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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1741

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Medina and Santiago)
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An act to add Part 54.1 (commencing with Section 88900) to Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1741, as amended, Rodriguez. California College Promise Innovation Grant Program.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The board appoints a chief executive officer known as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. Under existing law, community college districts are authorized, among other things, to maintain and operate campuses, employ faculty and other employees, and provide instruction to students.

This bill would establish the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program, under the administration of the chancellor, which would require the chancellor to distribute multiyear grants, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the governing boards of community college districts, who meet certain requirements, to support the establishment

of regional programs with the goals of increasing college preparation, college access, and college success. The bill would require the chancellor to annually submit to the Legislature a specified report on the status of the program.

This bill would appropriate \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the chancellor for allocation to community college districts in order to establish the regional programs.

Funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, as specified.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Part 54.1 (commencing with Section 88900) is
2 added to Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

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PART 54.1. CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE
INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

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7 88900. This part shall be known, and may be cited, as the
8 California College Promise Innovation Grant Program.

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10 88901. The California College Promise Innovation Grant
11 Program is hereby established, to be administered by the Chancellor
12 of the California Community Colleges. The chancellor shall
13 distribute multiyear grants, upon appropriation by the Legislature,
14 to the governing boards of community college districts pursuant
15 to applications that satisfy the requirements of this part.

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16 88902. The goals of California College Promise Innovation
17 Grant Program awards are to support community college districts
18 in establishing regional California College Promise programs in
19 partnership with K–12 school districts, California State University
20 campuses, and University of California campuses to accomplish
21 all of the following:

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(a) Increase the number and percentage of high school students
22 within the region who are prepared for and attend college directly
23 from high school.

1 (b) Increase the percentage of high school graduates within the
2 region who are placed in college level math and English at a
3 community college, California State University, or University of
4 California campus.

5 (c) Increase the percentage of students from the region who earn
6 degrees or career technical education certificates.

7 (d) Increase the percentage of students who successfully transfer
8 from a community college to the California State University, the
9 University of California, or an independent institution of higher
10 education as defined in Section 66010.

11 (e) Increase the percentage of students who graduate with a
12 bachelor's degree.

13 (f) Reduce and eliminate achievement gaps.

14 88903. In order to receive a grant, the governing board of a
15 community college district shall demonstrate in its application for
16 funding that the community college will partner with one or more
17 school districts and one or more California State University or
18 University of California campuses to establish a California College
19 Promise program that includes all of the following practices and
20 principles:

21 (a) Partnering with one or more school districts to establish an
22 Early Commitment to College Program pursuant to Article 6.3
23 (*commencing with Section 54710*) of Chapter 9 of Part 29 of
24 Division 4 of Title 2 to provide students and families assistance
25 that includes, but is not limited to, learning about college
26 opportunities, visiting campuses, taking and completing college
27 preparatory courses, and applying for college and financial aid.

28 (b) Partnering with one or more school districts to support and
29 improve high school student preparation for college through
30 practices that may include, but are not limited to, small learning
31 communities, concurrent enrollment, and other evidence-based
32 practices.

33 (c) Utilizing placement and student assessment indicators that
34 include multiple measures of student performance, including grades
35 in high school courses, overall grade point averages, results from
36 common assessments, and input from counselors.

37 ~~(d) Providing each student, who participates in an Early~~
38 ~~Commitment to College Program pledge, the first semester at the~~
39 ~~community college tuition free.~~

40 (e)

1 (d) Providing students with access to full-time course schedules
2 that include math, reading, and English courses.

3 ~~(f)~~

4 (e) Providing outreach to students regarding the Associate
5 Degrees for Transfer and the California Community College
6 Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant program.

7 ~~(g)~~

8 (f) Partnering with regional California State University campuses
9 ~~to ensure with the goal of~~ guaranteed admission and seamless
10 transfer for students who have successfully completed transfer
11 requirements. *This subdivision does not apply to a community*
12 *college district located in a region where the California State*
13 *University campus in that region has declared campuswide*
14 *impaction.*

15 88904. The Legislature encourages school districts, the
16 University of California, the California State University, the
17 Student Aid Commission, independent colleges and universities,
18 local and regional government agencies, and nonprofit, business,
19 or other community organizations to provide support services as
20 needed in coordination with community college districts for
21 purposes of this part.

22 88905. (a) The Chancellor of the California Community
23 Colleges shall annually submit to the Legislature a report on the
24 status of the program, including, but not limited to, the number of
25 community college districts participating in the program and
26 relevant outcome data reported by community college districts to
27 the chancellor.

28 (b) A report pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted to
29 the Legislature in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
30 Code.

31 SEC. 2. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage
32 California Community Colleges to establish regional California
33 College Promise programs with the goals of increasing college
34 preparation, college access, and college success.

35 (b) (1) The sum of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000)
36 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Chancellor
37 of the California Community Colleges for allocation to community
38 college districts upon the submission and approval of district
39 applications detailing the strategy for establishing a regional
40 California College Promise program pursuant to Part 54.1

1 (commencing with Section 88900) of Division 7 of Title 3 of the
2 Education Code.

3 (2) For purposes of making the computations required by Section
4 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the funds
5 appropriated pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be
6 “General Fund revenues appropriated for community college
7 districts,” as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 41202 of the
8 Education Code, for the 2016–17 fiscal year, and included within
9 the “total allocations to school districts and community college
10 districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant
11 to Article XIII B,” as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202
12 of the Education Code, for the 2016–17 fiscal year.

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