

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1016

Introduced by Assembly Member Santiago

February 26, 2015

An act to add Section 66749.5 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1016, as introduced, Santiago. Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges and the California State University as 2 of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law, the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, encourages community colleges to facilitate the acceptance of credits earned at other community colleges toward the associate degree for transfer. The act requires the California State University to guarantee admission with junior status to a community college student who meets the requirements for the associate degree for transfer, and provides that admission to the California State University under these provisions does not guarantee admission for specific majors or campuses.

This bill would require the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to report to the Legislature, on or before March 1, 2016, the status of each community college's compliance with the act's provisions related to creating associate degrees for transfer. To the extent this reporting requirement would place additional requirements on community college districts, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would require the California State University to submit 2 reports to the Legislature on campus acceptance of transfer model curricula by concentration, on or before March 1, 2016, and on or before March 1, 2017, respectively. The bill would require the California State University, commencing November 1, 2018, to annually post publicly available data on the extent to which the California State University admitted associate degree transfer students to the students’ first choice campus and to a program that is similar to their transfer degree, and to post data concerning associate degree transfer student outcomes, as specified.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66749.5 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 66749.5. (a) The Office of the Chancellor of the California
- 4 Community Colleges shall report to the Legislature on or before
- 5 March 1, 2016, the status of each community college’s compliance
- 6 with the provisions of this article related to creating associate
- 7 degrees for transfer.
- 8 (b) The California State University shall submit two reports to
- 9 the Legislature on campus acceptance of transfer model curricula
- 10 by concentration, on or before March 1, 2016, and on or before
- 11 March 1, 2017, respectively.
- 12 (c) The California State University shall annually, commencing
- 13 November 1, 2018, post publicly available data on both of the
- 14 following:
- 15 (1) The extent to which the California State University admitted
- 16 associate degree transfer students to the students’ first choice
- 17 campus and to a program that is similar to their transfer degree.

1 (2) (A) Associate degree transfer student outcomes, including
2 all of the following data:

3 (i) The number of transferable California community college
4 units taken before the start of a student's first semester at the
5 California State University.

6 (ii) The number of units taken as a fully matriculated California
7 State University student.

8 (iii) The proportion of students who graduate from the California
9 State University within two or three years.

10 (B) The data made publicly available pursuant to subparagraph
11 (A) shall distinguish between students admitted pursuant to
12 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section
13 66747 and students admitted pursuant to subparagraph (B) of
14 paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 66747.

15 (d) The first annual posting of data pursuant to subdivision (c)
16 on November 1, 2018, shall include data on students entering Fall
17 2014 to Fall 2016, inclusive. Each annual posting thereafter shall
18 include data only on students entering the prior school year.

19 (e) (1) The requirements for submitting reports on or before
20 March 1, 2016, imposed under subdivisions (a) and (b) are
21 inoperative on March 1, 2020, and the requirement for submitting
22 a report on or before March 1, 2017, imposed under subdivision
23 (b) is inoperative on March 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 10231.5
24 of the Government Code.

25 (2) Reports to be submitted pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b)
26 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
27 Government Code.

28 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
29 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
30 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
31 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
32 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.