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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 *Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 89225) to Chapter 2 of Part 55 of Division 8 of, and 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.

This bill would require the trustees to establish a series of uniform definitions for online education for CSU on or before January 1, 2015, as specified. The bill would require the trustees to report performance data about online education to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2017, and every 2 years until 2021.

This bill would require the trustees to report to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2015, on the feasibility of developing an accelerated bachelor’s degree completion program consisting of online courses aimed at students who started college but never obtained a degree.

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

1 students improved access to coursework and the opportunity to
2 accelerate their degree completion.

3 (c) To foster greater coordination among all segments of higher
4 education in the state, in order to improve student outcomes.

5 (d) That, in addition to intrasystem coordination, the segments
6 of higher education shall take all steps possible to improve
7 coordination within their respective segments.

8 (e) That the segments of higher education appropriately allocate
9 available resources to accomplish the above-stated goals.

10 (f) That the segments of higher education appropriately use
11 existing online education resources to accomplish the above-stated
12 goals.

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

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16 CHAPTER 9.6. CROSS-ENROLLMENT IN ONLINE EDUCATION AT
17 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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19 66760. For the purposes of this chapter, the following
20 definitions apply:

21 (a) “Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the California State
22 University.

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

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

26 (d) “Host campus” means the campus to which the student seeks
27 access.

28 66760.5. By the beginning of the 2015–16 academic year, a
29 California resident enrolled at a CSU campus who meets the
30 requirements of Section 66761 may enroll, without formal
31 admission, and without payment of additional tuition or fees, except
32 as provided in Section 66761.5, in a course provided entirely online
33 by another campus of the California State University on a
34 space-available basis. Nonresident and international CSU students
35 who meet these conditions may also enroll in an online course
36 provided by another CSU campus, but shall pay the per unit fees
37 for this course at the host campus.

38 66761. A student is qualified to participate in the program
39 established by this chapter if he or she is enrolled at a CSU campus
40 and meets the following requirements:

1 (a) The student has attained a grade point average of 2.0 on a
2 4-point scale for work completed.

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

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

8 66761.5. The host campus may charge participating students
9 a reasonable administration fee and specific course-based fees, not
10 to exceed an amount sufficient for the campus to recover reasonable
11 administrative costs it incurs pursuant to this chapter.

12 66762. The chancellor's office shall establish a convenient
13 online methodology so that students meeting the requirements of
14 Section 66761 may do both of the following:

15 (a) Be informed of the opportunity to access courses provided
16 entirely online by another campus of the California State
17 University.

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

21 66762.5. A matriculated CSU student shall have priority access
22 to online courses provided at his or her home campus. A CSU
23 student who meets the requirements of Section 66761, and seeks
24 to enroll in courses provided entirely online by another CSU
25 campus, shall be able to enroll, provided that cross-enrollment
26 students generally have an opportunity to enroll in these online
27 courses at any time after the priority enrollment period for
28 continuing students as determined by each host campus. The host
29 campus enrollment policy shall, to the extent possible, encourage
30 cross-enrollment as provided for in this chapter.

31 66763. A course provided entirely online pursuant to this
32 chapter shall be accepted for credit at the student's home campus
33 on the same basis as it would be for a student matriculated at the
34 host campus.

35 66763.5. The enrollment of a student at a host campus pursuant
36 to this chapter may be counted in the calculation of headcount or
37 full-time equivalent student enrollment at the host campus. The
38 home campus and the host campus at which the student is
39 cross-enrolled may count in the calculation of headcount or

1 full-time equivalent student enrollment only those units for which
2 the student is enrolled at each respective campus.

3 66764. On or before January 1, 2015, the trustees shall establish
4 both of the following:

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

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

14 *SEC. 3. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 89225) is added*
15 *to Chapter 2 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the Education*
16 *Code, to read:*

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Article 3.5. Online Education

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20 89225. *On or before January 1, 2015, for the purposes of*
21 *measuring the effectiveness of online education, the trustees shall*
22 *establish a series of uniform definitions for online education. The*
23 *definitions developed by the trustees under this section shall, at a*
24 *minimum, include a systemwide definition for an online course*
25 *where the course can be entirely completed remotely.*

26 89226. (a) *On or before January 1, 2017, and on or before*
27 *January 1 every two years thereafter, the trustees shall report to*
28 *the Legislature key performance data on online courses as defined*
29 *in Section 89225, including, but not necessarily limited to, all of*
30 *the following:*

31 (1) *The number of students enrolled at each campus.*

32 (2) *Course completion rates for courses other than online*
33 *courses.*

34 (3) *Completion rates for degree programs that include no online*
35 *courses.*

36 (4) *Grade point average for students enrolled in online courses.*

37 (5) *The number of students cross-enrolled in online courses at*
38 *a California State University campus other than the campus at*
39 *which they are matriculated.*

1 (6) Course completion rates for students enrolled in online
2 courses.

3 (7) Completion rates for degree programs that include online
4 courses.

5 (b) Student enrollment and completion rate data included in a
6 report to be submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be made
7 available by demographics, including age, gender, and ethnicity.

8 (c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under
9 subdivision (a) is inoperative on July 1, 2021, pursuant to Section
10 10231.5 of the Government Code.

11 (2) The report prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be
12 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
13 Code.

14 SEC. 4. On or before January 1, 2015, the Trustees of the
15 California State University shall report to the Legislature on the
16 feasibility of developing an accelerated bachelor's degree
17 completion program consisting of online courses aimed at students
18 who started college but never obtained a degree. The report
19 prepared pursuant to this section shall be submitted in compliance
20 with Section 9795 of the Government Code.