

**Introduced by Senator Liu**February 18, 2010

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An act to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 66745) to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1126, as introduced, Liu. Public postsecondary education: student transfer: early childhood education course requirements.

Existing law establishes the segments of the public postsecondary education system in the state, including the University of California administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Existing law requires the board of governors, the regents, and the trustees to jointly develop, maintain, and disseminate a common core curriculum in general education courses for the purposes of student transfer and prescribes related requirements. These provisions are applicable to the University of California only to the extent that the regents, by appropriate resolution, make them applicable.

This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University, and request the Regents of the University of California, in conjunction with the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, to develop articulation and transfer program agreements for early childhood education and related majors. The bill would require those agreements to include a waiver of course requirements for those majors for completion of similar courses at a community college and to count

those courses toward the completion of minimum upper division requirements for those majors. The bill would make related findings and declarations.

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 3 (commencing with Section 66745) is  
2 added to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the  
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 3. Early Childhood Education Transfer Requirements  
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7 66745. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

8 (a) Early childhood educators play a critical role in the  
9 development of children. The Child and Family Policy Center has  
10 found that the early childhood education workforce, which includes  
11 directors, teachers, assistant teachers, and providers, includes  
12 approximately 130,000 people, predominately female, who educate  
13 and care for 750,000 infants and preschoolers.

14 (b) The Center for the Study of Child Care Employment has  
15 found that the demand for high-quality child care and early  
16 education far exceeds the number of providers and facilities  
17 currently available.

18 (c) A study conducted by First 5 California estimates that more  
19 than 50 percent of children under the age of five require the care  
20 of someone other than their parents. The same study found that  
21 children who participate in high-quality child care and education  
22 do better in reading and math and are more likely to graduate from  
23 high school, go to college, and develop better emotional and social  
24 skills.

25 (d) The Child Care Law Center has determined that early care  
26 and education is a critical area for societal investment to ensure  
27 equity and opportunity for all children, to support low-income  
28 families, and to fight poverty.

29 (e) Early childhood education students are more likely to be  
30 educated at California Community Colleges. Only 18 of the early  
31 childhood teacher preparation programs and the baccalaureate

1 programs offered by the California State University are geared  
2 toward early childhood education teacher training.

3 (f) According to the Office of the Chancellor of the California  
4 State University, of the 430,000 students enrolled in the system  
5 for the fall 2009 semester, only 377 are majoring in early childhood  
6 education.

7 (g) One hundred three California Community Colleges offer  
8 child development or early childhood education majors, making  
9 them more accessible than the California State University system.

10 66746. (a) The Trustees of the California State University  
11 shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested  
12 to, in conjunction with the Board of Governors of the California  
13 Community Colleges, develop articulation agreements and transfer  
14 program agreements for early childhood education and related  
15 majors. These agreements are subject to the following  
16 requirements:

17 (1) Course requirements for the completion of a major in early  
18 childhood education, or a related major, shall be waived by the  
19 destination campus of the California State University or University  
20 of California, to the extent that a student has satisfactorily  
21 completed similar coursework at the community college from  
22 which the student transferred.

23 (2) Courses waived pursuant to paragraph (1) shall count toward  
24 the completion of minimum upper division requirements for the  
25 early childhood education major or a related major.

26 (b) The trustees and the board of governors shall, and the regents  
27 are requested to, in consultation with the appropriate faculty,  
28 develop criteria for determining both of the following for purposes  
29 of this section:

30 (1) Whether a major is related to early childhood education.

31 (2) Whether coursework completed at a community college is  
32 similar to a required course at a campus of the University of  
33 California or the California State University.

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