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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1892

Introduced by Assembly Member Medina

February 11, 2016

An act to amend ~~Section~~ Sections 69432, 69432.7, and 69439 of of, and to add Section 69439.5 to, the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1892, as amended, Medina. Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards.

The Cal Grant Program establishes Cal Grant C awards, which may be used only for institutional fees, and other costs, as specified, for occupational or technical training in a course of not less than 4 months, under the administration of the Student Aid Commission. The program requires the commission to give priority in granting Cal Grant C awards to students pursuing occupational or technical training in areas that meet at least 2 criteria. *The program requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to submit a report to the Legislature on the outcomes of the Cal Grant C program on or before April 1, 2015, and on or before April 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter.*

This bill, among other things, would (1) rename these awards the Competitive Cal Grant C awards, (2) set the maximum Competitive Cal Grant C award amount at \$2,462 for tuition and fees and \$547 for certain other costs, (3) establish an additional Competitive Cal Grant C award in an annual amount not to exceed \$2,462 for community college students for occupational and technical training to cover access costs, training-related costs, and tuition and fees, (4) require the

commission, instead of the Legislative Analyst's Office, to submit a report on the outcome of the Competitive Cal Grant C program on or before April 1, 2017, and on or before April 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter, and (5) establish a Cal Grant C Entitlement award for access costs for community college students who are enrolled in a for-credit certificate or credential instructional program that is less than one academic year in length and that is an occupational or technical training program identified by the commission, as specified.

~~This bill would set the maximum Cal Grant C award amount at \$3,000, would authorize these awards to be used for institutional charges and access costs, as defined, and would give priority, for students seeking to enroll in a community college, to those students pursuing occupational or technical training in industry sectors determined by the California Community College Economic and Workforce Development Program to be a high priority for the region encompassing the college.~~

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 69432 of the Education Code is amended*
2 *to read:*

3 69432. (a) Cal Grant Program awards shall be known as "Cal
4 Grant A Entitlement Awards," "Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards,"
5 "*Cal Grant C Entitlement Awards*," "California Community
6 College Transfer Entitlement Awards," "Competitive Cal Grant
7 A and B Awards," ~~Cal~~ "*Competitive Cal Grant C Awards*," and
8 "Cal Grant T Awards."

9 (b) Maximum award amounts for students at independent
10 institutions and for Cal Grant C and T awards shall be identified
11 in the annual Budget Act. Maximum award amounts for Cal Grant
12 A and B awards for students attending public institutions shall be
13 referenced in the annual Budget Act.

14 (c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), and subdivision (c) of
15 Section 66021.2, commencing with the 2013–14 award year, the
16 maximum tuition award amounts for Cal Grant A and B awards
17 for students attending private for-profit and nonprofit
18 postsecondary educational institutions shall be as follows:

19 (A) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for new recipients attending
20 private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions.

(B) For the 2015–16 and 2016–17 award years, nine thousand eighty-four dollars (\$9,084) for new recipients attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions. For the 2017–18 award year and each award year thereafter, eight thousand fifty-six dollars (\$8,056) for new recipients attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions.

(2) The renewal award amount for a student whose initial award is subject to a maximum award amount specified in this subdivision shall be calculated pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 69433.

(3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), new recipients attending private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges as of July 1, 2012, shall have the same maximum tuition award amounts as are set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1).

SEC. 2. Section 69432.7 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69432.7. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) An “academic year” is July 1 to June 30, inclusive. The starting date of a session shall determine the academic year in which it is included.

(b) “Access costs” means living expenses and expenses for transportation, supplies, and books.

(c) “Award year” means one academic year, or the equivalent, of attendance at a qualifying institution.

(d) “College grade point average” and “community college grade point average” mean a grade point average calculated on the basis of all college work completed, except for nontransferable units and courses not counted in the computation for admission to a California public institution of higher education that grants a baccalaureate degree.

(e) “Commission” means the Student Aid Commission.

(f) “Enrollment status” means part- or full-time status.

(1) “Part time,” for purposes of Cal Grant eligibility, means 6 to 11 semester units, inclusive, or the equivalent.

(2) “Full time,” for purposes of Cal Grant eligibility, means 12 or more semester units or the equivalent.

1 (g) “Expected family contribution,” with respect to an applicant,
2 shall be determined using the federal methodology pursuant to
3 subdivision (a) of Section 69506 (as established by Title IV of the
4 federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sec.
5 1070 et seq.)) and applicable rules and regulations adopted by the
6 commission.

7 (h) “High school grade point average” means a grade point
8 average calculated on a 4.0 scale, using all academic coursework,
9 for the sophomore year, the summer following the sophomore
10 year, the junior year, and the summer following the junior year,
11 excluding physical education, Reserve Officers’ Training Corps
12 (ROTC), and remedial courses, and computed pursuant to
13 regulations of the commission. However, for high school graduates
14 who apply after their senior year, “high school grade point average”
15 includes senior year coursework.

16 (i) “Instructional program of not less than one academic year”
17 means a program of study that results in the award of an associate
18 or baccalaureate degree or certificate requiring at least 24 semester
19 units or the equivalent, or that results in eligibility for transfer from
20 a community college to a baccalaureate degree program.

21 (j) “Instructional program of not less than two academic years”
22 means a program of study that results in the award of an associate
23 or baccalaureate degree requiring at least 48 semester units or the
24 equivalent, or that results in eligibility for transfer from a
25 community college to a baccalaureate degree program.

26 (k) (1) “Maximum household income and asset levels” means
27 the applicable household income and household asset levels for
28 participants, including new applicants and renewing recipients, in
29 the Cal Grant Program, as defined and adopted in regulations by
30 the commission for the 2001–02 academic year, which shall be
31 set pursuant to the following income and asset ceiling amounts:

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34 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS

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36		Cal Grant-B B,
37	Cal Grant-A, C , A and T	<i>Competitive C, and</i>
38		<i>Entitlement C</i>
39	Dependent and Independent students with dependents*	

Family Size		
Six or more	\$74,100	\$40,700
Five	\$68,700	\$37,700
Four	\$64,100	\$33,700
Three	\$59,000	\$30,300
Two	\$57,600	\$26,900
Independent		
Single, no dependents	\$23,500	\$23,500
Married	\$26,900	\$26,900

*Applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS

	Cal Grant-A, C, A and T	Cal Grant-B B, Competitive C, and Entitlement C
Dependent**	\$49,600	\$49,600
Independent	\$23,600	\$23,600

**Applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

(2) The commission shall annually adjust the maximum household income and asset levels based on the percentage change in the cost of living within the meaning of paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution. The maximum household income and asset levels applicable to a renewing recipient shall be the greater of the adjusted maximum household income and asset levels or the maximum household income and asset levels at the time of the renewing recipient's initial Cal Grant award. For a recipient who was initially awarded a Cal Grant for an academic year before the 2011–12 academic year, the maximum household income and asset levels shall be the greater of the adjusted maximum household income and asset levels or the 2010–11 academic year maximum

1 household income and asset levels. An applicant or renewal
2 recipient who qualifies to be considered under the simplified needs
3 test established by federal law for student assistance shall be
4 presumed to meet the asset level test under this section. Before
5 disbursing any Cal Grant funds, a qualifying institution shall be
6 obligated, under the terms of its institutional participation
7 agreement with the commission, to resolve any conflicts that may
8 exist in the data the institution possesses relating to that individual.

9 (l) (1) “Qualifying institution” means an institution that
10 complies with paragraphs (2) and (3) and is any of the following:

11 (A) A California private or independent postsecondary
12 educational institution that participates in the Pell Grant Program
13 and in at least two of the following federal student aid programs:

14 (i) Federal Work-Study Program.

15 (ii) Federal Stafford Loan Program.

16 (iii) Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
17 Program.

18 (B) A nonprofit institution headquartered and operating in
19 California that certifies to the commission that 10 percent of the
20 institution’s operating budget, as demonstrated in an audited
21 financial statement, is expended for purposes of institutionally
22 funded student financial aid in the form of grants, that demonstrates
23 to the commission that it has the administrative capacity to
24 administer the funds, that is accredited by the Western Association
25 of Schools and Colleges, and that meets any other state-required
26 criteria adopted by regulation by the commission in consultation
27 with the Department of Finance. A regionally accredited institution
28 that was deemed qualified by the commission to participate in the
29 Cal Grant Program for the 2000–01 academic year shall retain its
30 eligibility as long as it maintains its existing accreditation status.

31 (C) A California public postsecondary educational institution.

32 (2) (A) The institution shall provide information on where to
33 access California license examination passage rates for the most
34 recent available year from graduates of its undergraduate programs
35 leading to employment for which passage of a California licensing
36 examination is required, if that data is electronically available
37 through the Internet Web site of a California licensing or regulatory
38 agency. For purposes of this paragraph, “provide” may exclusively
39 include placement of an Internet Web site address labeled as an
40 access point for the data on the passage rates of recent program

1 graduates on the Internet Web site where enrollment information
2 is also located, on an Internet Web site that provides centralized
3 admissions information for postsecondary educational systems
4 with multiple campuses, or on applications for enrollment or other
5 program information distributed to prospective students.

6 (B) The institution shall be responsible for certifying to the
7 commission compliance with the requirements of subparagraph
8 (A).

9 (3) (A) The commission shall certify by November 1 of each
10 year the institution's latest official three-year cohort default rate
11 and graduation rate as most recently reported by the United States
12 Department of Education. For purposes of this section, the
13 graduation rate is the percentage of full-time, first-time degree or
14 certificate-seeking undergraduate students who graduate in 150
15 percent or less of the expected time to complete degree
16 requirements as most recently reported publicly in any format,
17 including preliminary data records, by the United States
18 Department of Education.

19 (B) For purposes of the 2011–12 academic year, an otherwise
20 qualifying institution with a three-year cohort default rate reported
21 by the United States Department of Education that is equal to or
22 greater than 24.6 percent shall be ineligible for initial and renewal
23 Cal Grant awards at the institution.

24 (C) For purposes of the 2012–13 academic year, and every
25 academic year thereafter, an otherwise qualifying institution with
26 a three-year cohort default rate that is equal to or greater than 15.5
27 percent, as certified by the commission on October 1, 2011, and
28 every year thereafter, shall be ineligible for initial and renewal Cal
29 Grant awards at the institution.

30 (D) (i) An otherwise qualifying institution that becomes
31 ineligible under this paragraph for initial and renewal Cal Grant
32 awards shall regain its eligibility for the academic year for which
33 it satisfies the requirements established in subparagraph (B), (C),
34 or (F), as applicable.

35 (ii) If the United States Department of Education corrects or
36 revises an institution's three-year cohort default rate or graduation
37 rate that originally failed to satisfy the requirements established
38 in subparagraph (B), (C), or (F), as applicable, and the correction
39 or revision results in the institution's three-year cohort default rate
40 or graduation rate satisfying those requirements, that institution

1 shall immediately regain its eligibility for the academic year to
2 which the corrected or revised three-year cohort default rate or
3 graduation rate would have been applied.

4 (E) An otherwise qualifying institution for which no three-year
5 cohort default rate or graduation rate has been reported by the
6 United States Department of Education shall be provisionally
7 eligible to participate in the Cal Grant Program until a three-year
8 cohort default rate or graduation rate has been reported for the
9 institution by the United States Department of Education.

10 (F) For purposes of the 2012–13 academic year, and every
11 academic year thereafter, an otherwise qualifying institution with
12 a graduation rate of 30 percent or less, as certified by the
13 commission pursuant to subparagraph (A), shall be ineligible for
14 initial and renewal Cal Grant awards at the institution, except as
15 provided for in subparagraph (H).

16 (G) Notwithstanding any other law, the requirements of this
17 paragraph shall not apply to institutions with 40 percent or less of
18 undergraduate students borrowing federal student loans, using
19 information reported to the United States Department of Education
20 for the academic year two years before the academic year in which
21 the commission is certifying the three-year cohort default rate or
22 graduation rate pursuant to subparagraph (A).

23 (H) Notwithstanding subparagraph (F), an otherwise qualifying
24 institution that maintains a three-year cohort default rate that is
25 less than 15.5 percent and a graduation rate above 20 percent for
26 students taking 150 percent or less of the expected time to complete
27 degree requirements, as certified by the commission pursuant to
28 subparagraph (A), shall be eligible for initial and renewal Cal Grant
29 awards at the institution through the 2016–17 academic year.

30 (I) The commission shall do all of the following:

31 (i) Notify initial Cal Grant recipients seeking to attend, or
32 attending, an institution that is ineligible for initial and renewal
33 Cal Grant awards under subparagraph (C) or (F) that the institution
34 is ineligible for initial Cal Grant awards for the academic year for
35 which the student received an initial Cal Grant award.

36 (ii) Notify renewal Cal Grant recipients attending an institution
37 that is ineligible for initial and renewal Cal Grant awards at the
38 institution under subparagraph (C) or (F) that the student's Cal
39 Grant award will be reduced by 20 percent, or eliminated, as

1 appropriate, if the student attends the ineligible institution in an
2 academic year in which the institution is ineligible.

3 (iii) Provide initial and renewal Cal Grant recipients seeking to
4 attend, or attending, an institution that is ineligible for initial and
5 renewal Cal Grant awards at the institution under subparagraph
6 (C) or (F) with a complete list of all California postsecondary
7 educational institutions at which the student would be eligible to
8 receive an unreduced Cal Grant award.

9 (iv) (I) Establish an appeal process for an otherwise qualifying
10 institution that fails to satisfy the three-year cohort default rate and
11 graduation rate requirements in subparagraphs (C) and (F),
12 respectively.

13 (II) The commission may grant an appeal for an academic year
14 only if the commission has determined the institution has a cohort
15 size of 20 individuals or less and the cohort is not representative
16 of the overall institutional performance.

17 (m) “Satisfactory academic progress” means those criteria
18 required by applicable federal standards published in Title 34 of
19 the Code of Federal Regulations. The commission may adopt
20 regulations defining “satisfactory academic progress” in a manner
21 that is consistent with those federal standards.

22 *SEC. 3. Section 69439 of the Education Code is amended to*
23 *read:*

24 69439. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
25 have the following meanings:

26 (1) “Career pathway” has the same meaning as set forth in
27 Section 88620.

28 (2) “Economic security” has the same meaning as set forth in
29 Section 14005 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.

30 (3) “Industry cluster” has the same meaning as set forth in
31 Section 88620.

32 (4) “Long-term unemployed” means, with respect to an award
33 applicant, a person who has been unemployed for more than 26
34 weeks at the time of submission to the commission of his or her
35 application.

36 (5) “Occupational or technical training” means that phase of
37 education coming after the completion of a secondary school
38 program and leading toward recognized occupational goals
39 approved by the commission.

(b) A *Competitive* Cal Grant C award shall be utilized only for occupational or technical training in a course of not less than four months. There shall be the same number of *Competitive* Cal Grant C awards each year as were made in the 2000–01 fiscal year. The maximum award amount and the total amount of funding shall be determined each year in the annual Budget Act.

(c) The commission may use criteria it deems appropriate in selecting students to receive grants for occupational or technical training and shall give special consideration to the social and economic situations of the students applying for these grants, giving additional weight to disadvantaged applicants, applicants who face economic hardship, and applicants who face particular barriers to employment. Criteria to be considered for these purposes shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Family income and household size.

(2) Student's or the students' parent's household status, including whether the student is a single parent or child of a single parent.

(3) The employment status of the applicant and whether the applicant is unemployed, giving greater weight to the long-term unemployed.

(d) The *Competitive* Cal Grant C award recipients shall be eligible for renewal of their grants until they have completed their occupational or technical training in conformance with terms prescribed by the commission. A determination by the commission for a subsequent award year that the program under which a *Competitive* Cal Grant C award was initially awarded is no longer deemed to receive priority shall not affect an award recipient's renewal. In no case shall the grants exceed two calendar years.

(e) *Except as provided in subdivision (f), Competitive Cal Grant C awards may be used for institutional fees, charges, and other costs, including tuition, plus shall be in an annual amount not to exceed two thousand four hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$2,462) for tuition and fees and five hundred and forty-seven dollars (\$547) to cover access costs and training-related costs, such as special clothing, local transportation, clothing and required tools, equipment, supplies, books, and living expenses. tools and equipment.* In determining the individual award amounts *in this subdivision and subdivision (f)*, the commission shall take into account the financial means available to the student to fund his or

1 her course of study and costs of attendance as well as other state
2 and federal programs available to the applicant.

3 ~~(f) (1) To ensure alignment with the state's dynamic economic~~
4 ~~needs, the commission, in consultation with appropriate state and~~
5 ~~federal agencies, including the Economic and Workforce~~
6 ~~Development Division of the Office of the Chancellor of the~~
7 ~~California Community Colleges and the California Workforce~~
8 ~~Investment Board, shall identify areas of occupational and technical~~
9 ~~training for which students may utilize Cal Grant C awards. The~~
10 ~~commission, to the extent feasible, shall also consult with~~
11 ~~representatives of the state's leading competitive and emerging~~
12 ~~industry clusters, workforce professionals, and career technical~~
13 ~~educators, to determine which occupational training programs and~~
14 ~~industry clusters should be prioritized.~~

15 ~~(2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the areas of~~
16 ~~occupational and technical training developed pursuant to~~
17 ~~paragraph (1) shall be regularly reviewed and updated at least~~
18 ~~every five years, beginning in 2012.~~

19 ~~(B) By January 1, 2016, the commission shall update the priority~~
20 ~~areas of occupational and technical training.~~

21 ~~(3) (A) The~~

22 ~~(f) (1) An additional Competitive Cal Grant C award not to~~
23 ~~exceed an annual amount of two thousand four hundred and~~
24 ~~sixty-two dollars (\$2,462) shall be provided to community college~~
25 ~~students for occupational or technical training to cover access~~
26 ~~costs, training-related costs, such as special clothing and required~~
27 ~~tools and equipment, and tuition and fees. The award described~~
28 ~~in this paragraph shall be reserved exclusively for students enrolled~~
29 ~~at California Community Colleges. The commission shall establish~~
30 ~~a second application deadline of September 2 for community~~
31 ~~college students to apply for this award effective with the fall term~~
32 ~~or semester of the 2017–2018 academic year.~~

33 ~~(2) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community~~
34 ~~Colleges shall annually provide the commission with a regional~~
35 ~~inventory of priority and emerging industry sectors and priority~~
36 ~~occupational and technical training programs developed by each~~
37 ~~community college economic and workforce development region~~
38 ~~that have high employer demand, high projected employment~~
39 ~~growth, high earning outcomes, or are part of a well-articulated~~
40 ~~career pathway to a job or providing economic security.~~

(3) *The commission shall do both of the following:*

(A) *Use the information it receives pursuant to paragraph (2) to determine which occupational or technical training programs shall be prioritized for an award pursuant to this subdivision and consistent with subdivision (g).*

(B) *Publish, and maintain, on its Internet Web site an up to date list of the priority and emerging industry sectors and occupational and technical training programs that are in demand in each community college economic and workforce development region.*

(g) (1) *The commission shall give priority in granting Competitive Cal Grant C awards to students pursuing occupational or technical training in areas that meet two of the following criteria pertaining to job quality:*

(i)

(A) *High employer need or demand for the specific skills offered in the program.*

(ii)

(B) *High employment growth in the occupational field or industry cluster for which the student is being trained.*

(iii)

(C) *High employment salary and wage projections for workers employed in the occupations for which they are being trained.*

(iv)

(D) *The occupation or training program is part of a well-articulated career pathway to a job providing economic security.*

(B)

(2) *To receive priority pursuant to subparagraph (A), paragraph (1), at least one of the criteria met shall be specified in clause (iii) or (iv) of that subparagraph. subparagraph (C) or (D) of paragraph (1).*

~~(g) The commission shall determine areas of occupational or technical training that meet the criteria described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (f) in consultation with the Employment Development Department, the Economic and Workforce Development Division of the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and the California Workforce Investment Board using projections available through the Labor Market Information Data Library. The commission may supplement the analyses of the Employment Development Department's Labor~~

1 ~~Market Information Data Library with the labor market analyses~~
2 ~~developed by the Economic and Workforce Development Division~~
3 ~~of the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community~~
4 ~~Colleges and the California Workforce Investment Board, as well~~
5 ~~as the projections of occupational shortages and skills gap~~
6 ~~developed by industry leaders. The commission shall publish, and~~
7 ~~retain, on its Internet Web site a current list of the areas of~~
8 ~~occupational or technical training that meet the criteria described~~
9 ~~in paragraph (3) of subdivision (f), and update this list as necessary.~~

10 (h) Using the best available data, the commission shall examine
11 the graduation rates and job placement data, or salary data, of
12 eligible programs. Commencing with the 2014–15 academic year,
13 the commission shall give priority to *Competitive Cal Grant C*
14 *award applicants seeking to enroll in programs that rate high in*
15 *graduation rates and job placement data, or salary data, data,*
16 *including wage gain and initial earnings.*

17 (i) (1) The commission shall consult with the Employment
18 Development Department, the Office of the Chancellor of the
19 California Community Colleges, the California Workforce
20 Investment Board, and the local workforce investment boards to
21 develop a plan to publicize the existence of the grant award
22 program to California's long-term unemployed to be used by those
23 consulting agencies when they come in contact with members of
24 the population who are likely to be experiencing long-term
25 unemployment. The outreach plan shall use existing administrative
26 and service delivery processes making use of existing points of
27 contact with the long-term unemployed. The local workforce
28 investment boards are required to participate only to the extent
29 that the outreach efforts are a part of their existing responsibilities
30 under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law
31 105-220).

32 (2) The commission shall consult with the Workforce Services
33 Branch of the Employment Development Department, the Office
34 of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the
35 California Workforce Investment Board, and the local workforce
36 investment boards to develop ~~a~~ *an outreach plan to make students*
37 *receiving that provides information to students about new*
38 *opportunities for grant assistance in the Competitive Cal Grant*
39 *C program and makes recipients of these awards aware of job*
40 *search and placement services available through the Employment*

1 Development Department and the local workforce investment
2 boards. Outreach shall use *both* existing administrative and service
3 delivery processes making use of existing points of contact with
4 ~~the students.~~ *students, and new statewide and campus-based*
5 *methods for expanding the scope of outreach to students.* The local
6 workforce investment boards are required to participate only to
7 the extent that the outreach efforts are a part of their existing
8 responsibilities under the federal Workforce Investment Act of
9 1998 (Public Law 105-220).

10 (j) (1) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government
11 Code, the Legislative Analyst's Office *commission* shall submit a
12 report to the Legislature on the outcomes of the *Competitive Cal*
13 *Grant C* program on or before April 1, ~~2015~~, *2017*, and on or before
14 April 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter. This report shall
15 include, but not necessarily be limited to, information on all of the
16 following:

17 (A) The age, gender, and segment of attendance for recipients
18 in two prior award years.

19 (B) The occupational and technical training program categories
20 prioritized.

21 (C) The number and percentage of students who received
22 selection ~~priority as defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision (f).~~
23 *priority.*

24 (D) The extent to which recipients in these award years were
25 successfully placed in jobs that meet local, regional, or state
26 workforce needs.

27 ~~(2) For the report due on or before April 1, 2015, the Legislative~~
28 ~~Analyst's Office shall include data for two additional prior award~~
29 ~~years and shall compare the mix of occupational and technical~~
30 ~~training programs and institutions in which Cal Grant C award~~
31 ~~recipients enrolled before and after implementation of subdivision~~
32 ~~(f).~~

33 ~~(3)~~

34 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall
35 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
36 Code.

37 *SEC. 4. Section 69439.5 is added to the Education Code, to*
38 *read:*

39 *69439.5. (a) (1) A Cal Grant C Entitlement award shall be*
40 *awarded only for access costs for community college students who*

1 *are enrolled in a for-credit certificate or credential instructional*
2 *program that is less than one academic year in length and that is*
3 *an occupational or technical training program identified by the*
4 *commission as having high employer demand, high projected*
5 *employment growth, high earning outcomes, or as being part of*
6 *a well-articulated career pathway to a job providing economic*
7 *security. For purposes of this section, an academic year constitutes*
8 *two semesters or 24 semester units.*

9 (2) *An award for access costs under this section shall be in an*
10 *annual amount not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000). This*
11 *amount may be adjusted in the annual Budget Act.*

12 (b) *A student is entitled to receive a Cal Grant C Entitlement*
13 *award, and the commission shall allocate that award pursuant to*
14 *Section 66021.2, if all of the following criteria are met:*

15 (1) *The student is a California resident.*

16 (2) *The student has submitted, pursuant to Section 69432.9, a*
17 *complete financial aid application, submitted or postmarked no*
18 *later than the third September 2 following high school graduation*
19 *or its equivalent.*

20 (3) *The student demonstrates financial need pursuant to Section*
21 *69433.*

22 (4) *The student attains a high school grade point average of at*
23 *least 2.0 on a four-point scale.*

24 (5) *The student is pursuing a for-credit certificate or credential*
25 *instructional program offered by a community college that is less*
26 *than one academic year in length.*

27 (6) *The student meets the general Cal Grant eligibility*
28 *requirements set forth in Article 1 (commencing with Section*
29 *69430).*

30 ~~SECTION 1. Section 69439 of the Education Code is amended~~
31 ~~to read:~~

32 ~~69439. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms~~
33 ~~have the following meanings:~~

34 (1) ~~“Career pathway” has the same meaning as set forth in~~
35 ~~Section 88620.~~

36 (2) ~~“Economic security” has the same meaning as set forth in~~
37 ~~Section 14005 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.~~

38 (3) ~~“Industry cluster” has the same meaning as set forth in~~
39 ~~Section 88620.~~

1 ~~(4) “Long-term unemployed” means, with respect to an award~~
2 ~~applicant, a person who has been unemployed for more than 26~~
3 ~~weeks at the time of submission to the commission of his or her~~
4 ~~application.~~

5 ~~(5) “Occupational or technical training” means that phase of~~
6 ~~education coming after the completion of a secondary school~~
7 ~~program and leading toward recognized occupational goals~~
8 ~~approved by the commission.~~

9 ~~(b) A Cal Grant C award shall be utilized only for occupational~~
10 ~~or technical training in a course of not less than four months. There~~
11 ~~shall be the same number of Cal Grant C awards each year as were~~
12 ~~made in the 2000–01 fiscal year. The maximum award amount~~
13 ~~shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000).~~

14 ~~(c) The commission may use criteria it deems appropriate in~~
15 ~~selecting students to receive grants for occupational or technical~~
16 ~~training and shall give special consideration to the social and~~
17 ~~economic situations of the students applying for these grants, giving~~
18 ~~additional weight to disadvantaged applicants, applicants who face~~
19 ~~economic hardship, and applicants who face particular barriers to~~
20 ~~employment. Criteria to be considered for these purposes shall~~
21 ~~include, but are not limited to, all of the following:~~

22 ~~(1) Family income and household size.~~

23 ~~(2) Student’s or the students’ parent’s household status,~~
24 ~~including whether the student is a single parent or child of a single~~
25 ~~parent.~~

26 ~~(3) The employment status of the applicant and whether the~~
27 ~~applicant is unemployed, giving greater weight to the long-term~~
28 ~~unemployed.~~

29 ~~(d) The Cal Grant C award recipients shall be eligible for~~
30 ~~renewal of their grants until they have completed their occupational~~
31 ~~or technical training in conformance with terms prescribed by the~~
32 ~~commission. A determination by the commission for a subsequent~~
33 ~~award year that the program under which a Cal Grant C award was~~
34 ~~initially awarded is no longer deemed to receive priority shall not~~
35 ~~affect an award recipient’s renewal. In no case shall the grants~~
36 ~~exceed two calendar years.~~

37 ~~(e) Cal Grant C awards may be used for institutional charges~~
38 ~~and access costs, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 69432.7.~~
39 ~~In determining the individual award amounts, the commission~~
40 ~~shall take into account the financial means available to the student~~

1 to fund his or her course of study and costs of attendance as well
2 as other state and federal programs available to the applicant.

3 (f) (1) ~~To ensure alignment with the state's dynamic economic~~
4 ~~needs, the commission, in consultation with appropriate state and~~
5 ~~federal agencies, including the Economic and Workforce~~
6 ~~Development Division of the Office of the Chancellor of the~~
7 ~~California Community Colleges and the California Workforce~~
8 ~~Investment Board, shall identify areas of occupational and technical~~
9 ~~training for which students may utilize Cal Grant C awards. The~~
10 ~~commission, to the extent feasible, shall also consult with~~
11 ~~representatives of the state's leading competitive and emerging~~
12 ~~industry clusters, workforce professionals, and career technical~~
13 ~~educators, to determine which occupational training programs and~~
14 ~~industry clusters should be prioritized.~~

15 (2) (A) ~~Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the areas of~~
16 ~~occupational and technical training developed pursuant to~~
17 ~~paragraph (1) shall be regularly reviewed and updated at least~~
18 ~~every five years, beginning in 2012.~~

19 (B) ~~By January 1, 2016, the commission shall update the priority~~
20 ~~areas of occupational and technical training.~~

21 (3) (A) ~~The commission shall give priority in granting Cal~~
22 ~~Grant C awards to students pursuing occupational or technical~~
23 ~~training in areas that meet two of the following criteria pertaining~~
24 ~~to job quality:~~

25 (i) ~~High employer need or demand for the specific skills offered~~
26 ~~in the program.~~

27 (ii) ~~High employment growth in the occupational field or~~
28 ~~industry cluster for which the student is being trained.~~

29 (iii) ~~High employment salary and wage projections for workers~~
30 ~~employed in the occupations for which they are being trained.~~

31 (iv) ~~The occupation or training program is part of a~~
32 ~~well-articulated career pathway to a job providing economic~~
33 ~~security.~~

34 (B) ~~To receive priority pursuant to subparagraph (A), at least~~
35 ~~one of the criteria met shall be specified in clause (iii) or (iv) of~~
36 ~~that subparagraph.~~

37 (4) ~~In addition to the priority given pursuant to paragraph (3)~~
38 ~~for students seeking to enroll in a community college, the~~
39 ~~commission shall give priority in granting Cal Grant C awards to~~
40 ~~students pursuing occupational or technical training in industry~~

1 sectors determined by the California Community College Economic
2 and Workforce Development Program to be a high priority for the
3 region encompassing the college.

4 ~~(g) The commission shall determine areas of occupational or~~
5 ~~technical training that meet the criteria described in paragraph (3)~~
6 ~~of subdivision (f) in consultation with the Employment~~
7 ~~Development Department, the Economic and Workforce~~
8 ~~Development Division of the Office of the Chancellor of the~~
9 ~~California Community Colleges, and the California Workforce~~
10 ~~Investment Board using projections available through the Labor~~
11 ~~Market Information Data Library. The commission may supplement~~
12 ~~the analyses of the Employment Development Department's Labor~~
13 ~~Market Information Data Library with the labor market analyses~~
14 ~~developed by the Economic and Workforce Development Division~~
15 ~~of the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community~~
16 ~~Colleges and the California Workforce Investment Board, as well~~
17 ~~as the projections of occupational shortages and skills gap~~
18 ~~developed by industry leaders. The commission shall publish, and~~
19 ~~retain, on its Internet Web site a current list of the areas of~~
20 ~~occupational or technical training that meet the criteria described~~
21 ~~in paragraph (3) of subdivision (f), and update this list as necessary.~~

22 ~~(h) Using the best available data, the commission shall examine~~
23 ~~the graduation rates and job placement data, or salary data, of~~
24 ~~eligible programs. Commencing with the 2014-15 academic year,~~
25 ~~the commission shall give priority to Cal Grant C award applicants~~
26 ~~seeking to enroll in programs that rate high in graduation rates and~~
27 ~~job placement data, or salary data.~~

28 ~~(i) (1) The commission shall consult with the Employment~~
29 ~~Development Department, the Office of the Chancellor of the~~
30 ~~California Community Colleges, the California Workforce~~
31 ~~Investment Board, and the local workforce investment boards to~~
32 ~~develop a plan to publicize the existence of the grant award~~
33 ~~program to California's long-term unemployed to be used by those~~
34 ~~consulting agencies when they come in contact with members of~~
35 ~~the population who are likely to be experiencing long-term~~
36 ~~unemployment. The outreach plan shall use existing administrative~~
37 ~~and service delivery processes making use of existing points of~~
38 ~~contact with the long-term unemployed. The local workforce~~
39 ~~investment boards are required to participate only to the extent~~
40 ~~that the outreach efforts are a part of their existing responsibilities~~

1 under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law
2 105-220):

3 ~~(2) The commission shall consult with the Workforce Services~~
4 ~~Branch of the Employment Development Department, the Office~~
5 ~~of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the~~
6 ~~California Workforce Investment Board, and the local workforce~~
7 ~~investment boards to develop a plan to make students receiving~~
8 ~~awards aware of job search and placement services available~~
9 ~~through the Employment Development Department and the local~~
10 ~~workforce investment boards. Outreach shall use existing~~
11 ~~administrative and service delivery processes making use of~~
12 ~~existing points of contact with the students. The local workforce~~
13 ~~investment boards are required to participate only to the extent~~
14 ~~that the outreach efforts are a part of their existing responsibilities~~
15 ~~under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law~~
16 ~~105-220):~~

17 ~~(j) (1) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government~~
18 ~~Code, the Legislative Analyst's Office shall submit a report to the~~
19 ~~Legislature on the outcomes of the Cal Grant C program on or~~
20 ~~before April 1, 2015, and on or before April 1 of each~~
21 ~~odd-numbered year thereafter. This report shall include, but not~~
22 ~~necessarily be limited to, information on all of the following:~~

23 ~~(A) The age, gender, and segment of attendance for recipients~~
24 ~~in two prior award years.~~

25 ~~(B) The occupational and technical training program categories~~
26 ~~prioritized.~~

27 ~~(C) The number and percentage of students who received~~
28 ~~selection priority as defined in paragraph (3) of subdivision (f).~~

29 ~~(D) The extent to which recipients in these award years were~~
30 ~~successfully placed in jobs that meet local, regional, or state~~
31 ~~workforce needs.~~

32 ~~(2) For the report due on or before April 1, 2015, the Legislative~~
33 ~~Analyst's Office shall include data for two additional prior award~~
34 ~~years and shall compare the mix of occupational and technical~~
35 ~~training programs and institutions in which Cal Grant C award~~
36 ~~recipients enrolled before and after implementation of subdivision~~
37 ~~(f).~~

1 ~~(3) A report to be submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall~~
2 ~~be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government~~
3 ~~Code.~~

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