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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2481

Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 66072 of, and to amend and renumber the heading of Article 7 (commencing with Section 66070) of Chapter 2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of, the Education Code, relating to postsecondary *elementary and secondary* education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2481, as amended, Bradford. ~~Postsecondary education: Higher Education Assessment Act of 1990. Elementary and secondary education: length of school day and school year: analysis.~~

Existing law prescribes the minimum number of school days per year for public schools.

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office, by December 1, 2015, to provide the Legislature with a cost-benefit analysis regarding various potential changes to the length or structure of school days or school years in public elementary and secondary schools with the objective of providing increased educational benefits and improved life outcomes to disadvantaged and underperforming pupils, as specified.

~~Existing law establishes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law, known as the Higher Education Assessment Act of 1990, among other things, expresses the intent of the Legislature to monitor the performance of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges in several designated areas.~~

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in the Higher Education Assessment Act of 1990.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislative Analyst’s Office, on or before
2 December 1, 2015, shall provide the Legislature with a cost-benefit
3 analysis regarding various potential changes to the length or
4 structure of school days or school years in public elementary and
5 secondary schools with the objective of providing increased
6 educational benefits and improved life outcomes to disadvantaged
7 and underperforming pupils. The analysis shall weigh the potential
8 benefits of these improvements compared to the potential costs of
9 the improvements, including, but not limited to, increased school
10 operating costs for personnel and facilities, and may propose
11 creative solutions in that regard. The analysis shall specifically
12 consider the decline in academic achievement occurring each year
13 during the summer vacation period from interruption of instruction.

14 SECTION 1. The heading of Article 7 (commencing with
15 Section 66070) of Chapter 2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of
16 the Education Code, as added by Section 32 of Chapter 758 of the
17 Statutes of 1995, is amended and renumbered to read:

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19 Article 6.5. Higher Education Assessment Act of 1990
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21 SEC. 2. Section 66072 of the Education Code is amended to
22 read:

23 66072. It is the intent of the Legislature to monitor the
24 performance of the University of California, the California State
25 University, and the California Community Colleges in each of the
26 following areas:

- 27 (a) Diversification of student bodies.
- 28 (b) Improved student transfer rates.
- 29 (c) Improved student retention rates.
- 30 (d) Diversification of faculty, nonfaculty academic staff, and
31 administrative positions.

- 1 (e) ~~As a part of program review, enhanced student learning, as~~
- 2 ~~demonstrated through mechanisms designed to explore~~
- 3 ~~improvements in knowledge, skills, and abilities.~~

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