

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 372**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Roger Hernández**

February 14, 2011

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An act to add Section 66025.7 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 372, as introduced, Roger Hernández. Public postsecondary education: veterans' academic credit.

Existing law requires the California State University and each community college district, and requests the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority for registration for enrollment to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any academic term attended at one of these institutions within 2 years of leaving active duty.

This bill would require the California State University and each community college district, to develop criteria for granting academic credit for the military training received by any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States. This requirement would be implemented by January 1, 2012.

Because the bill would impose additional duties on the California Community Colleges in developing and implementing academic credit for military training, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 66025.7 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:

3 66025.7. (a) The California State University and each  
4 community college district shall develop criteria for granting  
5 academic credit for the military training received by any member  
6 or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

7 (b) The criteria developed pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be  
8 implemented by January 1, 2012.

9 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
10 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
11 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
12 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
13 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.