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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 387**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 15, 2013

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An act to add Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 89225) to Chapter 2 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 387, as amended, Levine. Public postsecondary education: California State University: online education.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law specifies that 25 institutions of higher education comprise the California State University.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature that the California State University have a uniform definition of online education for the purposes of measuring its effectiveness. The bill would require the trustees to establish a series of uniform definitions for online education 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. ~~The bill would require, in the development of new programs of instruction at each campus of the California State University, that not less than 10% of new course offerings be online courses, as defined.~~

This bill would require the ~~Trustees of the California State University~~ *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~~, *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. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the  
2 expansion of online education can increase accessibility, and  
3 accelerate degree completion. However, the value and effectiveness  
4 of new online education programs should properly be measured,  
5 and the Legislature should be provided with data to understand  
6 the effectiveness of online education.

7 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the California State  
8 University develop a uniform definition of online education for  
9 the purposes of measuring its effectiveness.

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

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14 Article 3.5. Online Education  
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16 89225. On or before January 1, 2015, for the purposes of  
17 measuring the effectiveness of online education, the trustees shall  
18 establish a series of uniform definitions for online education. The  
19 definitions developed by the trustees under this section shall, at a  
20 minimum, include a systemwide definition for an online course  
21 where the course can be entirely completed remotely.

22 89226. (a) On or before January 1, 2017, and on or before  
23 January 1 every two years thereafter, the trustees shall report to  
24 the Legislature key performance data on online courses as defined  
25 in Section 89225, including, but not necessarily limited to, all of  
26 the following:

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

28 (2) Course completion rates for courses other than online  
29 courses.

1 (3) Completion rates for degree programs that include no online  
2 courses.

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

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

7 (6) Course completion rates for students enrolled in online  
8 courses.

9 (7) Completion rates for degree programs that include online  
10 courses.

11 (b) Student enrollment and completion rate data included in a  
12 report to be submitted pursuant to this ~~subdivision~~ *section* shall  
13 be made available by demographics, including age, gender, and  
14 ethnicity.

15 (c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under  
16 subdivision (a) is inoperative on July 1, 2021, pursuant to Section  
17 10231.5 of the Government Code.

18 (2) The report prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be  
19 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
20 Code.

21 ~~89226.5. In the development of new programs of instruction~~  
22 ~~at each campus of the California State University, not less than 10~~  
23 ~~percent of new course offerings shall be online courses as defined~~  
24 ~~in Section 89225.~~

25 SEC. 3. On or before January 1, 2015, the Trustees of the  
26 California State University shall report to the Legislature on the  
27 feasibility of developing an accelerated bachelor's degree  
28 completion program consisting of online ~~courses~~, *courses* aimed  
29 at students who started college but never obtained a degree. The  
30 report prepared pursuant to this section shall be submitted in  
31 compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.