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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 940**

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**Introduced by Committee on Education (Senators Lowenthal (Chair), Alquist, Blakeslee, Hancock, Huff, Liu, Price, Runner, Simitian, and Vargas)**

March 24, 2011

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An act to amend Sections 41329.59, 66026, 66747, 66902.5, 69511, 69984, 71093, and 87884 of, and to repeal Sections 52272, 66941, and 81706 of, the Education Code, and to amend Section 4709 of the Labor Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 940, as amended, Committee on Education. Education.

(1) Existing law requires the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team to conduct an extraordinary audit of the Compton Community College District and file a written status report at regular intervals with specified persons, including the Secretary for Education.

This bill would require that written status report to be filed with the Governor instead of the Secretary for Education.

(2) Existing law establishes the Education Technology Professional Development Program to provide teacher training on the use of technology in the classroom.

This bill would repeal that program.

(3) Existing law requires reports submitted to the Legislature by the University of California, the California State University, the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and the California

Postsecondary Education Commission to be delivered to specified entities, including the Office of the Secretary for Education.

This bill would require those reports to be delivered to the Office of the Governor instead of the Office of the Secretary for Education.

(4) Existing law requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission to convene an intersegmental working group to determine state funding priorities consistent with the institutional missions of the systems of higher education.

This bill would eliminate the working group.

(5) Existing law establishes the Scholarshare Investment Board to administer the Golden State Scholarshare College Savings Trust to provide financial aid for postsecondary education costs of participating students. The board is composed of specified members, including the Secretary for Education.

This bill would replace the Secretary for Education with the executive director of the State Board of Education as a member of the board.

(6) Existing law, the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, establishes that the California State University is required to guarantee admission with junior status to any community college student who meets the requirements for the associate degree for transfer. A student admitted to the California State University pursuant to the act is entitled to receive priority over all other community college transfer students, excluding community college students who have entered into a transfer agreement between a community college and the California State University prior to the fall term of the 2012–13 academic year.

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that specified categories be followed, insofar as practicable, in numeric order for the purposes of enrollment planning and admission priority practice at the undergraduate resident student level for the California State University and the University of California, *and that, within each of the enrollment categories, groups of applicants receive priority consideration in admissions practice in a specified numeric order.*

This bill would require that *transfer* students admitted to the California State University pursuant to the act receive priority for purposes of enrollment planning and admissions, if the students have met the requirements of an approved transfer agreement consistent with this priority.

(7) The Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Act establishes the Cal Grant entitlement awards and the California Community College Transfer Entitlement Awards, under the

administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions.

Existing law provides that if a federal law permits the administration of a scholarship or grant program by a state agency, the Student Aid Commission is to administer the program if it is determined that the participation by the state in the federal scholarship or grant program would not interfere with or jeopardize the continuation of a Cal Grant scholarship program established pursuant to specified provisions of state law.

This bill would change obsolete references in law to refer to the current Cal Grant program.

(8) Existing law authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to authorize the chancellor to suspend the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Compton Community College District to exercise any powers or responsibilities or to take any official actions with respect to management of the district. Existing law also authorizes the board of governors to authorize that suspension for a specified period of time plus a period lasting until specified persons, including the Secretary for Education, concur that the district has met specified requirements.

This bill would instead provide that the Governor, instead of the Secretary for Education, would be required to concur that the district has met those requirements.

(9) Existing law requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop guidelines for design-build projects by June 30, 2003.

This bill would repeal that requirement.

(10) Existing law, the Community College Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program, provides students equal access to academic advice and assistance without regard to whether a course at a community college is taught by a full-time or a part-time faculty member. The governing board of each community college district that establishes such a program is required to negotiate, or meet and confer, to establish a program to provide part-time faculty office hours.

This bill would correct a cross-reference in the latter provision.

(11) Existing law provides that a dependent of a peace officer who is killed in the performance of duty or who dies or is totally disabled as a result of an accident or an injury that is compensable, as defined, is entitled to a Cal Grant scholarship at a specified institution. Existing

law provides that a dependent of a peace officer who is a recipient of a scholarship shall not be precluded from receiving a Cal Grant award, as specified.

This bill would change obsolete references in law to refer to the current Cal Grant program.

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 41329.59 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 41329.59. (a) On or before October 30, 2006, the Fiscal Crisis  
4 and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) shall conduct an  
5 extraordinary audit of the Compton Community College District,  
6 to be delivered to the Board of Governors of the California  
7 Community Colleges and the Director of Finance, focused upon  
8 an examination of alleged fraud, misappropriation of funds, or  
9 other illegal fiscal practices. The audit shall be conducted in a  
10 timely and efficient manner.

11 (b) On or before January 31, 2007, the FCMAT shall conduct  
12 a comprehensive assessment and prepare a recovery plan, to be  
13 delivered to the Board of Governors of the California Community  
14 Colleges and the Department of Finance, for the Compton  
15 Community College District addressing the five operational areas:  
16 financial management, academic achievement, personnel  
17 management, facilities management, and governance/community  
18 relations.

19 (c) The FCMAT shall file a written status report at regular  
20 intervals with the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the  
21 Legislature, the advisory committee to the special trustee, the  
22 Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the  
23 Director of Finance, and the Governor. The status reports shall  
24 include the progress that the Compton Community College District  
25 is making in meeting the recommendations of the FCMAT  
26 comprehensive assessment and addressing the deficiencies  
27 identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and  
28 Junior Colleges.

29 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount of  
30 up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) shall be provided

1 to the Compton Community College District from any funds  
2 budgeted for FCMAT in Item 6110-107-0001 of Section 2.00 of  
3 the annual Budget Act or any other funds available from prior  
4 budget years for FCMAT for the purpose of funding the audit  
5 described in subdivision (a) of this section.

6 SEC. 2. Section 52272 of the Education Code is repealed.

7 SEC. 3. Section 66026 of the Education Code is amended to  
8 read:

9 66026. Unless otherwise specified, reports submitted to the  
10 Legislature by the University of California, the California State  
11 University, and the Office of the Chancellor of the California  
12 Community Colleges shall be delivered to the Senate and Assembly  
13 budget subcommittees on education, the appropriate Senate and  
14 Assembly higher education policy committees, the Legislative  
15 Analyst’s Office, the Office of the Governor, and the Department  
16 of Finance. Unless otherwise specified, these reports may be  
17 submitted in PDF format or comparable electronic format.

18 SEC. 4. Section 66747 of the Education Code is amended to  
19 read:

20 66747. Notwithstanding Chapter 4 (commencing with Section  
21 66201), the California State University shall guarantee admission  
22 with junior status to any community college student who meets  
23 all of the requirements of Section 66746. Admission to the  
24 California State University, as provided under this article, does  
25 not guarantee admission for specific majors or campuses.  
26 Notwithstanding Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 66201),  
27 the California State University shall grant a student priority  
28 admission to his or her local California State University campus  
29 and to a program or major that is similar to his or her community  
30 college major or area of emphasis, as determined by the California  
31 State University campus to which the student is admitted. A student  
32 admitted under this article shall receive priority ~~for the purposes~~  
33 ~~of enrollment planning and admissions in accordance with Section~~  
34 ~~66202~~, over all other community college transfer students, *in*  
35 *accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 66202*, excluding  
36 community college students who have entered into a transfer  
37 agreement between a community college and the California State  
38 University prior to the fall term of the 2012–13 academic year. A  
39 student admitted pursuant to this article shall have met the

1 requirements of an approved transfer agreement consistent with  
2 subdivision (a) of Section 66202.

3 SEC. 5. Section 66902.5 of the Education Code is amended to  
4 read:

5 66902.5. Unless otherwise specified, reports submitted to the  
6 Legislature by the California Postsecondary Education Commission  
7 shall be delivered to the Senate and Assembly budget  
8 subcommittees on education, the Senate education and Assembly  
9 higher education policy committees, the Legislative Analyst's  
10 Office, the Office of the Governor, and the Department of Finance.  
11 Unless otherwise specified, these reports may be submitted in PDF  
12 format or comparable electronic format.

13 SEC. 6. Section 66941 of the Education Code is repealed.

14 SEC. 7. Section 69511 of the Education Code is amended to  
15 read:

16 69511. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), each member  
17 of the commission shall have a four-year term; provided, that  
18 members appointed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 69510  
19 shall have terms of two academic years.

20 (b) The term of one member appointed pursuant to subdivision  
21 (g) of Section 69510 and the term of one member appointed  
22 pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 69510, effective January 1,  
23 1991, shall be for five years. Each subsequent term for members  
24 appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall be for four years.

25 (c) At no time shall both student representatives be enrolled in  
26 the same segment of postsecondary education in California. For  
27 purposes of this subdivision, each postsecondary education program  
28 listed in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 69510 is a segment  
29 of postsecondary education in California.

30 (d) Appointment to the commission of members appointed  
31 pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, of Section 69510 shall  
32 be made by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate.

33 (e) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a person  
34 who will have the same status as the predecessor of the appointee.  
35 The appointee shall hold office only for the balance of the  
36 unexpired term.

37 (f) Each member of the commission shall receive a stipend of  
38 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day in which he or she attends  
39 any meeting of the commission or any meeting of any committee  
40 or subcommittee of the commission, of which committee or

1 subcommittee he or she is a member, and which committee or  
2 subcommittee meeting is conducted for the purpose of carrying  
3 out the powers and duties of the commission. In addition, each  
4 member shall receive his or her actual and necessary traveling  
5 expenses incurred in the course of his or her duties.

6 (g) If an act of Congress establishes a program of scholarships  
7 or grants for undergraduate students and permits administration  
8 of the program within a state by a state agency, the Student Aid  
9 Commission, as established by Section 69510, shall administer  
10 the act within the state if the Governor and the Student Aid  
11 Commission, by a majority vote of its entire membership,  
12 determine that the participation by the state in the federal  
13 scholarship or grant program under the act would not interfere  
14 with or jeopardize the continuation of the scholarship program  
15 established under Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 69430)  
16 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3.

17 The commission shall constitute the state commission on federal  
18 scholarships or grants and is hereby empowered to formulate a  
19 plan for development and administration of any such federal  
20 scholarship or grant program within the state.

21 Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the commission is  
22 hereby vested with all necessary power and authority to cooperate  
23 with the government of the United States, or any agency or  
24 agencies thereof, in the administration of any act of Congress  
25 establishing a scholarship or grant program and the rules and  
26 regulations adopted thereunder.

27 Before adopting a state plan, the Student Aid Commission, acting  
28 as the state commission on federal scholarships or grants, shall  
29 hold public hearings as provided in the California Administrative  
30 Procedure Act.

31 SEC. 8. Section 69984 of the Education Code is amended to  
32 read:

33 69984. (a) (1) The board shall segregate moneys received by  
34 the Scholarshare trust into two funds, which shall be identified as  
35 the program fund and the administrative fund. Notwithstanding  
36 Section 13340 of the Government Code, the program fund is hereby  
37 continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, to the  
38 board for the purposes of this article. Funds in the administrative  
39 fund shall be available for expenditure, upon appropriation, for  
40 the purposes specified in this article.

1 (2) (A) The board shall separately account for any moneys  
2 received by an entity exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3)  
3 of the Internal Revenue Code or a state or local government agency,  
4 depositing the money for the benefit of a beneficiary to be named  
5 later pursuant to the operation of a bona fide scholarship program.

6 (B) There is hereby created the Scholarshare Investment Board,  
7 that consists of the Treasurer, the Director of Finance, the executive  
8 director of the State Board of Education, a member of the Student  
9 Aid Commission appointed by the Governor, a member of the  
10 public appointed by the Governor, a representative from a  
11 California public institution of higher education appointed by the  
12 Senate Committee on Rules, and a representative from a California  
13 independent college or university or a state-approved college,  
14 university, or vocational/technical school appointed by the Speaker  
15 of the Assembly. The Treasurer shall serve as chair of the board.  
16 The board shall annually prepare and adopt a written statement of  
17 investment policy. The board shall consider the statement of  
18 investment policy and any changes in the investment policy at a  
19 public hearing. The board shall approve the investment  
20 management entity or entities consistent with subparagraph (D).

21 (C) Not later than 30 days after the close of each month, the  
22 investment manager shall place on file for public inspection during  
23 business hours a report with respect to investment performance.  
24 The investment manager shall report the following information,  
25 to the extent applicable, to the board within 30 days following the  
26 end of each month:

27 (i) The type of investment, name of the issuer, date of maturity,  
28 par and dollar amount invested in each security, investment, and  
29 money within the program fund.

30 (ii) The weighted average maturity of the investments within  
31 the program fund.

32 (iii) Any amounts in the program fund that are under the  
33 management of an investment manager.

34 (iv) The market value as of the date of the report and the source  
35 of this valuation for any security within the program fund.

36 (v) A description of the compliance with the statement of  
37 investment policy.

38 (D) Moneys in the program fund may be invested or reinvested  
39 by the Treasurer or may be invested in whole or in part under  
40 contract with an investment manager, as determined by the board.

1 (b) Transfers may be made from the program fund to the  
2 administrative fund for the purpose of paying operating costs  
3 associated with administering the Scholarshare trust and as required  
4 by this article. On an annual basis, expenditures from the  
5 administrative fund shall not exceed more than 1 percent of the  
6 total program fund. All costs of administration of the Scholarshare  
7 trust shall be paid out of the administrative fund.

8 (c) All moneys paid by participants in connection with  
9 participation agreements shall be deposited as received into the  
10 program fund, and shall be promptly invested and accounted for  
11 separately. Deposits and interest thereon accumulated on behalf  
12 of participants in the program fund of the Scholarshare trust may  
13 be used for payments to any institution of higher education.

14 SEC. 9. Section 71093 of the Education Code is amended to  
15 read:

16 71093. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

17 (a) The board of governors may authorize the chancellor to  
18 suspend the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Compton  
19 Community College District, or of any of the members of that  
20 board, to exercise any powers or responsibilities or to take any  
21 official actions with respect to the management of the district,  
22 including any of the district's assets, contracts, expenditures,  
23 facilities, funds, personnel, or property. The board of governors  
24 may authorize suspension for a period up to five years from the  
25 effective date of Assembly Bill 318 of the 2005–06 Regular  
26 Session, plus a period lasting until the chancellor, the Fiscal Crisis  
27 and Management Assistance Team, the Director of Finance, and  
28 the Governor concur with the special trustee that the district has,  
29 for two consecutive academic years, met the requirements of the  
30 comprehensive assessment conducted, and the recovery plan  
31 prepared, pursuant to Section 41329.59.

32 (b) A suspension authorized by this section becomes effective  
33 immediately upon the delivery of a document to the administrative  
34 offices of the Compton Community College District that sets forth  
35 the finding of the chancellor that a suspension pursuant to this  
36 section is necessary for the establishment of fiscal integrity and  
37 security in that district.

38 (c) (1) If and when the chancellor suspends the authority of the  
39 Board of Trustees of the Compton Community College District or  
40 any of its members pursuant to this section, the chancellor may

1 appoint a special trustee as provided in paragraph (3) of subdivision  
2 (c) of Section 84040, at district expense, to manage the district.  
3 The chancellor is authorized to assume, and delegate to the special  
4 trustee, those powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the  
5 Compton Community College District that the chancellor  
6 determines, with the approval of the board of governors, are  
7 necessary for the management of that district. The Board of  
8 Trustees of the Compton Community College District may not  
9 exercise any of the duties or powers assumed by the chancellor  
10 under this section.

11 (2) The chancellor may appoint as a special trustee under this  
12 section a person who has served in a similar capacity prior to the  
13 enactment of the act that adds this section. A special trustee  
14 appointed under this section shall serve at the pleasure of the  
15 chancellor.

16 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to  
17 facilitate the appointment of the special trustee, the chancellor is  
18 exempt, for the purposes of this section, from the requirements of  
19 Article 6 (commencing with Section 999) of Chapter 6 of Division  
20 4 of the Military and Veterans Code and Part 2 (commencing with  
21 Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.

22 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at any time that  
23 this section is in effect, the chancellor is authorized to assume, and  
24 delegate to the special trustee, those powers and duties of the  
25 Compton Community College District Personnel Commission that  
26 the chancellor determines are necessary for the management of  
27 the personnel functions of the Compton Community College  
28 District. The personnel commission may not exercise any of the  
29 powers or duties assumed by the chancellor.

30 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the special  
31 trustee has been a member of the State Teachers' Retirement  
32 System or the Public Employees' Retirement System at any time  
33 prior to appointment, he or she shall, for the period of service as  
34 special trustee, be a member of the system to which he or she  
35 belonged, unless the special trustee elects, in writing, not to be a  
36 member. If the special trustee chooses to be a member, the special  
37 trustee shall be placed on the payroll of the district, or the payroll  
38 of another local education agency or other entity with which the  
39 district has an exchange agreement pursuant to Section 87422 or

1 other applicable provisions of law, for the purpose of providing  
2 appropriate contributions to the applicable retirement system.

3 (f) The special trustee appointed pursuant to this section is  
4 authorized to do all of the following:

5 (1) Implement substantial changes in the fiscal policies and  
6 practices of the Compton Community College District.

7 (2) Revise the academic program of the Compton Community  
8 College District to reflect realistic income projections in response  
9 to the dramatic effect of the changes in fiscal policies and practices  
10 upon program quality.

11 (3) Encourage all members of the college community to accept  
12 a fair share of the burden of the full recovery of the Compton  
13 Community College District in the five operational areas of finance,  
14 academics, personnel facilities, and governance.

15 (4) Enter into agreements on behalf of the Compton Community  
16 College District and, subject to any contractual and statutory  
17 obligation of the Compton Community College District, change  
18 any existing district rules, regulations, policies, or practices as  
19 necessary for the effective implementation of the recovery plan.  
20 Any agreement authorized by this section shall be binding upon  
21 the district for the term of the agreement, notwithstanding the  
22 removal of the special trustee for any reason or the reinstatement  
23 of any powers or responsibilities of the board of trustees. No  
24 agreement authorized by this paragraph shall materially impair the  
25 security and other interests of the holders of any bonds issued  
26 pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 63049.67) of  
27 Chapter 2 of Division 1 of Title 6.7 of the Government Code.

28 (5) Appoint an advisory committee to advise the special trustee  
29 with respect to the management of the Compton Community  
30 College District and the establishment and implementation of the  
31 arrangements for provision of services by a partner district pursuant  
32 to Article 5 (commencing with Section 74292) of Chapter 5 of  
33 Part 46. This advisory committee may include residents of the  
34 communities served by the Compton Community College District,  
35 and any outside experts deemed appropriate by the special trustee.  
36 No member of the advisory committee shall receive any  
37 compensation or benefits for his or her services as a member of  
38 the advisory committee.

39 (g) In the event of a vacancy in the special trustee position, the  
40 chancellor shall temporarily assume all of the powers and duties

1 of the special trustee until another special trustee can be appointed  
2 pursuant to this section.

3 SEC. 10. Section 81706 of the Education Code is repealed.

4 SEC. 11. Section 87884 of the Education Code is amended to  
5 read:

6 87884. (a) The governing board of each community college  
7 district that establishes a program pursuant to this article shall  
8 negotiate with the exclusive bargaining representative, or in  
9 instances where there is no bargaining unit shall meet and confer  
10 with the faculty, to establish a program to provide part-time faculty  
11 office hours.

12 (b) Any hours negotiated under this program shall not be applied  
13 toward the maximum percentage-of-hours limitation for part-time  
14 faculty as specified in Section 87882. These hours shall not be  
15 counted towards the hours per week of teaching adult or community  
16 college classes for purposes of acquiring eligibility for tenure or  
17 for purposes of fulfilling any probationary hour requirements.

18 (c) On or before June 1 of each year, each community college  
19 district participating in the program shall send a verification to the  
20 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges specifying the  
21 total costs of the compensation paid for office hours of part-time  
22 faculty participating in the program.

23 (d) Any changes made by this section to the Community College  
24 Part-Time Faculty Office Hours Program shall not affect any  
25 part-time faculty office hours program in effect on January 1, 2000.

26 SEC. 12. Section 4709 of the Labor Code is amended to read:

27 4709. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a  
28 dependent of a peace officer, as defined in Section 830.1, 830.2,  
29 830.3, 830.31, 830.32, 830.33, 830.34, 830.35, 830.36, 830.37,  
30 830.38, 830.39, 830.4, 830.5, or 830.6 of the Penal Code, who is  
31 killed in the performance of duty or who dies or is totally disabled  
32 as a result of an accident or an injury caused by external violence  
33 or physical force, incurred in the performance of duty, when the  
34 death, accident, or injury is compensable under this division or  
35 Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 6100) shall be entitled to  
36 a scholarship at any qualifying institution described in subdivision  
37 (I) of Section 69432.7 of the Education Code. The scholarship  
38 shall be in an amount equal to the amount provided a student who  
39 has been awarded a Cal Grant scholarship as specified in Chapter

1 1.7 (commencing with Section 69430) of Part 42 of Division 5 of  
2 Title 3 of the Education Code.

3 (b) A dependent of an officer or employee of the Department  
4 of Corrections or the Department of the Youth Authority described  
5 in Section 20403 of the Government Code who is killed in the  
6 performance of duty, or who dies or is totally disabled as a result  
7 of an accident or an injury incurred in the performance of duty,  
8 when the death, accident, or injury is caused by the direct action  
9 of an inmate, and is compensable under this division or Division  
10 4.5 (commencing with Section 6100), shall also be entitled to a  
11 scholarship specified in this section.

12 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a dependent  
13 of a firefighter employed by a county, city, city and county, district,  
14 or other political subdivision of the state, who is killed in the  
15 performance of duty or who dies or is totally disabled as a result  
16 of an accident or injury incurred in the performance of duty, when  
17 the death, accident, or injury is compensable under this division  
18 or Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 6100), shall also be  
19 entitled to a scholarship specified in this section.

20 (d) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to allow the  
21 admittance of the dependent into a college or university unless the  
22 dependent is otherwise qualified to gain admittance to the college  
23 or university.

24 (e) The scholarship provided for by this section shall be paid  
25 out of funds annually appropriated in the Budget Act to the Student  
26 Aid Commission established by Article 2 (commencing with  
27 Section 69510) of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of  
28 the Education Code.

29 (f) The receipt of a scholarship provided for by this section shall  
30 not preclude a dependent from receiving a Cal Grant award  
31 pursuant to Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 69430) of Part  
32 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, any other grant,  
33 or any fee waivers that may be provided by an institution of higher  
34 education. The receipt of a Cal Grant award pursuant to Chapter  
35 1.7 (commencing with Section 69430) of Part 42 of Division 5 of  
36 Title 3 of the Education Code, any other grant, or any fee waivers  
37 that may be provided by an institution of higher education shall  
38 not preclude a dependent from receiving a scholarship provided  
39 for by this section.

1 (g) As used in this section, “dependent” means the children  
2 (natural or adopted) or spouse, at the time of the death or injury,  
3 of the peace officer, law enforcement officer, or firefighter.

4 (h) Eligibility for a scholarship under this section shall be limited  
5 to a person who demonstrates financial need as determined by the  
6 Student Aid Commission pursuant to Article 1.5 (commencing  
7 with Section 69503) of Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title  
8 3 of the Education Code. For purposes of determining financial  
9 need, the proceeds of death benefits received by the dependent,  
10 including, but not limited to, a continuation of income received  
11 from the Public Employees’ Retirement System, the proceeds from  
12 the federal Public Safety Officers’ Benefits Act, life insurance  
13 policies, proceeds from Sections 4702 and 4703.5, any private  
14 scholarship where receipt is predicated upon the recipient being  
15 the survivor of a deceased public safety officer, the scholarship  
16 awarded pursuant to Section 68120 of the Education Code, and  
17 any interest received from these benefits, shall not be considered.