

Introduced by Senator LiuFebruary 7, 2013

An act to add Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 67050) to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 195, as introduced, Liu. California postsecondary education: state goals.

Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and independent institutions of higher education as the 4 segments of postsecondary education in this state.

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to urge the continued development and implementation of assessment processes whereby institutions of higher education establish mechanisms, through program review and improvement, for the assessment of their performance in attempting to improve student learning and comprehension and achieving the expressed state policy goals for higher education of quality, educational equity, employee diversity, student transfer, and student retention.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that budget and policy decisions regarding postsecondary education generally adhere to 3 specified goals and that appropriate metrics be identified, defined, and formally adopted to monitor progress toward the achievement of the goals. The bill would require the Governor's Office of Planning and

Research to convene a working group, composed of specified participants, to assist with the development of those metrics. The bill also would require the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, in consultation with the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst’s Office, to submit recommended metrics to specified persons and entities on or before January 31, 2014.

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. Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 67050)
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 13. STATE GOALS FOR CALIFORNIA’S POSTSECONDARY
6 EDUCATION SYSTEM
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8 67050. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

9 (a) Since the enactment of the Master Plan for Higher Education
10 in 1960, California’s system of postsecondary education has
11 provided access and high-quality educational opportunities that
12 have fueled California’s economic growth and promoted social
13 mobility.

14 (b) In today’s global information economy, California’s national
15 and international success as an educational and economic leader
16 will require strategic investments in, and improved management
17 of, state educational resources.

18 (c) Several factors, including changing demographics, rising
19 costs, increased competition for scarce state funding, and employer
20 concerns about graduates’ skills, present new challenges to higher
21 education and state policymakers in effectively meeting the
22 postsecondary education needs of Californians.

23 (d) Although the public segments of postsecondary education
24 have each undertaken efforts to improve reporting and
25 transparency, these efforts do not combine to indicate whether the
26 postsecondary system as a whole is on track to meet the state’s
27 needs.

1 (e) The absence of a common vision and goals for California’s
2 postsecondary education system hinders the state’s ability to
3 effectively make critical fiscal and policy decisions.

4 (f) Policy and educational leaders should collectively hold
5 themselves accountable for meeting the state’s civic and workforce
6 needs, for ensuring the efficient and responsible management of
7 public resources, and for ensuring that California residents have
8 the opportunity to successfully pursue and achieve their
9 postsecondary educational goals.

10 67051. In order to promote the state’s competitive economic
11 position and quality of civic life, it is necessary to increase the
12 level of educational attainment of California’s adult population to
13 meet the state’s civic and workforce needs. To achieve that
14 objective, it is the intent of the Legislature that budget and policy
15 decisions regarding postsecondary education generally adhere to
16 all of the following goals:

17 (a) Improve student access and success, which shall include,
18 but not be limited to, all of the following goals: greater participation
19 by demographic groups that have historically participated at lower
20 rates, greater completion rates by all students, and improved
21 outcomes for graduates.

22 (b) Better align degrees and credentials with the state’s
23 economic, workforce, and civic needs.

24 (c) Ensure the effective and efficient use of resources in order
25 to increase high-quality postsecondary educational outcomes and
26 maintain affordability.

27 67052. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriate
28 metrics be identified, defined, and formally adopted to monitor
29 progress toward the achievement of the goals specified in Section
30 67051. It is further the intent of the Legislature that all of the
31 following occur:

32 (1) The metrics take into account the distinct missions of the
33 different segments of postsecondary education.

34 (2) At least six, and no more than 12, metrics be developed that
35 can be derived from publicly available data sources for purposes
36 of periodically assessing the state’s progress toward meeting each
37 of the goals specified in Section 67051.

38 (3) The metrics be disaggregated and reported by gender, race
39 or ethnicity, income, age group, and full-time or part-time
40 enrollment status, where appropriate and applicable.

1 (4) The metrics be utilized for purposes of the requirements of
2 subdivision (a) of Section 69433.2.

3 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to promote progress on the
4 statewide educational and economic policy goals specified in
5 Section 67051 through budget and policy decisions regarding
6 postsecondary education. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
7 metrics be used to ensure the effective and efficient use of state
8 resources available to postsecondary education.

9 67053. (a) The Governor's Office of Planning and Research
10 shall convene a working group to assist with the development the
11 metrics specified in Section 67052. Participants in the working
12 group shall include all of the following:

13 (1) (A) One representative from each of the postsecondary
14 education segments, as defined in Section 67054, and a
15 representative of the State Department of Education.

16 (B) The representative of the independent institutions of higher
17 education shall be from the official organization representing the
18 largest number of independent institutions of higher education in
19 the state. The representative of the private postsecondary
20 educational institutions shall be the Chief of the Bureau for Private
21 Postsecondary Education, or the chief's designee.

22 (2) One representative of the Department of Finance.

23 (3) At least one member, but no more than three members, with
24 expertise in similar state accountability efforts, who is not a regular
25 employee of a postsecondary education segment.

26 (4) A representative of the Legislative Analyst's Office.

27 (b) The Governor's Office of Planning and Research may
28 request technical input from any agency that maintains data that
29 would be helpful in developing the metrics and assessing progress
30 toward achieving the goals specified in Section 67051.

31 (c) The Governor's Office of Planning and Research, in
32 consultation with the Department of Finance and the Legislative
33 Analyst's Office, shall submit recommended metrics developed
34 pursuant to subdivision (a) to the appropriate policy committees
35 of the Legislature, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and
36 the Governor on or before January 31, 2014.

37 67054. For the purposes of this chapter, "segments of
38 postsecondary education" means the California Community
39 Colleges, the California State University, the University of
40 California, independent institutions of higher education, as defined

1 in Section 66010, and private postsecondary educational
2 institutions, as defined in Section 94858.

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