan obligations remaining after the commission's assumption of loan liability for the last year of qualifying teaching service pursuant to Section 69613.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), if a program participant becomes unable to complete one of the four consecutive years of teaching service on a full-time basis or the equivalent on a part-time basis due to serious illness, pregnancy, or other natural causes, or is called to active military duty status, the participant shall receive a deferral of the resumption of full liability for the loan for a period not to exceed one calendar year, unless approved by the commission for a longer period. The commission shall make no further payments under the loan assumption agreement until the applicable teaching requirements specified in Section 69613.2 have been specified.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a program participant shall receive a deferral of the resumption of full liability for the loan for a period not to exceed one calendar year, unless approved by the commission for a longer period, if the participant becomes unable to complete one of the four consecutive years of teaching service due to being laid off, reassigned, or other reasons beyond the control of the participant, as determined by the commission.

(2) The commission shall make no further payments under the loan assumption agreement until the applicable teaching requirements specified in Section 69613.2 have been satisfied.

(d) If a program participant fails to redeem an agreement for student loan assumption within 10 years of the agreement's issuance, the participant shall retain full liability for all student loan obligations.

SEC. 4. Section 69667 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69667. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), if a program participant fails to complete a minimum of four consecutive years of service as a physician assistant on a full-time basis or the equivalent on a part-time basis in a medically underserved area of the state as required by this article, under the terms of the agreement pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 69662, the participant shall retain full liability for all student loan obligations remaining after the commission's assumption of loan liability for the last year of qualifying service pursuant to Section 69662.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a program participant shall be excused from the consecutive years of service requirement for a period not to exceed one calendar year, unless approved by the commission for a longer period, if a program participant becomes unable to complete one of the four consecutive years of service as a physician assistant on a full-time basis or the equivalent on a part-time basis due to any of the following:

- (1) Serious illness, pregnancy, or other natural causes.
- (2) The participant is called to military active duty status.
- (3) A natural disaster prevents a program participant from maintaining half-time enrollment due to the interruption of instruction at the eligible institution.

(c) The commission shall make no further payments under the loan assumption agreement until the applicable service requirements specified in Section 69665 have been satisfied.

SEC. 5. Section 70101 of the Education Code is amended to read:

70101. (a) Program participants shall meet all of the following eligibility criteria prior to selection into the program, and shall continue to meet these criteria, as appropriate, during the payment periods:

- (1) The participant shall be a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- (2) The participant shall be a California resident who, at a minimum, possesses a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a field related to nursing.
- (3) The participant shall have complied with United States Selective Service requirements.
- (4) The participant shall not owe a refund on any state or federal educational grant or have delinquent or defaulted student loans.

(b) (1) Any person who has obtained a baccalaureate or graduate degree from an institution of postsecondary education, and who is participating in the loan assumption program set forth in this article, may be eligible to receive a conditional loan assumption agreement, to be redeemed pursuant to this chapter upon meeting the criteria of Section 70102.

(2) A person who is currently teaching nursing at a regionally accredited California college or university is not eligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption under this article.

(c) (1) The commission shall award loan assumption agreements to either of the following applicants who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria of this section:

(A) An applicant who has been admitted to or enrolled in an academic program leading to a graduate level degree and demonstrates academic ability.

(B) An applicant with a baccalaureate, or baccalaureate and graduate degrees.

(2) (A) An applicant who is pursuing a graduate degree shall be enrolled on at least a half-time basis each academic term as defined by an eligible institution and shall agree to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

(B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C), if a program participant fails to maintain half-time enrollment as required by this article, under the terms of the agreement pursuant to subparagraph (A), the loan assumption agreement shall be deemed invalid. The participant shall retain full liability for all student loan obligations. The participant is excused from the half-time enrollment requirement if the student is in his or her final term in school and has no additional coursework required to obtain his or her graduate degree in nursing or a field related to nursing.

(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B), a program participant shall be excused from the half-time enrollment requirement for a period not to exceed one calendar year, unless approved by the commission for a longer period, if a program participant becomes unable to maintain half-time enrollment due to any of the following:

(i) Serious illness, pregnancy, or other natural causes.

(ii) The participant is called to military active duty status.

(iii) A natural disaster prevents the participant from maintaining half-time enrollment due to the interruption of instruction at the eligible institution.

(3) The applicant shall have been judged by his or her postsecondary institution or employer, whichever is applicable, to have outstanding ability on the basis of criteria that may include, but need not be limited to, any of the following:

(A) Grade point average.

(B) Test scores.

(C) Faculty evaluations.

(D) Interviews.

(E) Other recommendations.

(4) The applicant shall have received, or be approved to receive, a loan under one or more of the following designated loan programs:

(A) The Federal Family Education Loan Program (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1071 et seq.).

(B) The Federal Direct Loan Program.

(C) Any loan program approved by the commission.

(5) (A) The applicant shall have agreed to teach nursing on a full-time basis at one or more regionally accredited California colleges or universities for at least three years, or on a part-time basis for the equivalent of three full-time academic years, commencing not more than 12 months after

obtaining an academic degree, unless the applicant, within 12 months after obtaining the academic degree, enrolls in an academic degree program leading to a more advanced degree in nursing or a field related to nursing.

(B) A participant who possesses a baccalaureate or graduate degree at the time of application to the program shall agree to teach nursing on a full-time or part-time basis commencing not more than 12 months after receiving a loan assumption award.

(6) An applicant who teaches on less than a full-time basis may participate in the program, but is not eligible for loan repayment until that person teaches for the equivalent of a full-time academic year.

(d) A person participating in the program pursuant to this section shall not receive more than one loan assumption agreement, and shall not be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to Article 3.51 (commencing with Section 78260) of Chapter 2 of Part 48.

SEC. 6. Section 70104 of the Education Code is amended to read:

70104. (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), if a program participant fails to complete a minimum of three academic years of teaching on a full-time basis or the equivalent on a part-time basis, as required by this article under the terms of the agreement pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (c) of Section 70101, the loan assumption agreement is no longer effective and shall be deemed terminated, and the commission shall not make any further payments. The participant shall retain responsibility for any remaining loan obligations, but shall not be required to repay any loan payments previously made through this program.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), if a program participant becomes unable to complete one of the three years of teaching service on a full-time basis, or the equivalent on a part-time basis, due to a serious illness, pregnancy, or other natural causes, or due to being called to military active duty status, the term of the loan assumption agreement shall be extended for a period not to exceed one academic year, unless extended by the commission on a case-by-case basis. The commission shall make no further payments under the loan assumption agreement until the applicable teaching requirements specified in Section 70103 have been satisfied.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), if a natural disaster prevents a program participant from completing one of the required years of teaching service due to the interruption of instruction at the employing regionally accredited California college or university, the term of the loan assumption agreement shall be extended for the period of time equal to the period from the interruption of instruction at the employing regionally accredited California college or university to the resumption of instruction. The commission shall make no further payments under the loan assumption agreement until the applicable teaching requirements specified in Section 70103 have been satisfied.

SEC. 7. Section 70124 of the Education Code is amended to read:

70124. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), if a program participant fails to complete a minimum of four consecutive years of full-time employment as required by this article, under the terms of the agreement

pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 70120, the participant shall retain full liability for all student loan obligations remaining after the commission's assumption of loan liability for the last year of qualifying clinical registered nursing service pursuant to Section 70123.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), if a program participant becomes unable to complete one of the four consecutive years of qualifying clinical registered nursing service due to serious illness, pregnancy, or other natural causes, the term of the loan assumption agreement shall be extended for a period not to exceed one year. The commission shall make no further payments under the loan assumption agreement until the applicable work requirements as specified in Section 70122 have been satisfied.

(c) If a natural disaster prevents a program participant from completing one of the required years of work due to the interruption of employment at the employing state facility, the term of the loan assumption agreement shall be extended for the period of time equal to the period from the interruption of employment at the employing state facility to the resumption of employment. The commission shall make no further payments under the loan assumption agreement until the applicable employment requirements specified in Section 70123 have been satisfied.

SEC. 8. Section 87482 of the Education Code is amended to read:

87482. (a) (1) Notwithstanding Section 87480, the governing board of a community college district may employ any qualified individual as a temporary faculty member for a complete school year, but not less than a complete semester or quarter during a school year. The employment of those persons shall be based upon the need for additional faculty during a particular semester or quarter because of the higher enrollment of students during that semester or quarter as compared to the other semester or quarter in the academic year, or because a faculty member has been granted leave for a semester, quarter, or year, or is experiencing long-term illness, and shall be limited, in number of persons so employed, to that need, as determined by the governing board.

(2) Employment of a person under this subdivision may be pursuant to contract fixing a salary for the entire semester or quarter.

(b) A person, other than a person serving as clinical nursing faculty and exempted from this subdivision pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), shall not be employed by any one district under this section for more than two semesters or three quarters within any period of three consecutive years.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), a person serving as full-time clinical nursing faculty or as part-time clinical nursing faculty teaching the hours per week described in Section 87482.5 may be employed by any one district under this section for up to four semesters or six quarters within any period of three consecutive academic years between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2014, inclusive.

(2) A district that employs faculty pursuant to this subdivision shall provide data to the chancellor's office as to the number of faculty members were hired under this subdivision, and what the ratio of full-time to part-time

faculty was for each of the three academic years prior to the hiring of faculty under this subdivision and for each academic year for which faculty is hired under this subdivision. This data shall be submitted, in writing, to the chancellor's office on or before June 30, 2012.

(3) The chancellor shall report, in writing, to the Legislature and the Governor on or before September 30, 2012, in accordance with data received pursuant to paragraph (2), the number of districts that hired faculty under this subdivision, the number of faculty members hired under this subdivision, and what the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty was for these districts in each of the three academic years prior to the operation of this subdivision and for each academic year for which faculty is hired under this subdivision.

(4) A district may not employ a person pursuant to this subdivision if the hiring of that person results in an increase in the ratio of part-time to full-time nursing faculty in that district.

SEC. 9. Section 87882 of the Education Code is amended to read:

87882. For purposes of this article, "part-time faculty" means any person who is employed to teach for not more than the hours per week described in Section 87482.5.

SEC. 10. Section 68926.3 of the Government Code is amended to read:

68926.3. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, sixty-five dollars (\$65) of each fee collected in a civil case by the clerk of each court of appeal pursuant to Section 68926 shall be paid into the State Treasury for deposit in a special account in the General Fund to be known as the California State Law Library Special Account, which account is hereby established.

(b) Moneys deposited in the California State Law Library Special Account shall be available for the support of the California State Law Library upon appropriation thereto by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2015, and as of that date, is repealed, unless a later statute that is enacted before that date extends or repeals that date.