

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2519

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chávez and Harkey)
(Coauthors: Senators Vidak and Wright)

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 17053.51 to the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2519, as introduced, Patterson. Personal income taxes: credit: education expenses.

The Personal Income Tax Law allows various credits against the taxes imposed by that law.

This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2018, allow a credit in an amount equal to 50% of the tuition paid or incurred during the taxable year by a California resident taxpayer for education and training obtained at a vocational institution, as defined.

This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

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. Section 17053.51 is added to the Revenue and
- 2 Taxation Code, to read:
- 3 17053.51. (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January
- 4 1, 2014, there shall be allowed as a credit against the "net tax," as

1 defined in Section 17039, an amount equal to 50 percent of the
2 tuition paid or incurred by a taxpayer during the taxable year for
3 education and training obtained at a vocational institution for job
4 training and career advancement studies.

5 (b) For purposes of this section, “vocational institution” means
6 an institution of higher education in which students are taught
7 job-specific skills in a variety of fields, including, but not limited
8 to, the fields of pharmacy technician or automotive technician.

9 (c) In the case where the credit allowed by this section exceeds
10 the “net tax” the excess may be carried over to reduce the “net
11 tax” in the following year, and succeeding seven years if necessary,
12 until the credit is exhausted.

13 SEC. 2. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning of
14 Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.