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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1451

Introduced by Assembly Member Holden

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An act to amend Sections 48800 and 76001 of, and to add Sections 48803 and 76004 to, the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1451, as amended, Holden. Public schools: concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to allow pupils whom the district has determined would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work to attend community college as special part-time or full-time students, subject to parental permission. Existing law, until January 1, 2014, required credit to be awarded to these pupils, as specified, made the authority of a school principal to recommend a pupil for community college summer session contingent

upon a determination that the pupil met various criteria, and prohibited the principal from recommending more than 5% of the total number of pupils from any particular grade level who completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation for summer session attendance, except as specified.

This bill would reinstate these provisions until January 1, 2017, and would add a specified exception to the 5% limitation. The bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to enter into a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement with a community college district located within its immediate service area to allow pupils to attend community college. The bill would require a community college district and a school district, as a condition of, and before adopting, a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement, to take testimony from the public and approve or disapprove the proposed agreement at a regularly scheduled open public hearing of its respective governing board. The bill would require the concurrent enrollment partnership agreement to outline the terms of the partnership, as specified. The bill would prohibit a school district from receiving a state allowance or apportionment for a pupil for whom a community college district has been, or will be, paid an allowance or apportionment under a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement. The bill would authorize a participating high school to monitor the progress of its pupils attending a community college and to obtain the pupils' records from a community college district to do so. The bill would require, for each concurrent enrollment partnership agreement entered into under the bill, the affected community college district and school district to file an annual report, containing specified data, with the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

The bill would also authorize the governing board of a community college district to enter into a partnership with the governing board of a school district located within its service area with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to community college for career technical education or preparation for transfer, improving high school graduation rates, or helping high school pupils achieve college and career readiness. The bill would require the partnership agreement to outline the terms of the partnership, as specified, and would require copies of the partnership agreement to be filed with the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The bill would authorize a community college district to limit enrollment in a community college

course to solely high school pupils under specified circumstances. The bill would authorize specified high school pupils to enroll in up to 15 units if those units are required for these pupils' partnership programs and specified circumstances are satisfied, and would authorize a community college district to exempt special part-time and full-time students taking up to a maximum of 15 units per term from specified fee requirements. The bill would prohibit a community college district from receiving a state allowance or apportionment for a pupil for whom a school district has been, or will be, paid an allowance or apportionment under a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement. The bill would require, for each partnership agreement entered into under the bill, the affected community college district and school district to file an annual report, containing specified data, with the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

The bill would also make related and conforming changes.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) Campuses of the California Community Colleges are located
- 4 throughout California and provide an educational resource for all
- 5 communities.
- 6 (b) Existing law allows certain high school pupils to take classes
- 7 at community colleges. These pupils are defined in statute as
- 8 special-admits and the programs in which they participate are
- 9 known as concurrent or dual enrollment programs. The main target
- 10 of these programs is advanced education and the work completed
- 11 in them is primarily defined as college-level work.
- 12 (c) Existing law imposes strict limits on concurrent enrollment
- 13 programs. No more than 5 percent of the pupils in any particular
- 14 high school grade level may enroll in a community college during
- 15 summer sessions. In addition, the types of classes pupils may take
- 16 pursuant to these programs are generally limited to advanced
- 17 education classes.
- 18 (d) Existing law includes statutory reforms and restrictions to
- 19 prevent abuses regarding this type of enrollment.

1 (e) The current restrictions on concurrent enrollment inhibit the
2 ability of school districts and their pupils to make maximum use
3 of community college facilities and opportunities. By reducing
4 some of the restrictions on concurrent enrollment it will be possible
5 to expand concurrent enrollment opportunities for pupils, including
6 pupils working to improve their college readiness and career
7 technical skills.

8 (f) Allowing a greater and more varied segment of high school
9 pupils to take community college courses could provide benefits
10 to pupils and to the state in numerous ways, such as reducing the
11 number of high school dropouts, increasing the number of
12 community college students who transfer and complete a degree,
13 shortening *the* time to completion of educational goals, and
14 improving the level of preparation of pupils in the area of career
15 technical education.

16 (g) Exposure to college classes and the college experience while
17 in high school improves college participation rates.

18 (h) Concurrent enrollment saves money for both the state and
19 the pupils and provides for more effective use of facilities.

20 SEC. 2. Section 48800 of the Education Code is amended to
21 read:

22 48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may
23 determine which pupils would benefit from concurrent enrollment
24 in a community college, subject to approval of admission by the
25 community college district in accordance with applicable statutes
26 and regulations of the Board of Governors of the California
27 Community Colleges. The intent of this section is to provide
28 educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of
29 eligible pupils, rather than to reduce current course requirements
30 of elementary and secondary schools, and also to help ensure a
31 smoother transition from high school to college for pupils by
32 providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate experience.
33 The governing board of a school district may authorize those
34 pupils, upon recommendation of the principal of the pupil's school
35 of attendance, or his or her designee, or pursuant to a concurrent
36 enrollment partnership agreement in accordance with Section
37 48803, and with parental consent, to attend a community college
38 during any session or term as special part-time or full-time students
39 and to undertake one or more courses of instruction offered at the
40 community college level.

1 (b) If the governing board of a school district denies a request
2 for a special part-time or full-time enrollment at a community
3 college for any session or term for a pupil who is identified as
4 highly gifted, the governing board of the school district shall issue
5 its written recommendation and the reasons for the denial within
6 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be issued
7 at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at least 30
8 days after the request has been submitted.

9 (c) A pupil may receive community college and high school
10 credit for community college courses that he or she completes, as
11 determined to be appropriate by the governing boards of the school
12 district and community college district, and in accordance with
13 other state and federal laws.

14 (d) (1) The principal of a school may recommend a pupil for
15 community college summer session only if that pupil meets both
16 of the following criteria:

17 (A) Demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be
18 studied.

19 (B) Exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course,
20 if any, at his or her school of attendance.

21 (2) For any particular grade level, a principal shall not
22 recommend for community college summer session attendance
23 more than 5 percent of the total number of pupils who completed
24 that grade immediately before the time of recommendation.

25 (3) A high school pupil recommended by his or her principal
26 for enrollment in a course shall not be included in the 5-percent
27 limitation of pupils allowed to be recommended pursuant to
28 paragraph (2) if the course in which the pupil is enrolled meets
29 one of the criteria listed in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive,
30 and the high school principal who recommends the pupil for
31 enrollment provides the Chancellor of the California Community
32 Colleges, upon the request of that office, with the data required
33 for the purposes of paragraph (4).

34 (A) The course is a lower division, college-level course for
35 credit that is designated as part of the Intersegmental General
36 Education Transfer Curriculum or applies toward the general
37 education breadth requirements of the California State University.

38 (B) The course is a college-level, occupational course for credit
39 assigned a priority code of "A," "B," or "C," pursuant to the
40 Student Accountability Model, as defined by the Chancellor of the

1 California Community Colleges and reported in the management
2 information system, and the course is part of a sequence of
3 vocational or career technical education courses leading to a degree
4 or certificate in the subject area covered by the sequence.

5 (C) The course is necessary to assist a pupil who has not passed
6 the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE), does
7 not offer college credit in English language arts or mathematics,
8 and the pupil meets both of the following requirements:

9 (i) The pupil is in his or her senior year of high school.

10 (ii) The pupil has completed all other graduation requirements
11 before the end of his or her senior year, or will complete all
12 remaining graduation requirements during a community college
13 summer session, which he or she is recommended to enroll in,
14 following his or her senior year of high school.

15 (D) The course is necessary to address the deficiencies in
16 English language arts or mathematics of a pupil who has not
17 demonstrated college-readiness on an Early Assessment Program
18 assessment or a successor common core-aligned assessment.

19 (4) On or before March 1 of each year, the Chancellor of the
20 California Community Colleges shall report to the Department of
21 Finance the number of pupils recommended pursuant to paragraph
22 (3) who enroll in community college summer session courses and
23 who receive a passing grade. The information in this report may
24 be submitted with the report required by subdivision (c) of Section
25 76002.

26 (5) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section 33050)
27 of Chapter 1 of Part 20 of Division 2 of Title 2, compliance with
28 this subdivision shall not be waived.

29 (e) Paragraphs (3) and (4) of subdivision (d) shall become
30 inoperative on January 1, 2017.

31 SEC. 3. Section 48803 is added to the Education Code, to read:

32 48803. (a) (1) The governing board of a school district may
33 enter into a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement with the
34 governing board of a community college district located within its
35 immediate service area, with the goal of developing a seamless
36 pathway from high school to community college for
37 career-technical education or preparation for transfer, improving
38 high school graduation rates, or helping high school pupils achieve
39 college and career readiness.

1 (2) A participating school district may adopt a concurrent
2 enrollment partnership agreement with a community college district
3 partner that is approved by the governing boards of both districts.
4 As a condition of, and before adopting, a concurrent enrollment
5 partnership agreement, a community college district and a school
6 district, at a regularly scheduled open public hearing of their
7 respective governing boards, shall take testimony from the public
8 and approve or disapprove the proposed concurrent enrollment
9 partnership agreement.

10 (3) (A) The concurrent enrollment partnership agreement shall
11 outline the terms of the partnership, and may include, but shall not
12 necessarily be limited to, the scope, nature, and schedule of courses
13 offered, and the criteria to assess the ability of pupils to benefit
14 from those courses. The concurrent enrollment partnership
15 agreement may establish protocols for information sharing, joint
16 facilities use, and parental consent for pupils.

17 (B) The concurrent enrollment partnership agreement shall
18 identify a point of contact for the participating school district and
19 community college district.

20 (C) The concurrent enrollment partnership agreement shall
21 certify that any community college instructor teaching a course
22 on a high school campus has not been convicted of any sex offense,
23 as defined in Section 87010, or any controlled substance offense,
24 as defined in Section 87011.

25 (D) Copies of the concurrent enrollment partnership agreement
26 shall be filed with the Superintendent and the Chancellor of the
27 California Community Colleges before the start of a program
28 authorized by this article.

29 (E) No high school course that satisfies the requirements of an
30 a-g course shall be supplanted by an equivalent community college
31 course offered through the concurrent enrollment partnership
32 agreement.

33 (F) No high school course listed on the school district's master
34 schedule shall be supplanted by an equivalent community college
35 course offered through the concurrent enrollment partnership
36 agreement.

37 (4) A community college district shall not provide physical
38 education course opportunities to secondary school pupils pursuant
39 to this section.

1 (5) A pupil may receive community college and high school
2 credit for community college courses that he or she completes, as
3 determined to be appropriate by the governing boards of the school
4 district and the community college district, and in accordance with
5 other state and federal laws.

6 (6) A pupil shall not be assessed any fees prohibited by Section
7 49011 for community college courses that he or she completes
8 through a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement.

9 (b) A participating school district shall not receive a state
10 allowance or apportionment for ~~an instructional activity~~ *a pupil*
11 for ~~which~~ *whom* a community college district has been, or shall
12 be, paid an allowance or apportionment.

13 (c) A participating high school may monitor the progress of its
14 pupils attending a community college under this section, and may
15 obtain the pupils' records from the community college district to
16 do so.

17 (d) (1) For each concurrent enrollment partnership agreement
18 entered into pursuant to this section, the affected community
19 college district and school district shall report annually to the Office
20 of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges all of the
21 following information:

22 (A) The total number of secondary school pupils enrolled in
23 each program, classified by the school district.

24 (B) The total number of successful course completions of
25 secondary school pupils enrolled in each program, classified by
26 the school district.

27 (C) The total number of successful course completions of
28 students in courses equivalent to those courses tracked under
29 subparagraph (B) in the general community college curriculum.

30 (D) The total number of community college courses offered,
31 classified based on the following:

32 (i) Equivalency to the University of California a-g requirements.

33 (ii) Equivalency to courses on the school district's master
34 schedule.

35 (E) Whether any of the district's course offerings that satisfy
36 the criteria in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (D) have been
37 reduced, and an explanation for that reduction.

38 (2) The annual report required by this subdivision shall also be
39 transmitted to all of the following:

1 (A) The Legislature, in compliance with Section 9795 of the
2 Government Code.

3 (B) The Director of Finance.

4 (C) The Superintendent.

5 SEC. 4. Section 76001 of the Education Code is amended to
6 read:

7 76001. (a) The governing board of a community college district
8 may admit to any community college under its jurisdiction as a
9 special part-time or full-time student in any session or term any
10 student who is eligible to attend community college pursuant to
11 Section 48800 or 48800.5.

12 (b) If the governing board denies a request for a special part-time
13 or full-time enrollment at a community college for a pupil who is
14 identified as highly gifted, the board shall record its findings and
15 the reasons for denial of the request in writing within 60 days. The
16 written recommendation and denial shall be issued at the next
17 regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at least 30 days after
18 the request has been submitted.

19 (c) The attendance of a pupil at a community college as a special
20 part-time or full-time student pursuant to this section is authorized
21 attendance, for which the community college shall be credited or
22 reimbursed pursuant to Sections 48802 and 76002. Credit for
23 courses completed shall be at the level determined to be appropriate
24 by the school district and community college district governing
25 boards.

26 (d) For purposes of this section, a special part-time student may
27 enroll in up to, and including, 11 units per semester, or the
28 equivalent thereof, at the community college.

29 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the governing board
30 of a community college district shall assign a low enrollment
31 priority to special part-time or full-time students described in
32 subdivision (a) in order to ensure that these students do not displace
33 regularly admitted students.

34 (2) This subdivision does not apply to a student attending a
35 middle college high school as described in Section 11300, an early
36 college high school as described in Section 11302, or pursuant to
37 a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement as described in
38 Section 48803, if the student is seeking to enroll in a community
39 college course that is required for the student's middle college

1 high school, early college high school, or concurrent enrollment
2 partnership program.

3 (f) Notwithstanding Section 48800 and subdivision (d), a
4 community college district may allow a pupil attending a middle
5 college high school, as defined in Section 11300, or early college
6 high school, as defined in Section 11302, or a pupil participating
7 in a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement established
8 pursuant to Section 76004, to enroll in up to a maximum of 15
9 units if those units are required for the pupil’s program, and if
10 either of the following circumstances is satisfied:

11 (1) The units constitute no more than four community college
12 courses per term.

13 (2) The units are part of an academic program offered at the
14 middle college high school or the early college high school that is
15 designed to allow students to earn enough credit to graduate with
16 an associate’s degree or career technical education certificate, or
17 are part of a concurrent enrollment partnership agreement
18 established pursuant to Section 76004.

19 (g) The attendance of a pupil at a community college as a special
20 part-time or full-time student pursuant to this section is authorized
21 attendance for which the community college shall be credited or
22 reimbursed pursuant to Section 48802 or 76002, provided that no
23 school district has received reimbursement for the same
24 instructional activity.

25 SEC. 5. Section 76004 is added to the Education Code, to read:

26 76004. (a) (1) The governing board of a community college
27 district may enter into a partnership with the governing board of
28 a school district located within its service area with the goal of
29 developing seamless pathways from high school to community
30 college for career technical education or preparation for transfer,
31 improving high school graduation rates, or helping high school
32 pupils achieve college and career readiness.

33 (2) A participating community college district may adopt a
34 partnership agreement with a school district partner that is approved
35 by the governing boards of both districts. As a condition of, and
36 before adopting, a partnership agreement, a community college
37 district and a school district, at a regularly scheduled open public
38 hearing of their respective governing boards, shall take testimony
39 from the public and approve or disapprove the proposed partnership
40 agreement.

1 (3) (A) The partnership agreement shall outline the terms of
2 the partnership and may include, but shall not necessarily be limited
3 to, the scope, nature, and listing of community college courses to
4 be offered, and criteria to assess the ability of pupils to benefit
5 from those courses. The partnership agreement may establish
6 protocols for information sharing, joint facilities use, and parental
7 consent for pupils to enroll in community college courses.

8 (B) The partnership agreement shall identify a point of contact
9 for the participating community college district and school district
10 partner.

11 (C) A copy of the partnership agreement shall be filed with the
12 chancellor and the Superintendent before the start of a program
13 authorized by this article.

14 (D) The concurrent enrollment partnership agreement shall
15 certify that any community college instructor teaching a course
16 on a high school campus, pursuant to this section, has not been
17 convicted of any sex offense, as defined in Section 87010, or any
18 controlled substance offense, as defined in Section 87011.

19 (4) A community college district shall not provide physical
20 education course opportunities to secondary school pupils pursuant
21 to this section or any other course opportunities that do not assist
22 in the attainment of the goals listed in paragraph (1).

23 (5) A pupil may receive community college and high school
24 credit for community college courses that he or she completes as
25 determined to be appropriate by the governing boards of the
26 community college district and the school district, and in
27 accordance with other state and federal laws.

28 (6) A pupil shall not be assessed any fees prohibited by Section
29 49011 for community college courses that he or she completes
30 that are offered through a partnership agreement.

31 (7) (A) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 76002 or
32 any other open course provision in statute, or regulations adopted
33 by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges,
34 a community college district may limit enrollment in a community
35 college course to solely high school pupils if the course is offered
36 at a high school campus, is not otherwise offered at the high school,
37 and one or more of the following circumstances are satisfied:

38 (i) The community college course is offered by a middle college
39 high school as defined in Section 11300.

1 (ii) The community college course is offered by an early college
2 high school as defined in Section 11302.

3 (iii) The community college course is offered pursuant to a
4 partnership agreement established pursuant to this article.

5 (B) For purposes of allowances and apportionments from Section
6 B of the State School Fund, a community college district
7 conducting a closed course on a high school campus shall be
8 credited with additional units of FTES attributable to the attendance
9 of eligible high school pupils.

10 (8) Notwithstanding subdivision (d) of Section 76001 and
11 subdivision (f) of Section 76300, the governing board of a
12 community college district participating in a concurrent enrollment
13 partnership agreement established pursuant to this section may, in
14 whole or in part, exempt special part-time or full-time pupils taking
15 up to a maximum of 15 units per term from the fee requirements
16 in Sections 76060.5, 76140, 76223, 76300, 76350, and 79121.

17 *(b) A community college district shall not receive a state
18 allowance or apportionment for a pupil for whom a school district
19 has been, or shall be, paid an allowance or apportionment.*

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21 (c) (1) For each partnership entered into pursuant to this section,
22 the affected community college district and school district shall
23 report annually to the chancellor all of the following information:

24 (A) The total number of secondary school pupils enrolled in
25 each partnership.

26 (B) The total number of community college courses enrolled in
27 by partnership participants.

28 (C) The total number and percentage of successful course
29 completions, by course category and type, of partnership
30 participants.

31 (2) The annual report required by this subdivision shall also be
32 transmitted to all of the following:

33 (A) The Legislature, in compliance with Section 9795 of the
34 Government Code.

35 (B) The Director of Finance.

36 (C) The Superintendent.

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