

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1924**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Logue**

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An act to add Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 66650) to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1924, as introduced, Logue. Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

(1) Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools operated by local educational agencies throughout the state. Existing law also establishes a system of public postsecondary education in this state that includes 3 segments: the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot program with the goal of creating a model of articulation and coordination among K–12 schools, community colleges, and campuses of the California State University that will allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost as close as possible to \$12,000. The bill would establish a Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program that would include campuses of the California State University, community college districts, and county offices of education in up to 7 areas of the

state, but would only include institutions that explicitly request inclusion in the program. The bill would require the public postsecondary educational institutions and local educational agencies participating in the pilot program to coordinate their efforts to expedite the progress of participating students from high school to community college to California State University. Because the bill would impose new duties on community college districts and county offices of education, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

The bill would authorize participating high school students to earn an unlimited number of Advanced Placement course credits, and provide these students with priority enrollment at participating community colleges. The bill would impose grade point average and time requirements on participating students at the community college stage of the pilot program. The bill would require a participating California State University campus to accept a minimum of 60 semester units earned by a participating student at a high school or community college. The bill would require a participating student to receive priority enrollment status at a participating California State University, and would require the participating student to enroll at that California State University either in the summer term or the fall semester immediately succeeding the pupil's completion of the required community college coursework. This bill would limit bachelor's degrees awarded at the participating California State University to a participating student to baccalaureate degrees in one or more of specified fields of study. The bill would prohibit the mandatory systemwide fees and tuition and mandatory campus-based fees charged to a participating student from being increased during the first 2 academic years of his or her attendance at a California State University campus under the pilot program. The bill would authorize the institutions participating in the pilot program, in consultation with the appropriate private entities, to develop summer internships for participating students relating to their fields of study for academic credit.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 66650)  
2 is added to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code,  
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 8.5. BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM  
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7 66650. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot  
8 program with the goal of creating a model of articulation and  
9 coordination among K–12 schools, community colleges, and  
10 campuses of the California State University that will allow students,  
11 including, but not necessarily limited to, students who have earned  
12 college course credit through concurrent enrollment in high school  
13 and community college, to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total  
14 cost as close as possible to twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000).

15 66651. (a) The Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program is hereby  
16 established. The pilot program shall include only institutions that  
17 explicitly request inclusion in the program within the meaning of  
18 Section 17556 of the Government Code.

19 (b) The program shall include public postsecondary educational  
20 institutions and local educational agencies in up to seven areas of  
21 the state, subject to the receipt of a request for inclusion in the  
22 program pursuant to subdivision (a).

23 (c) The public postsecondary educational institutions and local  
24 educational agencies participating in the pilot program shall  
25 coordinate their efforts to expedite the progress of participating  
26 students from high school to community college to California State  
27 University to earn their baccalaureate degrees.

28 66652. Notwithstanding any other law:

29 (a) In each of the areas designated pursuant to subdivision (b)  
30 of Section 66651, the number of Advanced Placement (AP) course  
31 credits that a participating high school pupil may earn is unlimited.

32 (b) A participating student may attend and earn college course  
33 credit at either his or her high school or at a participating  
34 community college.

35 (c) In order to earn college course credit under the pilot program  
36 for college-level coursework undertaken at a high school before  
37 graduation from high school, a participating student shall earn a

1 score of three or better on the AP examination for each  
2 college-level course.

3 (d) A participating student shall receive priority enrollment  
4 status at a participating community college, and be required to  
5 enroll at that community college either in the summer term or the  
6 fall semester immediately succeeding that pupil's graduation from  
7 high school.

8 (e) In order to remain in the pilot program, a participating  
9 student shall maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a  
10 4-point scale at the community college he or she attends pursuant  
11 to the pilot program.

12 (f) A participating student shall be a full time student, shall take  
13 no less than 12 semester units each semester, and shall complete  
14 his or her associate of arts transfer degree in not more than two  
15 years from the date he or she enrolled at the community college.

16 (g) A participating California State University campus shall  
17 accept a minimum of 60 semester units earned by a participating  
18 student at either a high school or a community college pursuant  
19 to the pilot program.

20 (h) A participating student shall receive priority enrollment  
21 status at a participating California State University, and shall be  
22 required to enroll at that California State University either in the  
23 summer term or the fall semester immediately succeeding that  
24 pupil's completion of the required community college coursework.

25 (i) The bachelor's degrees awarded at the participating California  
26 State University to a participating student shall be limited to  
27 baccalaureate degrees in one or more of the following fields of  
28 study:

- 29 (1) Science.
- 30 (2) Technology.
- 31 (3) Engineering.
- 32 (4) Mathematics.

33 (j) The institutions participating in the pilot program, in  
34 consultation with the appropriate private entities, may develop  
35 summer internships for participating students relating to their fields  
36 of study, for which academic credit shall be awarded for successful  
37 completion.

38 (k) The mandatory systemwide fees and tuition and mandatory  
39 campus-based fees charged to a participating student shall not be  
40 increased during the first two academic years of his or her

1 attendance at a California State University campus pursuant to the  
2 pilot program.

3 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
4 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
5 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
6 district are the result of a program for which legislative authority  
7 was requested by that local agency or school district, within the  
8 meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section  
9 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

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