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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2247

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 66014.8 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2247, as amended, Williams. Postsecondary education: accreditation documents.

Under existing law, there are 4 segments of postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the three public segments: the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges. Private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education constitute the other segment.

This bill would require each campus or other unit of the segments listed above that receives public funding through state or federal financial aid programs, is *institutionally* accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, and offers education and training programs to California students to make final *institutional* accreditation documents available to the public via the institution's Internet Web site, *as specified*.

To the extent that this bill would require community college districts to provide this service, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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. Section 66014.8 is added to the Education Code,
 2 to read:

3 66014.8. (a) All campuses or other units of any segment of
 4 postsecondary education that receive public funding through state
 5 or federal financial aid programs, are *institutionally* accredited by
 6 an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
 7 of Education, and offer education and training programs to
 8 California students shall make final *institutional* accreditation
 9 documents available to the public via *display in a prominent*
 10 *location on the institution’s Internet Web site, with a link to these*
 11 *documents on the institutional Web site homepage.*

12 (b) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
 13 following meanings:

14 (1) ~~“Accreditation”~~ “*Institutional accreditation* documents”
 15 means the institution’s *institutional* accreditation self-study report,
 16 the *institutional* accreditation visiting team’s final report, and the
 17 *institutional* accreditation agency’s final action letter.

18 (2) “Segment of postsecondary education” means the California
 19 Community Colleges, the California State University, the
 20 University of California, the independent institutions of higher
 21 education, as defined in Section 66010, or the private
 22 postsecondary educational institutions, as defined in Section 94858.

23 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
 24 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
 25 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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