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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2736

Introduced by Committee on Higher Education (Assembly Members Williams (Chair), Chávez (Vice Chair), Bloom, Fong, Fox, Jones-Sawyer, Levine, Linder, Medina, Olsen, Quirk-Silva, Weber, and Wilk)

February 26, 2014

An act to amend Sections 89007.7, 89282, and 89720 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2736, as amended, Committee on Higher Education. Postsecondary education: California State University.

(1) Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law requires, commencing on January 1, 2014, and every 2 years thereafter, that the Legislative Analyst's Office, in consultation with the university, submit a report to the Legislature including specified data relating to the California State University Early Start Program. Existing law makes these provisions regarding the Early Start Program inoperative on January 1, 2018.

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to submit that report no later than July 1 of each even-numbered year, and change the inoperative date for the above provisions regarding the Early Start Program to July 1, 2018.

(2) Existing law authorizes the university to establish a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot program at 3 campuses chosen by the

trustees to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Existing law requires the university, the Legislative Analyst's Office, and the Department of Finance to jointly conduct a statewide evaluation of the degree pilot program and report the results to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2017. Existing law requires that evaluation to consider specified information, including the number of Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot programs implemented, ~~including~~ *and* information regarding the number of applicants, admissions, enrollments, degree recipients, time-to-degree, attrition, and public school and community college program partners.

This bill would delete the requirement that the evaluation include information regarding public school and community college program partners, make ~~other~~ nonsubstantive changes to these *evaluation* provisions, and repeal these *evaluation* provisions on January 1, 2021.

(3) Existing law authorizes the trustees to accept on behalf of the state any gifts, bequests, devises, or donations of real property whenever the gift and terms and conditions thereof will aid in carrying out the primary functions of the California State University. Existing law authorizes the trustees to sell or exchange real property interests in accordance with specified requirements. Existing law requires these gifts, bequests, devises, donations of real property, or sales or exchanges of real property interests to be annually reported to the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and the Department of Finance by January 5 of each year.

This bill would change that annual reporting date to January 31 of each year, *and would provide for the report to be made to a successor agency to the California Postsecondary Education Commission as an alternative to the commission.*

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 89007.7 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 89007.7. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the
4 California State University Early Start Program was adopted
5 pursuant to Executive Order No. 1048 at the May 2010 meeting
6 of the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) with the
7 stated goal of facilitating a student's graduation through changes

1 in policies on fulfilling entry-level proficiencies in mathematics
2 and English.

3 (b) Commencing on January 1, 2014, and on or before July 1
4 every even-numbered year thereafter, the Legislative Analyst's
5 Office, in consultation with CSU, shall submit a report to the
6 Legislature detailing the impact of the CSU Early Start Program
7 on student mathematics and English proficiency. The report to the
8 Legislature required by this subdivision shall include, but not
9 necessarily be limited to, all of the following:

10 (1) Information on how the CSU Early Start Program increases
11 successful remediation rates as compared to the remediation rates
12 that existed in the 2010–11 academic year.

13 (2) Information on how the CSU Early Start Program expedites
14 the student remediation process, or otherwise reduces the length
15 of time that students spend on remediation.

16 (3) Demographic information on participants in the CSU Early
17 Start Program, including information relating to race or ethnicity,
18 eligibility for financial aid, geographic origins, and other pertinent
19 data.

20 (4) The number of enrollees in the CSU Early Start Program,
21 counted statewide and by campus, including the number who
22 eventually earned credit from the program.

23 (5) As observed one year after participating in the CSU Early
24 Start Program, counted statewide and by campus, how many
25 enrollees became proficient, how many did not remediate
26 successfully, and how many were disenrolled from CSU.

27 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2018,
28 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
29 is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

30 SEC. 2. Section 89282 of the Education Code is amended to
31 read:

32 89282. (a) The California State University (CSU), the
33 Legislative Analyst's Office, and the Department of Finance shall
34 jointly conduct a statewide evaluation of CSU Doctor of Nursing
35 Practice degree pilot programs authorized pursuant to Section
36 89281 and implemented under this article. The results of the
37 evaluation shall be reported, in writing, to the Legislature and the
38 Governor on or before January 1, 2017. The evaluation shall
39 consider all of the following:

1 (1) The number of Doctor of Nursing Practice degree pilot
2 programs implemented, including information regarding the
3 number of applicants, admissions, enrollments, degree recipients,
4 time-to-degree, and attrition.

5 (2) The extent to which the post-master’s degree pilot programs
6 are fulfilling identified state needs for training doctorally prepared
7 nurses.

8 (3) Statewide supply and demand data that considers capacity
9 at the University of California and in California’s independent
10 colleges and universities.

11 (4) Information on the place of employment of students and the
12 subsequent job placement of graduates.

13 (5) Any available evidence on the effects that the graduates of
14 the degree pilot program are having on addressing the state’s
15 nursing shortage.

16 (6) Pilot program costs and the fund sources that were used to
17 finance the program, including a calculation of cost per degree
18 awarded.

19 (7) The costs of the degree pilot program to students, the amount
20 of financial aid offered, and student debt levels of graduates of the
21 program.

22 (8) The extent to which the degree pilot program is in
23 compliance with the requirements of this article.

24 (9) Recommendations for the degree pilot program, including
25 whether the program should be continued or modified.

26 (b) (1) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a)
27 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
28 Government Code.

29 (2) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2021,
30 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
31 is enacted before January 1, 2021, deletes or extends that date.

32 SEC. 3. Section 89720 of the Education Code is amended to
33 read:

34 89720. The trustees may accept on behalf of the state any gift,
35 bequest, devise, or donation of real or personal property whenever
36 the gift and the terms and conditions thereof will aid in carrying
37 out the primary functions of the California State University as
38 specified in subdivision (b) of Section 66010.4. Neither Section
39 11005 of the Government Code nor any other law requiring
40 approval by a state officer of gifts, bequests, devises, or donations

1 shall apply to these gifts, bequests, devises, or donations. These
2 gifts, bequests, devises, or donations, and the disposition thereof,
3 shall be annually reported to the California Postsecondary
4 Education Commission, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee,
5 and the Department of Finance by January 31 of each year.

6 Notwithstanding Sections 11005.2 and 14664 of the Government
7 Code or any other law to the contrary, the trustees may sell or
8 exchange interests in real property received pursuant to this section
9 when, in the judgment of the trustees, the sale or exchange is in
10 the best interests of the California State University. No sale or
11 exchange of an interest in real property made pursuant to this
12 section shall exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) per
13 transaction.

14 Notwithstanding Sections 11005 and 15853 of the Government
15 Code or any other provision of law to the contrary, the trustees
16 may purchase interests in real property from moneys received
17 pursuant to this section, including those moneys received from the
18 sale or exchange of interests in real property pursuant to this
19 section. Any such purchase shall be consistent with any restrictions
20 placed upon the gift, bequest, devise, or donation and shall be in
21 the best interests of the California State University, as determined
22 by the trustees.

23 No interest in any real property that is part of a main campus of
24 any of the institutions of the California State University listed in
25 Section 89001 shall be sold or exchanged pursuant to this section.

26 Any sale or exchange of interests in real property carried out
27 pursuant to this section shall be reported annually to the California
28 Postsecondary Education Commission *or a successor agency*, the
29 Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and the Department of
30 Finance, by January 31 of each year.