ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2064

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

February 17, 2016

An act to add Section 66025.4 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2064, as introduced, Travis Allen. Public postsecondary education: tuition and mandatory systemwide fees.

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 2 of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law authorizes these segments to charge students tuition and mandatory systemwide fees, among other charges, for attendance at these institutions. The existing Donahoe Higher Education Act specifies that none of its provisions applies to the University of California except to the extent that the regents, by appropriate resolution, make that provision applicable.

This bill would add to the Donahoe Higher Education Act a provision requiring the trustees, and the regents if they act by appropriate resolution as referenced above, to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees for each incoming first-year class. The bill would prohibit the tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for an incoming first-year class under the bill from being increased for that class, except as specified. The bill would provide that the exceptions do not apply to a student during the time the student is taking a leave of absence to serve in the military.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 66025.4 is added to the Education Code,
to read:

- 3 66025.4. (a) Subject to Section 67400, the Trustees of the 4 California State University and the Regents of the University of
- 5 California shall determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition
- 6 and mandatory systemwide fees for each incoming first-year class.
- 7 The tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for an incoming
- 8 first-year class under this section shall not be increased for that
- 9 class, except under either or both of the following scenarios:
- 10 (1) At least four academic years have passed.
- 11 (2) To reflect the percentage change, if any, in the Consumer
- 12 Price Index calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the
- 13 United States Department of Labor during the previous academic14 year.
- 15 (b) The exceptions in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a)
- 16 do not apply to a student during the time the student is taking a
- 17 leave of absence to serve in the military.

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