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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 743**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Block**

February 17, 2011

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An act to add Section 78219 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 743, as amended, Block. Community colleges: student assessments: California Community Colleges: common assessment system.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

The Seymour-Campbell Matriculation Act of 1986 requires, contingent on the appropriation of funds for the purposes of the act, matriculation services to be made available by the colleges. The act requires those services to include assessment and counseling upon enrollment, including administration of assessment instruments to determine student competency in computational and language skills.

This bill would require the board to establish a common assessment system with specified objectives, that seeks to ~~create~~ *establish* a centrally delivered system of student assessment to be used as one of multiple measures, consistent with specified law, for the purposes of community college placement and advisement.

The bill would require the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to work in collaboration with the State Department

of Education and the California State University when developing a common college-readiness standard that will be reflected in the creation of ~~common~~ assessment instruments ~~to align the state's college-readiness standards toward future common state standards.~~

The bill would require the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor on the progress of implementation of the common assessment system by December 31, 2012, *and would require the above provisions to become operative upon the receipt of state, federal, or philanthropic funds to cover the costs of the common assessment system.*

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 78219 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 78219. (a) The Board of Governors of the California
- 4 Community Colleges shall establish a common assessment system
- 5 to be used as one of multiple measures, consistent with existing
- 6 regulations, for the purposes of community college placement and
- 7 advisement. The system shall include all of the following
- 8 objectives:
- 9 (1) ~~Creation~~ *Establishment* of a centrally delivered system of
- 10 student assessment that provides a single common assessment
- 11 instrument for use by community colleges in the curriculum areas
- 12 of English, mathematics, and English as a second language.
- 13 (2) Creation of a secure, centrally housed assessment test data
- 14 warehouse that shall collect ~~both~~ *all* of the following:
- 15 (A) All available assessment scores generated by assessed
- 16 students at all ~~participating~~ community colleges.
- 17 (B) All available K–12 assessment data ~~and transcript~~
- 18 ~~information~~ for students at all ~~participating~~ community colleges.
- 19 The use of this data shall be limited to placing and advising
- 20 community college students to enhance their success with and
- 21 completion of their postsecondary education objectives.
- 22 (C) *Other data or student transcript information that is used*
- 23 *for the purpose of student placement.*

1 (3) Creation of an Internet Web portal that can be accessed by  
2 community college personnel and students and that provides all  
3 of the following:

4 (A) An assessment profile, generated for each student upon  
5 request, ~~which~~ *that* includes all assessment information available  
6 in the data warehouse created pursuant to paragraph (2). This  
7 profile shall be accessible for counseling, matriculation, and course  
8 placement purposes.

9 (B) A pretest application that emulates the structure of the  
10 student assessment created pursuant to paragraph (1) that students  
11 can practice on and familiarize themselves with before taking  
12 future assessments.

13 (C) An advisement tool that provides students with information  
14 about the importance of taking the common assessment to be placed  
15 in college-level courses in English, mathematics, or English as a  
16 second language and the historical success rates of students who  
17 place in various levels of remedial coursework.

18 (b) In developing the common assessment, the Office of the  
19 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall work in  
20 collaboration with the State Department of Education and the  
21 California State University when developing a common  
22 college-readiness standard that will be reflected in the creation of  
23 assessment instruments.

24 ~~(e) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community  
25 Colleges shall work with the State Department of Education and  
26 the California State University to move toward alignment of  
27 college-readiness standards and align toward future common core  
28 state standards.~~

29 ~~(d) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall  
30 convene an advisory committee established pursuant to subdivision  
31 (a) that includes, but is not limited to, representatives from all of  
32 the following entities:~~

33 ~~(1) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community  
34 Colleges.~~

35 ~~(2) The Legislative Analyst's Office.~~

36 ~~(3) The Department of Finance.~~

37 ~~(4) The State Department of Education.~~

38 ~~(5) The California State University.~~

39 ~~(6) The Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges.~~

- 1     ~~(7) The Research and Planning Group for California Community~~
- 2     ~~Colleges.~~
- 3     ~~(8) The California Community Colleges Matriculation~~
- 4     ~~Professionals Association.~~
- 5     ~~(e)~~
- 6     (c) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community
- 7     Colleges shall submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor
- 8     on the progress of the implementation of the common assessment
- 9     system by December 31, 2012.
- 10    (d) *The provisions of this section shall be operative upon the*
- 11    *receipt of state, federal, or philanthropic funds sufficient to cover*
- 12    *the costs of the common assessment system.*