

Introduced by Senator AndersonFebruary 24, 2012

An act to add Section 76030.5 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1561, as introduced, Anderson. California Community Colleges: student expulsion: dropped courses.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by a governing board, throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction to students at the community college campuses maintained by the districts. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a community college district to expel a student for good cause in specified instances, and requires the expulsion of a student to be accompanied by a hearing.

This bill would additionally require the governing board of a community college district to expel a student if he or she drops more than 3 courses in one semester, or quarter, as applicable, and would require that expulsion to be accompanied by a prompt hearing of a campus body, thereby imposing 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 76030.5 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 76030.5. Notwithstanding any other law, and consistent with
- 4 requirements of due process of law, the governing board of a
- 5 community college district shall expel a student if he or she drops
- 6 more than three courses in one semester, or quarter, as applicable.
- 7 The expulsion of a student pursuant to this section shall be
- 8 accompanied by a prompt hearing of a campus body.
- 9 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
- 10 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
- 11 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
- 12 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 13 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.