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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2154

**Introduced by Assembly Member Medina
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Olsen)**

February 17, 2016

An act to amend Section 69511 of the Education Code, relating to the Student Aid Commission.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2154, as amended, Medina. Student Aid Commission: student members.

Existing law establishes the Student Aid Commission to perform a variety of duties relating to student financial aid programs, and requires the Governor to appoint 2 student members to the commission for terms of ~~two~~ 2 academic years. Existing provisions of the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program set forth requirements for a postsecondary institution to be considered a qualifying institution.

This bill would authorize a student member to serve as a student member of the Student Aid Commission for up to one additional year after his or her 2-year term expires if the Governor has not appointed a successor student member. The bill would also require a qualifying institution to waive a student member's tuition, up to a specified amount, for the duration of the student member's term in office if the student member is not a recipient of a Cal Grant award. *The bill would require the commission to notify the appropriate student organization for each segment of a pending student member vacancy no less than three months*

before the expiration of the term, and of the appropriate student organization's opportunity to submit a list of nominees.

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 69511 of the Education Code is amended
 2 to read:
 3 69511. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b), each
 4 member of the commission, other than a student member, shall
 5 have a four-year term.
 6 (2) (A) A student member appointed pursuant to subdivision
 7 (d) of Section 69510 shall have a term of two academic years.
 8 ~~However, upon~~
 9 (B) *Upon* expiration of the student member's two-year term, if
 10 the Governor has not appointed a successor, the student member
 11 may remain in office for one additional year or until the Governor
 12 appoints a successor, whichever occurs first. *The requirements of*
 13 *subdivision (d) of Section 69510 do not apply to a student in the*
 14 *additional year under this paragraph.*
 15 (C) *The commission shall notify the appropriate student*
 16 *organization for each segment, as described in Section 69511.5,*
 17 *of a pending student member vacancy no less than three months*
 18 *before the expiration of the term, and of the appropriate student*
 19 *organization's opportunity to submit a list of nominees pursuant*
 20 *to Section 69511.5.*
 21 (b) The term of one member appointed pursuant to subdivision
 22 (g) of Section 69510 and the term of one member appointed
 23 pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 69510, effective January 1,
 24 1991, shall be for five years. Each subsequent term for members
 25 appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall be for four years.
 26 (c) At no time shall both student representatives be enrolled in
 27 the same segment of postsecondary education in California. For
 28 purposes of this subdivision, each postsecondary education program
 29 listed in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 69510 is a segment
 30 of postsecondary education in California.
 31 (d) Appointment to the commission of members appointed
 32 pursuant to subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, of Section 69510 shall
 33 be made by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate.

1 (e) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a person
2 who will have the same status as the predecessor of the appointee.
3 The appointee shall hold office only for the balance of the
4 unexpired term.

5 (f) (1) Each member of the commission shall receive a stipend
6 of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day in which he or she
7 attends any meeting of the commission or any meeting of any
8 committee or subcommittee of the commission, of which
9 committee or subcommittee he or she is a member, and which
10 committee or subcommittee meeting is conducted for the purpose
11 of carrying out the powers and duties of the commission. In
12 addition, each member shall receive his or her actual and necessary
13 traveling expenses incurred in the course of his or her duties.

14 (2) In addition, if a student member who attends a qualifying
15 institution, as defined in Section 69432.7, is not the recipient of a
16 Cal Grant award, the qualifying institution, as a condition of
17 participation in the Cal Grant program, shall waive the student
18 member's tuition, up to the maximum award amount for that
19 institution, for the duration of the student member's term of office.

20 (g) (1) If an act of Congress establishes a program of
21 scholarships or grants for undergraduate students and permits
22 administration of the program within a state by a state agency, the
23 Student Aid Commission, as established by Section 69510, shall
24 administer the act within the state if the Governor and the Student
25 Aid Commission, by a majority vote of its entire membership,
26 determine that the participation by the state in the federal
27 scholarship or grant program under the act would not interfere
28 with or jeopardize the continuation of the scholarship program
29 established under Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 69430)
30 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3.

31 (2) The commission shall constitute the state commission on
32 federal scholarships or grants and is hereby empowered to
33 formulate a plan for development and administration of any federal
34 scholarship or grant program within the state.

35 (3) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the commission is
36 hereby vested with all necessary power and authority to cooperate
37 with the government of the United States, or any agency or
38 agencies thereof, in the administration of any act of Congress
39 establishing a scholarship or grant program and the rules and
40 regulations adopted thereunder.

1 (4) Before adopting a state plan, the commission, acting as the
2 state commission on federal scholarships or grants, shall hold
3 public hearings as provided in the California Administrative
4 Procedure Act.

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