ASSEMBLY BILL   No. 159

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

January 22, 2013

An act to add Section 66025.4 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 159, as introduced, Chávez. Public postsecondary education: tuition and mandatory systemwide fees.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as 2 of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

This bill would require the trustees, and would request the regents, to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees for each incoming first-year class. The bill would require that the tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for an incoming first-year class under the bill not be increased for that class for at least 6 academic years, except as adjusted for inflation, as specified.

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 66025.4 is added to the Education Code,
2   to read:

1   66025.4. (a) The Trustees of the California State University
2 shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested
3 to, determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory
4 systemwide fees for each incoming first-year class. The tuition
5 and mandatory systemwide fees set for an incoming first-year class
6 under this section shall not be increased for that class for at least
7 six academic years, except as provided by subdivision (b).
8   (b) The trustees and the regents may annually increase the tuition
9 and mandatory systemwide fee amounts determined under
10 subdivision (a) to reflect the percentage change, if any, in the
11 Consumer Price Index calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
12 of the United States Department of Labor during the previous
13 academic year.

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