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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 386

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

February 15, 2013

An act to add Chapter 9.6 (commencing with Section 66760) to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 386, as amended, Levine. Public postsecondary education: cross-enrollment: online education at *the* California State University.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law authorizes any student enrolled in any campus of any of these 3 respective segments who meets prescribed requirements to enroll without formal admission or payment of additional fees, except as provided, in a maximum of one course per academic term at a campus of either of the other segments on a space-available basis at the discretion of the appropriate campus authorities on both campuses.

This bill would express legislative intent that, *by the beginning of the 2015–16 academic year*, students enrolled at a California State University (CSU) campus be provided an opportunity to enroll in online courses ~~systemwide~~ *available at other CSU campuses*. The bill would authorize any student enrolled ~~in~~ *at* a campus of the California State

University who meets specified requirements to enroll, without formal admission, and without payment of additional tuition or fees, except as provided, in a course provided entirely online, as defined, by another campus of the California State University on a space-available basis. *The bill would require the trustees, on or before January 1, 2015, to establish an easily accessible online database of online courses available at all CSU campuses to provide CSU students with a streamlined process within the CSU system to allow them to find and enroll in courses that will earn them credit toward graduation, general education, and major requirements.*

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. It is the intent of the Legislature:
- 2 (a) That, *by the beginning of the 2015–16 academic year,*
- 3 students enrolled at a California State University (CSU) campus
- 4 shall be provided the opportunity to enroll in online courses
- 5 ~~systemwide~~ *available at other CSU campuses.* Students enrolling
- 6 in online courses at a campus other than their home campus shall
- 7 be provided a ~~seamless~~ *streamlined* process of transferring units
- 8 for credit at the home campus.
- 9 (b) That the 23 campuses of the California State University
- 10 system coordinate their online course offerings in order to provide
- 11 students improved access to coursework and the opportunity to
- 12 accelerate their degree completion.
- 13 (c) To foster greater coordination among all segments of higher
- 14 education in the state, in order to improve student outcomes.
- 15 (d) That, in addition to intrasystem coordination, the segments
- 16 of higher education shall take all steps possible to improve
- 17 coordination within their respective segments.
- 18 (e) That the segments of higher education appropriately ~~use all~~
- 19 ~~resources available to them~~ *allocate available resources* to
- 20 accomplish the above-stated goals.
- 21 (f) That the segments of higher education appropriately use
- 22 existing online education resources to accomplish the above-stated
- 23 goals.
- 24 SEC. 2. Chapter 9.6 (commencing with Section 66760) is added
- 25 to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

1 CHAPTER 9.6. CROSS-ENROLLMENT IN ONLINE EDUCATION AT
2 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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4 66760. For the purposes of this chapter, the following
5 definitions apply:

6 (a) ~~“Course provided entirely online” means a course where~~
7 ~~100 percent of the work necessary for completion of the course~~
8 ~~can be performed remotely.~~

9 (b)

10 (a) *“Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the California State*
11 *University.*

12 (b) *“CSU” means the California State University.*

13 (c) *“Home campus” means the California State University*
14 *campus at which the student is matriculated.*

15 (e)

16 (d) *“Host campus” means the campus to which the student seeks*
17 *access.*

18 66760.5. ~~Any student enrolled in a campus of the California~~
19 ~~State University~~ *By the beginning of the 2015–16 academic year,*
20 *a California resident enrolled at a CSU campus who meets the*
21 *requirements of Section 66761 may enroll, without formal*
22 *admission, and without payment of additional tuition or fees, except*
23 *as provided in Section 66761.5, in a course provided entirely online*
24 *by another campus of the California State University on a*
25 *space-available basis. Nonresident and international CSU students*
26 *who meet these conditions may also enroll in an online course*
27 *provided by another CSU campus, but shall pay the per unit fees*
28 *for this course at the host campus.*

29 66761. A student is qualified to participate in the program
30 established by this chapter if he or she is ~~enrolled in a campus of~~
31 ~~the California State University~~ *at a CSU campus* and meets the
32 following requirements:

33 (a) The student has attained a grade point average of 2.0 on a
34 4-point scale for work completed.

35 (b) The student has paid appropriate tuition or fees, or both,
36 required by the home campus for *full-time enrollment for the*
37 *academic term in which the student seeks to cross-enroll.*

38 (c) The student has no outstanding tuition or fees to be paid at
39 the home campus.

1 66761.5. The host campus may charge participating students
2 an administration fee *and specific course-based fees*, not to exceed
3 an amount sufficient for the campus to recover administrative costs
4 it incurs pursuant to this chapter.

5 ~~66762. The Chancellor of the California State University shall~~
6 ~~establish a single point of online access~~ *chancellor's office shall*
7 *establish a convenient online methodology* so that students meeting
8 the requirements of Section 66761 may do both of the following:

9 (a) Be informed of the opportunity to access courses provided
10 entirely online by another campus of the California State
11 University.

12 (b) Simultaneously enroll in courses at their home campus and
13 enroll in courses provided entirely online at another campus of the
14 California State University, as provided for in Section 66762.5.

15 ~~66762.5. Students of the California State University A~~
16 *matriculated CSU student* shall have priority access to *online*
17 *courses provided at their his or her home campus.* ~~California State~~
18 ~~University students, meeting A CSU student who meets~~ the
19 requirements of Section 66761, ~~seeking and seeks~~ to enroll in
20 courses provided entirely online by another ~~campus of the~~
21 ~~California State University CSU campus~~ shall be able to enroll
22 ~~provided that:~~ *that cross-enrollment students generally have an*
23 *opportunity to enroll in these online courses at any time after the*
24 *priority enrollment period for continuing students as determined*
25 *by each host campus. The host campus enrollment policy shall, to*
26 *the extent possible, encourage cross-enrollment as provided for*
27 *in this chapter.*

28 ~~(a) The students at the host campus, to which the student is~~
29 ~~seeking to enroll in a course provided entirely online, have had a~~
30 ~~period of not less than five days to enroll in a course provided~~
31 ~~entirely online.~~

32 ~~(b) After a period of five days has passed, the host campus~~
33 ~~providing the class entirely online has not met or exceeded capacity~~
34 ~~with matriculated students from that campus.~~

35 66763. A course provided entirely online pursuant to this
36 chapter shall be accepted for credit at the student's home campus
37 on the same basis as it would be for a student matriculated at the
38 host campus.

39 66763.5. The enrollment of a student at a host campus pursuant
40 to this chapter may be counted in the calculation of headcount or

1 full-time equivalent student enrollment at the host campus. The
2 home campus and the host campus at which the student is
3 cross-enrolled may count in the calculation of headcount or
4 full-time equivalent student enrollment only those units for which
5 the student is enrolled at each respective campus.

6 *66764. On or before January 1, 2015, the trustees shall*
7 *establish both of the following:*

8 *(a) An easily accessible online database of online courses*
9 *available at all CSU campuses. This database shall provide CSU*
10 *students with a streamlined process within the CSU system to allow*
11 *students to find and enroll in courses that will earn them credit*
12 *toward graduation, general education, and major requirements.*

13 *(b) Plans for an intrasystem cross-enrollment process to expedite*
14 *student learning that will be operational at the beginning of the*
15 *2015–16 academic year.*

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