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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2462

Introduced by Assembly ~~Member~~ *Members Block, Cook, and Fuentes*

February 24, 2012

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2462, as amended, Block. Public postsecondary education: academic credit for prior military academic experience.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the Chancellor of the California State University, and the President of the University of California serve as the respective chief executive officers of these 3 segments.

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to implement a process for awarding credit for prior military academic experience, to be completed no later than July 1, 2013, that meets the pertinent standards of the American Council on Education.

To the extent that the implementation of these processes would impose new duties on community college districts, the bill would constitute a state-mandated local program.

The bill would express legislative findings and declarations relating to encouraging community colleges to develop appropriate methods of awarding credit for the education and experience acquired by military personnel during their service.

(2) 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 Chancellor of the California Community
4 Colleges shall implement a process for awarding credit for prior
5 military academic experience, to be completed no later than July
6 1, 2013, that meets the pertinent standards of the American Council
7 on Education.
8 (b) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
9 (1) Community colleges are encouraged to facilitate the
10 acceptance of credits earned at other community colleges.
11 (2) In addition to accepting credits from other community
12 colleges, community colleges are also encouraged to recognize
13 the learning acquired by military personnel during their service
14 and to award credit for that learning where appropriate. The
15 American Council on Education or another appropriate entity may
16 offer a consistent and reasonable method of recognizing that
17 learning. The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
18 is also encouraged to develop recommendations regarding
19 approaches to the use of systems, including, but not limited to, the
20 American Council on Education system, that provide guidance for
21 awarding college credit for academic instruction and experience
22 in a military setting.
23 (3) Community colleges are encouraged to consider military
24 education or experience for credit for career technical education

1 instruction and to develop ways to evaluate progress to, or
2 completion of, a professional or occupational certificate for persons
3 with military education or experience.

4 (4) Community colleges ~~are also~~ *also are* encouraged to consider
5 awarding credit by examination process for experience or
6 instruction gained in a military setting.

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

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