

**Introduced by Senator Lara**February 18, 2015

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An act to add Chapter 20 (commencing with Section 11900) to Part 7 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to public schools.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 247, as introduced, Lara. Dream Centers: educational support services.

Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools maintained and operated by local educational agencies throughout the state. Existing law also establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, and the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

Existing law requires the Student Aid Commission to establish procedures and forms that enable students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition because they meet specified residency requirements, or who meet equivalent requirements adopted by the regents, to apply for, and participate in, all student financial aid programs administered by the state to the full extent permitted by federal law.

This bill would authorize the governing board of each school district or county office of education that maintains any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, the governing board of each community college district, and the Trustees of the California State University to establish, and would encourage the Regents of the University of California to establish,

on-campus Dream Centers to provide information to undocumented pupils and students about educational support services.

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. Chapter 20 (commencing with Section 11900)  
2 is added to Part 7 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code,  
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 20. DREAM CENTERS  
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7 11900. The governing board of each school district or county  
8 office of education that maintains any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive,  
9 the governing board of each community college district, and the  
10 Trustees of the California State University may establish, and the  
11 Regents of the University of California are encouraged to establish,  
12 on-campus Dream Centers to provide information to undocumented  
13 pupils and students about educational support services, including,  
14 but not limited to, the financial aid application established by the  
15 Student Aid Commission pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section  
16 69508.5, known as the Dream Act Application.