An act to add Article 18.5 (commencing with Section 69975) to Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 206, as introduced, Mark Stone. Student financial aid: California DREAM Work-Study Program.

Existing law establishes the Student Aid Commission as the primary state agency for the administration of state-authorized student financial aid programs available to students attending all segments of postsecondary education.

This bill, commencing with the 2016–17 fiscal year, would establish the California DREAM Work-Study Program under the administration of the Student Aid Commission to provide financial aid for students meeting its requirements. These requirements would include: enrollment, or acceptance for enrollment, at a campus of the California State University or the University of California; exemption from nonresident tuition pursuant to a specified provision of existing law or an equivalent provision adopted by the Regents of the University of California; making a timely application for financial aid under a designated provision of existing law; qualification under applicable income and need standards applied to work-study programs at the institution at which the student is enrolled or accepted for enrollment; and meeting additional eligibility
requirements as may be deemed appropriate by the institution at which
the student is enrolled or accepted for enrollment.

The bill would further require, upon verification that a student is
eligible for financial aid under this program, that the Student Aid
Commission match 100% of the cost of the work-study grant of a student
whose work under the program is accomplished on a campus of the
California State University or the University of California or at a campus
or other facility of a school district or community college district or
50% of the cost of the work-study grant of a student whose work under
the program is accomplished at any other location.

State-mandated local program: no.

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

SECTION 1. Section 69975 is added to the Education Code,
to read:

Article 18.5. California DREAM Work-Study Program

69975. (a) Commencing with the 2016–17 fiscal year, the
California DREAM Work-Study Program is hereby established
under the administration of the Student Aid Commission to provide
financial aid for students meeting the requirements of this section.
(b) In order to be eligible for financial aid under this article, a
student shall meet all of the following requirements, as determined
by the institution at which he or she is enrolled or has been
accepted for enrollment:
(1) Be enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, at a campus of the
California State University or the University of California.
(2) Be exempt from nonresident tuition pursuant to Section
68130.5 or pursuant to equivalent requirements adopted by the
Regents of the University of California.
(3) Make a timely application for financial aid under Section
69508.5.
(4) Qualify under the income and need standards applied to
work-study programs by the institution at which the student is
enrolled or accepted for enrollment.
(5) Meet additional eligibility requirements as may be deemed appropriate by the institution at which the student is enrolled or accepted for enrollment.

Upon verification that a student is eligible for financial aid under this article, the Student Aid Commission shall provide funding in accordance with both of the following:

(a) The commission shall match 100 percent of the cost of the work-study grant of a student whose work under the program is accomplished on a campus of the California State University or the University of California or at a campus or other facility of a school district or community college district.

(b) The commission shall match 50 percent of the cost of the work-study grant of a student whose work under the program is accomplished at a location other than those specified in subdivision (a).