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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2462

Introduced by Assembly Members Block, Cook, and Fuentes
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Logue)

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.

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 determine by July 1, ~~2013~~ 2015, for which courses credit should be awarded for prior military experience, as specified.

~~The bill would encourage community colleges to recognize the learning acquired by military personnel during their service, consider military education or experience for credit for career technical education, and consider awarding credit by an examination process for experience or instruction gained in a military setting.~~

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 66025.7 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

3 66025.7. ~~(a) By July 1, 2013 2015, the Chancellor of the~~
4 ~~California Community Colleges, using common course descriptors~~
5 ~~and pertinent recommendations of the American Council on~~
6 ~~Education, shall determine for which courses credit should be~~
7 ~~awarded for prior military experience.~~

8 ~~(b) Community colleges are encouraged to do all of the~~
9 ~~following:~~

10 ~~(1) Recognize the learning acquired by military personnel during~~
11 ~~their service and award credit for that learning where appropriate,~~
12 ~~including applying the determinations made by the Chancellor's~~
13 ~~office pursuant to subdivision (a). The American Council on~~
14 ~~Education or another appropriate entity may offer a consistent and~~
15 ~~reasonable method of recognizing that learning. The Academic~~
16 ~~Senate for California Community Colleges is also encouraged to~~
17 ~~develop recommendations regarding approaches to the use of~~
18 ~~systems, including, but not limited to, the American Council on~~
19 ~~Education system, that provide guidance for awarding college~~
20 ~~credit for academic instruction and experience in a military setting.~~

21 ~~(2) Consider military education or experience for credit for~~
22 ~~career technical education instruction and develop ways to evaluate~~
23 ~~progress to, or completion of, a professional or occupational~~
24 ~~certificate for persons with military education or experience.~~

25 ~~(3) Consider awarding credit by examination process for~~
26 ~~experience or instruction gained in a military setting.~~

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