

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 716**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Low**

February 25, 2015

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An act to amend Section 89708 of the Education Code, relating to the California State University.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 716, as introduced, Low. California State University: special sessions.

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. Under existing law, 23 institutions of higher education constitute the California State University. Existing law requires that tuition fees adequate to meet the cost of maintaining special sessions, as defined, in the California State University be collected from students enrolled in each special session pursuant to rules and regulations prescribed by the trustees. Existing law prohibits self-supporting special sessions, as defined, from supplanting regular course offerings available on a non-self-supporting basis during the regular academic year.

This bill would provide that, for purposes of these provisions, supplanting occurs when an institution reduces the number of state-supported course offerings while increasing the number of self-supporting versions of that course. The bill also requires, to the extent possible, that each campus ensure that a state-supported course is offered for any course required as a condition of undergraduate degree completion for a state-supported matriculated student. The bill would prohibit all campuses from requiring a state-supported matriculated

student to enroll in a special session course in order to fulfill a graduation requirement for a state-supported degree program.

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 89708 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 89708. (a) Tuition fees adequate, in the long run, to meet the  
4 cost of maintaining special sessions in the California State  
5 University shall be required of, and collected from, students  
6 enrolled in each special session ~~under and~~ pursuant to rules and  
7 regulations prescribed by the trustees.

8 (b) “Special sessions,” as used in this division, means  
9 self-supporting instructional programs conducted by the California  
10 State University. The special sessions shall include, but not  
11 necessarily be limited to, career enrichment and retraining  
12 programs. It is the intent of the Legislature that those programs,  
13 currently offered on a self-supporting basis by the California State  
14 University during summer sessions, may be provided throughout  
15 the year, and shall be known as special sessions. The  
16 self-supporting special sessions shall not supplant, *as defined in*  
17 *subparagraph (c)*, regular course offerings available on a  
18 non-self-supporting basis during the regular academic year.

19 (c) “Supplanting,” as used in this section, means reducing the  
20 number of state-supported course offerings while increasing the  
21 number of self-supporting versions of that course.

22 (d) To the extent possible, each campus shall ensure that any  
23 course required as a condition of undergraduate degree completion  
24 for a state-supported matriculated student shall be offered as a  
25 state-supported course. A campus shall not require a  
26 state-supported matriculated student to enroll in a special session  
27 course in order to fulfill a graduation requirement for a  
28 state-supported degree program.

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