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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1366**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bonta)  
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An act to add Section 68130.6 ~~to~~ *to, and to add Chapter 3.67 (commencing with Section 44778) to Part 25 of Division 3 of Title 2 of, the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1366, as amended, Lopez. Public postsecondary education: Dream Resource Liaisons.

Existing law establishes the segments of the public postsecondary education system in the state, including the University of California administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Existing law provides that a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, as defined, who has attended high school in California for 3 or more years, who has graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent thereof, who has registered at or attends an accredited institution of higher education in California not earlier than the fall semester or quarter of the 2001–02 academic year, and who, if he or she is an alien without lawful immigration status, has filed an affidavit, as specified, is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges and the California State University.

~~This bill would, commencing with the 2017–18 academic year, require~~ *would encourage* the California Community Colleges and Colleges, the California State University, and ~~would request~~ the University of California, California to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their campuses, as specified, to assist certain students by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. *The bill would encourage the governing board of each school district and each county office of education that maintains any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, to have a Dream Resource Liaison at each of their respective campuses that includes any of those grades.* The bill would authorize Dream Resource Centers to offer support services, ~~including~~ *including*, but not necessarily limited to, state and institutional financial aid assistance, academic counseling, peer support services, psychological counseling, referral services, and legal services. The bill would ~~require~~ *encourage* each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University to ensure that it has a staff person designated as a Dream Resource Liaison who is knowledgeable in available financial aid, services, and academic opportunities for all students meeting specified requirements, including undocumented students. ~~By requiring community colleges to designate a Dream Resource Liaison, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

This bill would authorize the trustees, the board of governors, and the regents to seek and accept on behalf of the state any gift, bequest, devise, or donation whenever the gift and the terms and conditions thereof will aid in the creation and operation of Dream Resource Centers for their respective systems.

~~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~~-no.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to increase enrollment and  
4 graduation rates among students meeting the requirements of  
5 Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular Session (Firebaugh,  
6 Ch. 814) by requiring the creation of Dream Resource Centers at  
7 public institutions of higher education.

8 (b) It is estimated that each year approximately 65,000  
9 undocumented students graduate from high schools, and while  
10 California has been a leader in enacting innovative and bold laws  
11 to provide opportunities for undocumented youth to attain higher  
12 education, only 20 percent of these students attend college. Many  
13 undocumented youth and their families are unaware of recent  
14 policy changes, such as the enactment of Assembly Bill 540 of the  
15 2001–02 Regular Session, the California Dream Act of 2011, and  
16 the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), that  
17 make college graduation more attainable. Currently, the majority  
18 of college campuses do not have a centralized location that provides  
19 specialized support services and resources for students meeting  
20 the requirements of Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular  
21 Session.

22 (c) The creation of Dream Resource Centers would save staff  
23 time and resources by streamlining all available financial aid and  
24 academic opportunities for students meeting the requirements of  
25 Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular Session. These Dream  
26 Resource Centers would seek to empower and create a safe and  
27 welcoming environment for those students. These centers would  
28 increase enrollment, transfer, and graduation rates among this  
29 population.

30 (d) A number of college campuses have acknowledged the needs  
31 and challenges of these students and have created Dream Resource  
32 Centers. These include: the University of California, Los Angeles;  
33 the University of California, Davis; the California State University,

1 Los Angeles; the California State University, Fullerton; and the  
 2 California State University, Northridge. These centers provide,  
 3 among other things, informational workshops, legal clinics,  
 4 information on programs available to undocumented immigrants,  
 5 and peer mentoring and support services to increase awareness of  
 6 existing programs and available resources, enhance professional  
 7 development, and increase employment opportunities.

8 *SEC. 2. Chapter 3.67 (commencing with Section 44778) is*  
 9 *added to Part 25 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Education Code,*  
 10 *to read:*

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 12 *CHAPTER 3.67. DREAM RESOURCE LIAISON*  
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14 *44778. The governing board of each school district and each*  
 15 *county office of education that maintains any of grades 9 to 12,*  
 16 *inclusive, are encouraged to have a Dream Resource Liaison, as*  
 17 *described in Section 68130.6, at each of their respective campuses*  
 18 *that includes any of those grades.*

19 ~~SEC. 2.~~

20 *SEC. 3. Section 68130.6 is added to the Education Code, to*  
 21 *read:*

22 ~~68130.6. (a) Commencing with the 2017–18 academic year,~~  
 23 ~~the~~ *The California Community Colleges and Colleges, the*  
 24 ~~California State University shall, and University, and the University~~  
 25 ~~of California is requested to,~~ *are encouraged to designate a Dream*  
 26 *Resource Liaison on each of their campuses, as specified in*  
 27 *subdivision (b), to assist students meeting the requirements set*  
 28 *forth in Section 68130.5 by streamlining access to all available*  
 29 *financial aid and academic opportunities for those students.*

30 (b) (1) Each campus of the California Community Colleges  
 31 ~~shall~~ *is encouraged to ensure that it has a staff person designated*  
 32 *as a Dream Resource Liaison who is knowledgeable in available*  
 33 *financial aid, services, and academic opportunities for all students*  
 34 *meeting the requirements set forth in Section 68130.5, including*  
 35 *undocumented students. The Legislature encourages each of these*  
 36 *campuses to place this designated staff person in the campus’*  
 37 ~~extended opportunities~~ *opportunity programs and services office*  
 38 *or financial aid office.*

39 (2) Each campus of the California State University ~~shall~~ *is*  
 40 *encouraged to ensure that it has a staff person designated as a*

1 Dream Resource Liaison who is knowledgeable in available  
2 financial aid, services, and academic opportunities for all students  
3 meeting the requirements set forth in Section 68130.5, including  
4 undocumented students. The Legislature encourages each of these  
5 campuses to place this designated staff person in the campus'  
6 educational opportunities *opportunity* programs and services office  
7 or financial aid office.

8 (3) The University of California is ~~requested~~ *encouraged* to  
9 designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of its campuses.

10 (c) Dream Resource Centers may offer support services,  
11 including, but not necessarily limited to, state and institutional  
12 financial aid assistance, academic counseling, peer support services,  
13 psychological counseling, referral services, and legal services.

14 (d) (1) This section shall not be construed as requiring the  
15 construction of a new or separate space for Dream Resource  
16 Centers.

17 (2) Dream Resource Centers may be housed within existing  
18 student service or academic centers.

19 (3) The space in which the Dream Resource Liaison is located  
20 may be deemed a Dream Resource Center.

21 (e) Notwithstanding Section 11005 of the Government Code  
22 and any other law requiring approval by a state officer of gifts,  
23 bequests, devises, or donations, the Trustees of the California State  
24 University, the Board of Governors of the California Community  
25 Colleges, and the Regents of the University of California may seek  
26 and accept on behalf of the state any gift, bequest, devise, or  
27 donation whenever the gift and the terms and conditions thereof  
28 will aid in the creation and operation of Dream Resource Centers  
29 for their respective systems.

30 ~~SEC. 3.— If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~  
31 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~  
32 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~  
33 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~  
34 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~