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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 649

Introduced by Assembly Member Harkey

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~~(Coauthor: Senator~~ *Coauthors: Senators Harman and Wyland)*

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An act to amend Section 66025.8 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 649, as amended, Harkey. Public postsecondary education: veteran's enrollment.

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 also grant priority ~~admission and~~ class registration to these members or former members of the Armed Forces, *who are California residents*, within 5 years of leaving active duty, *as specified*.

Because the bill would impose additional duties on the California Community Colleges in evaluating an individual's eligibility for priority in enrollment, 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 66025.8 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 66025.8. (a) The California State University and each
4 community college district shall, and the University of California
5 is requested to, with respect to each campus in their respective
6 jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, grant
7 priority in that system for ~~admission and~~ class registration for
8 enrollment to any member or former member of the Armed Forces
9 of the United States *who is a California resident and* who has
10 received an honorable discharge, a general discharge, or an other
11 than honorable discharge; and to any member or former member
12 of the State Military Reserve, for any academic term attended at
13 one of these institutions within five years of leaving state or federal
14 active duty. A former member of the Armed Forces of the United
15 States or the State Military Reserve who received a dishonorable
16 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for priority
17 ~~admission and~~ class registration for enrollment pursuant to this
18 section.

19 (b) (1) For purposes of this section, “Armed Forces of the
20 United States” means the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine
21 Corps, National Guard, Naval Militia, Navy, and the reserve
22 components of each of those forces, including the California
23 National Guard.

24 (2) As used in this section, “member or former member of the
25 Armed Forces of the United States” includes, but is not necessarily
26 limited to, any student who is called to active military duty
27 compelling that student to take an academic leave of absence.

1 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
2 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
3 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
4 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
5 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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