

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2093

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner

February 23, 2012

An act to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 89350) to Chapter 3 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to foster youth education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2093, as introduced, Skinner. Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2012.

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 establishes the Higher Education Outreach and Assistance Act for Emancipated Foster Youth, which requires the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to perform specified services to assist emancipated foster youth.

This bill would enact the Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2012, which would additionally require the California State University, and request the California Community Colleges and the University of California, to establish foster youth campus support programs, which are separate from the Higher Education Outreach and Assistance Act for Emancipated Foster Youth, to provide comprehensive support and outreach to current and former foster youth

in an effort to retain foster youth in higher education. The bill would request campuses of the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California to designate a foster youth campus support program coordinator using new or existing resources. The bill would require the State Department of Social Services to annually notify foster youth 13 years of age or older, and those foster youths’ caregivers, of the postsecondary educational support provided to them pursuant to this bill.

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 6 (commencing with Section 89350) is
2 added to Chapter 3 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 6. Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and
6 Support Act of 2012
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8 89350. (a) This article shall be known, and may be cited, as
9 the Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act
10 of 2012.

11 (b) It is the intent of this article to provide comprehensive
12 support to students who are current or former foster youth on public
13 postsecondary educational institution campuses.

14 89351. (a) The California State University shall, and the
15 California Community Colleges and the University of California
16 are requested to, establish foster youth campus support programs
17 to provide comprehensive support and outreach to current and
18 former foster youth in an effort to retain foster youth in higher
19 education.

20 (b) Campuses of the California Community Colleges, California
21 State University, and University of California are requested to
22 designate a foster youth campus support program coordinator using
23 new or existing resources.

24 89352. The State Department of Social Services shall annually
25 notify foster youth 13 years of age or older, and those foster youths’

- 1 caregivers, of the postsecondary educational support provided to
- 2 them pursuant to this article.

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