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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 835**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Mitchell**

February 17, 2011

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An act to amend Section 88532 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 835, as amended, Mitchell. Community colleges: Economic and Workforce Development Program.

Existing law, until January 1, 2013, establishes the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program. Existing law provides for the awarding of grants for this program, and provides that this program shall only be implemented during fiscal years for which funds are appropriated for these purposes. Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as part of the program, to assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia to improve linkages and career-technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges, in a manner that, among other things, improves the quality of career exploration and career outreach materials. Existing law also requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop an implementation strategy for achieving this goal, as specified.

The bill would authorize community college districts to enroll high school pupils who are not residents of the district in a program developed and implemented by the district and to grant academic credit to high school pupils for courses meeting specified criteria. The bill would

grant authority for the fiscal management of these programs to the Dean of the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program of the California Community Colleges.

~~The bill would also authorize high school pupils, enrolled in certain school districts, to have up to 10 excused absences from high school, as specified.~~

Because this provision would impose new duties on certain school districts by requiring them to excuse absences and allow pupils participating in programs pursuant to the bill to make up work, it would constitute 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 88532 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 88532. (a) The board of governors shall assist economic and
- 4 workforce regional development centers and consortia, including
- 5 middle and junior high schools or high schools and regional
- 6 occupational centers and programs, to improve linkages and
- 7 career-technical education pathways between high schools and
- 8 community colleges for the benefit of pupils and students in both
- 9 education systems. This assistance shall include all of the
- 10 following:
- 11 (1) Expanding certificate programs in identified economic
- 12 development program strategic priority areas.
- 13 (2) Aligning existing technical preparation programs and
- 14 career-technical education curriculum between high schools and
- 15 community colleges to more targeted industry-driven programs
- 16 through the models consistent with economic and workforce
- 17 development strategic priority areas.

1 (3) Promoting the California Community Colleges Economic  
2 and Workforce Development Program’s successful integration of  
3 business and emerging industries with career technical programs  
4 provided in high schools.

5 (4) Creating new articulated courses between high schools and  
6 community colleges and, where appropriate, four-year institutions.

7 (5) Accelerating education and training for those students who  
8 choose to be prepared for career and technical employment  
9 opportunities in less traditional and more expeditious methods  
10 while maintaining and or improving student competencies.

11 (6) Exploring new and more relevant career and technical  
12 practicum models that integrate coursework and student internship.

13 (7) Improving the quality of career exploration and career  
14 outreach materials.

15 (8) Disseminating materials and curriculum to all middle schools  
16 and senior high schools.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all of the  
18 following shall apply to a program developed and implemented  
19 under this section, designed to serve high school pupils, that  
20 involves multiple school districts or community college districts,  
21 or both:

22 (1) A community college district may enroll a high school pupil  
23 who is not a resident of that community college district in a  
24 program that is developed and implemented by the community  
25 college district pursuant to this section, and the district shall not  
26 be subject to any other geographic limitations for these purposes.

27 (2) A community college may grant academic credit to a high  
28 school pupil for a program, developed and implemented pursuant  
29 to this section, that meets the criteria of existing courses and is  
30 conducted as part of contract education or other similar process.

31 (3) The Dean of the Economic and Workforce Development  
32 Program of the California Community Colleges shall have authority  
33 over fiscal management for programs, developed and implemented  
34 pursuant to this section, that serve students in multiple community  
35 college districts.

36 ~~(4) A high school pupil who is enrolled in a school district that~~  
37 ~~is not part of a collaborative established under this chapter, and~~  
38 ~~who participates in a program that is developed and implemented~~  
39 ~~under this section and is conducted during the school hours of his~~  
40 ~~or her school of attendance, shall have his or her absence deemed~~

1 ~~to be excused, and shall be allowed to complete assignments and~~  
2 ~~tests missed, as permitted under Section 48205. No more than 10~~  
3 ~~days of absence per school year shall be excused pursuant to this~~  
4 ~~paragraph.~~

5 ~~(5)~~

6 (4) A school district or community college district that  
7 participates in a program developed and implemented pursuant to  
8 this section shall accept a fingerprint verification of a person, as  
9 required by Section 45125.1, by another district participating in  
10 that program as meeting that person’s fingerprint verification  
11 requirements.

12 ~~(6)~~

13 (5) A program developed and implemented pursuant to this  
14 section shall be deemed to meet the criteria for dual enrollment of  
15 a high school pupil in community college and high school set forth  
16 in Article 1 (commencing with Section 76000) of Chapter 1 of  
17 Part 47.

18 (c) The chancellor shall develop an implementation strategy for  
19 the program objectives delineated in this section as a part of the  
20 annual expenditure plan submitted to the advisory committee for  
21 the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce  
22 Development Program and the board of governors.

23 (d) This section shall be operative only in fiscal years for which  
24 funds have been appropriated by the Legislature expressly for the  
25 purposes of this section.

26 (e) The board of governors shall ensure that elementary and  
27 secondary school educators strongly collaborate with college  
28 faculty in implementing this section.

29 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
30 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
31 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
32 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
33 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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