

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 653**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 24, 2015

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An act to add Article 3.9 (commencing with Section 66029) to Chapter 2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 653, as introduced, Levine. Postsecondary education: intersegmental coordination in governance.

Existing law establishes the California State University, the University of California, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The missions and functions of these segments are set forth, among other things, in the Donahoe Higher Education Act. Provisions of the Donahoe Higher Education Act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the regents act, by resolution, to make them applicable.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature that the segments of public higher education coordinate their efforts to invest state resources in technologies that are useful to multiple segments or campuses. The bill would add a provision to the Donahoe Higher Education Act requiring the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State University, and requesting the President of the University of California, to coordinate the efforts of their respective segments when procuring systemwide information technology and software for the purposes of enhancing student achievement. The bill would specify that the coordination it requires would apply only to large-scale information technology and

software purchases that benefit the 3 segments of public postsecondary education and for which coordination by these segments would reduce costs and increase efficiency. The bill would further provide that, as the public segments of higher education invest in, and upgrade, infrastructure and software for data storage and analysis, these segments shall develop procedures to coordinate the collection of, and to share, student performance data in a manner that is consistent with state and federal privacy law.

Because these provisions would be added to the Donahoe Higher Education Act, they would apply to the University of California only to the extent that the regents act, by resolution, to make them applicable.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature that all of the  
2 following occur:

3 (a) That the segments of public higher education coordinate  
4 their efforts to invest state resources in technologies that are useful  
5 to multiple segments or campuses.

6 (b) That, as these segments invest in new technologies, the  
7 public segments jointly leverage their combined purchasing power.

8 (c) That investments in new technology made by these segments  
9 prioritize the ability to coordinate with other segments of higher  
10 education.

11 (d) That these segments ease the student transfer process  
12 between systems through increased coordination in the purchasing  
13 of new technology platforms.

14 SEC. 2. Article 3.9 (commencing with Section 66029) is added  
15 to Chapter 2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education  
16 Code, to read:

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18 Article 3.9. Intersegmental Coordination in Governance  
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20 66029. (a) The Chancellor of the California Community  
21 Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State University  
22 shall, and the President of the University of California is requested  
23 to, coordinate the efforts of their respective segments when

1 procuring systemwide information technology and software for  
2 the purposes of enhancing student achievement.

3 (b) The coordination required by this section shall only apply  
4 to large-scale information technology and software purchases that  
5 benefit the three segments of public postsecondary education and  
6 for which coordination by these segments would reduce costs and  
7 increase efficiency.

8 66029.3. As the segments of public postsecondary education  
9 invest in, and upgrade, infrastructure and software for data storage  
10 and analysis, these segments shall develop procedures to coordinate  
11 the collection of, and to share, student performance data in a  
12 manner that is consistent with state and federal privacy law.