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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1228**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Gipson and Atkins**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Sections 66019.3, 76010, 90001.5, and 92660 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1228, as amended, Gipson. Public postsecondary education: campus housing: priority for homeless youth.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the 3 segments of the public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes them to provide instruction to students at community college campuses. Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as the other 2 segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

Existing law requests the regents and the trustees to explore methods of using the admissions-by-exemption category to assist the transition of students in foster care into 4-year public institutions of higher education.

This bill would request the regents and the trustees to provide that assistance to students who are homeless youth.

Existing law requests campuses of the California Community Colleges, requires campuses of the California State University, and requires campuses of the University of California, subject to its agreement by resolution, to do all of the following: (1) give priority for housing to current and former foster youth, and (2) as to campuses that maintain student housing facilities open for occupation during school breaks, or on a year-round basis, give first priority to current and former foster youth for residence in the housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year-round occupation and next give priority to current and former foster youth for housing that is open for occupation during the most days in the calendar year.

This bill would provide priority for campus housing to current and former homeless youth, as defined, youth that is identical to that priority extended to current and former foster youth under existing law. This bill would request the ~~community colleges,~~ *campuses of the California Community Colleges,* and would require the campuses of the California State University, and of the University of California, subject to its agreement by resolution, *if they maintain student housing facilities,* to (1) provide housing in housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year-round occupation to current and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth at no extra cost during academic or campus breaks, and (2) *would request each campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California to develop a plan to ensure that current and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access housing resources during and between academic terms, including during academic and campus breaks. This bill would define current and former homeless youth for each of these purposes.*

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 66019.3 of the Education Code is  
 2 amended to read:  
 3 66019.3. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage the  
 4 California Community Colleges, the California State University,  
 5 and the University of California to disseminate information to  
 6 foster care agencies regarding admissions requirements and  
 7 financial aid.

1 (b) The Legislature requests the Regents of the University of  
2 California and the Trustees of the California State University to  
3 explore methods of using the admissions-by-exemption category  
4 to assist the transition of students who are homeless youth or foster  
5 youth into four-year public institutions of higher education.

6 SEC. 2. Section 76010 of the Education Code is amended to  
7 read:

8 76010. (a) In order to ensure that current and former homeless  
9 youth and current and former foster youth who are students at the  
10 campuses of the California Community Colleges have stable  
11 housing, ~~a each~~ campus of the California Community Colleges  
12 *that maintains student housing facilities* is requested to give priority  
13 for housing to current and former homeless youth and current and  
14 former foster youth. In addition, ~~a each~~ campus of the California  
15 Community Colleges that maintains student housing facilities open  
16 for occupation during school breaks, or on a year-round basis, is  
17 requested to give first priority to current and former homeless  
18 youth and current and former foster youth for residence in the  
19 housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year-round  
20 occupation and provide this housing to current and former homeless  
21 youth and current and former foster youth at no extra cost during  
22 academic or campus breaks, and next give priority to current and  
23 former homeless youth and current and former foster youth for  
24 housing that is open for occupation during the most days in the  
25 calendar year.

26 (b) In addition, ~~a each~~ campus of the California Community  
27 Colleges is requested to develop a plan to ensure that current and  
28 former homeless youth and current and former foster youth can  
29 access housing resources as needed during and between academic  
30 terms, including during academic and ~~campus breaks~~. *breaks*,  
31 *regardless of whether the campus maintains student housing*  
32 *facilities*.

33 (c) As used in this section, a “homeless youth” means a student  
34 under 25 years of age, who has been verified, in the case of a  
35 former homeless ~~youth~~ *youth*, at any time during the ~~prior six~~  
36 ~~years~~, *24 months immediately preceding the receipt of his or her*  
37 *application for admission by a campus of the California*  
38 *Community Colleges*, as a homeless child or ~~youth~~ *youth*, as defined  
39 in subsection (2) of Section 725 of the federal McKinney-Vento

1 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)), by at least  
2 one of the following:

3 (1) A homeless services provider, as defined in paragraph (3)  
4 of subdivision (d) of Section 103577 of the Health and Safety  
5 Code.

6 (2) The director, or his or her designee, of a federal TRIO  
7 program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for  
8 Undergraduate Programs program.

9 (3) A financial aid administrator.

10 (d) *For purposes of this section, a student who is verified as a*  
11 *former homeless youth pursuant to subdivision (c) shall retain that*  
12 *status for a period of six years from the date of admission.*

13 SEC. 3. Section 90001.5 of the Education Code is amended to  
14 read:

15 90001.5. (a) In order to ensure that current and former  
16 homeless youth and current and former foster youth who are  
17 students at campuses of the California State University have stable  
18 housing, ~~a each~~ campus of the California State University that  
19 maintains student housing facilities shall give priority to current  
20 and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth.  
21 In addition, ~~a each~~ campus of the California State University that  
22 maintains student housing facilities open for occupation during  
23 school breaks, or on a year-round basis, shall first give priority to  
24 current and former homeless youth and current and former foster  
25 youth for residence in the housing facilities that are open for  
26 uninterrupted year-round occupation and provide this housing to  
27 current and former homeless youth and current and former foster  
28 youth at no extra cost during academic or campus breaks, and next  
29 give priority to current and former homeless youth and current and  
30 former foster youth for housing that is open for occupation during  
31 the most days in the calendar year.

32 (b) In addition, ~~a each~~ campus of the California State University  
33 is requested to develop a plan to ensure that current and former  
34 homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access  
35 housing resources as needed during and between academic terms,  
36 including during academic and campus ~~breaks~~. *breaks, regardless*  
37 *of whether the campus maintains student housing facilities.*

38 (c) As used in this section, a “homeless youth” means a student  
39 under 25 years of age, who has been verified, in the case of a  
40 former homeless ~~youth~~ *youth*, at any time during the ~~prior six~~

1 ~~years~~, 24 months immediately preceding the receipt of his or her  
2 application for admission by a campus of the California State  
3 University, as a homeless child or ~~youth~~ youth, as defined in  
4 subsection (2) of Section 725 of the federal McKinney-Vento  
5 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)), by at least  
6 one of the following:

7 (1) A homeless services provider, as defined in paragraph (3)  
8 of subdivision (d) of Section 103577 of the Health and Safety  
9 Code.

10 (2) The director, or his or her designee, of a federal TRIO  
11 program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for  
12 Undergraduate Programs program.

13 (3) A financial aid administrator.

14 (d) For purposes of this section, a student who is verified as a  
15 former homeless youth pursuant to subdivision (c) shall retain that  
16 status for a period of six years from the date of admission.

17 SEC. 4. Section 92660 of the Education Code is amended to  
18 read:

19 92660. (a) In order to ensure that current and former homeless  
20 youth and current and former foster youth who are students at  
21 campuses of the University of California have stable housing, ~~a~~  
22 *each* campus of the University of California that maintains student  
23 housing facilities shall give priority to current and former homeless  
24 youth and current and former foster youth. In addition, ~~a~~ *each*  
25 campus of the University of California that maintains student  
26 housing facilities open for occupation during school breaks, or on  
27 a year-round basis, shall first give priority to current and former  
28 homeless youth and current and former foster youth for residence  
29 in the housing facilities for which they are eligible that are open  
30 for uninterrupted year-round occupation and provide this housing  
31 to current and former homeless youth and current and former foster  
32 youth at no extra cost during academic or campus breaks, and next  
33 give priority to current or former homeless youth and current and  
34 former foster youth for residence in the housing facilities for which  
35 they are eligible that are open for occupation during the most days  
36 in the calendar year.

37 (b) In addition, a campus of the University of California is  
38 requested to develop a plan to ensure that current and former  
39 homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access  
40 housing resources as needed during and between academic terms,

1 including during academic and campus ~~breaks~~: *breaks, regardless*  
2 *of whether the campus maintains student housing facilities.*

3 (c) As used in this section, a “homeless youth” means a student  
4 under 25 years of age, who has been verified, in the case of a  
5 former homeless ~~youth~~ *youth*, at any time during the ~~prior six~~  
6 ~~years~~, *24 months immediately preceding the receipt of his or her*  
7 *application for admission by a campus of the University of*  
8 *California, as a homeless child or ~~youth~~ youth, as defined in*  
9 *subsection (2) of Section 725 of the federal McKinney-Vento*  
10 *Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)), by at least*  
11 *one of the following:*

12 (1) A homeless services provider, as defined in paragraph (3)  
13 of subdivision (d) of Section 103577 of the Health and Safety  
14 Code.

15 (2) The director, or his or her designee, of a federal TRIO  
16 program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for  
17 Undergraduate Programs program.

18 (3) A financial aid administrator.

19 (d) *For purposes of this section, a student who is verified as a*  
20 *former homeless youth pursuant to subdivision (c) shall retain that*  
21 *status for a period of six years from the date of admission.*

22 ~~(d)~~

23 (e) This section shall not apply to the University of California  
24 except to the extent that the Regents of the University of California,  
25 by appropriate resolution, make this section applicable.