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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 available at other CSU campuses. The bill would authorize any student enrolled 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 available at other CSU campuses. Students enrolling in online
- 6 courses at a campus other than their home campus shall be provided
- 7 a streamlined process of transferring units for credit at the home
- 8 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 allocate
- 19 available resources to accomplish the above-stated goals.
- 20 (f) That the segments of higher education appropriately use
- 21 existing online education resources to accomplish the above-stated
- 22 goals.

1 SEC. 2. Chapter 9.6 (commencing with Section 66760) is added
2 to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 9.6. CROSS-ENROLLMENT IN ONLINE EDUCATION AT
5 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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7 66760. For the purposes of this chapter, the following
8 definitions apply:

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

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

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

14 (d) “Host campus” means the campus to which the student seeks
15 access.

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

26 66761. A student is qualified to participate in the program
27 established by this chapter if he or she is enrolled at a CSU campus
28 and meets the following requirements:

29 (a) The student has attained a grade point average of 2.0 on a
30 4-point scale for work completed.

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

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

36 66761.5. The host campus may charge participating students
37 ~~an~~ a reasonable administration fee and specific course-based fees,
38 not to exceed an amount sufficient for the campus to recover
39 reasonable administrative costs it incurs pursuant to this chapter.

1 66762. The chancellor's office shall establish a convenient
2 online methodology so that students meeting the requirements of
3 Section 66761 may do both of the following:

4 (a) Be informed of the opportunity to access courses provided
5 entirely online by another campus of the California State
6 University.

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

10 66762.5. A matriculated CSU student shall have priority access
11 to online courses provided at his or her home campus. A CSU
12 student who meets the requirements of Section 66761, and seeks
13 to enroll in courses provided entirely online by another CSU
14 campus, shall be able to enroll, provided that cross-enrollment
15 students generally have an opportunity to enroll in these online
16 courses at any time after the priority enrollment period for
17 continuing students as determined by each host campus. The host
18 campus enrollment policy shall, to the extent possible, encourage
19 cross-enrollment as provided for in this chapter.

20 66763. A course provided entirely online pursuant to this
21 chapter shall be accepted for credit at the student's home campus
22 on the same basis as it would be for a student matriculated at the
23 host campus.

24 66763.5. The enrollment of a student at a host campus pursuant
25 to this chapter may be counted in the calculation of headcount or
26 full-time equivalent student enrollment at the host campus. The
27 home campus and the host campus at which the student is
28 cross-enrolled may count in the calculation of headcount or
29 full-time equivalent student enrollment only those units for which
30 the student is enrolled at each respective campus.

31 66764. On or before January 1, 2015, the trustees shall establish
32 both of the following:

33 (a) An easily accessible online database of online courses
34 available at all CSU campuses. This database shall provide CSU
35 students with a streamlined process within the CSU system to
36 allow students to find and enroll in courses that will earn them
37 credit toward graduation, general education, and major
38 requirements.

- 1 (b) Plans for an intrasystem cross-enrollment process to expedite
- 2 student learning that will be operational at the beginning of the
- 3 2015–16 academic year.

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