

Introduced by Senator Nguyen

February 18, 2016

An act to amend Section 66900 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1218, as introduced, Nguyen. Postsecondary education: California Postsecondary Education Commission.

Existing law establishes the system of postsecondary education in this state, consisting of 4 segments: the University of California, the California State University, the California Community Colleges, and independent institutions of higher education, as defined. Existing law establishes the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) to be responsible for coordinating public, independent, and private postsecondary education in this state and to provide independent policy analyses and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on postsecondary education issues. The Budget Act of 2011 deleted funding and personnel from CPEC.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in a provision containing legislative findings and intent related to CPEC.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66900 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 66900. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the California
- 4 Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) be responsible for

1 coordinating public, independent, and private postsecondary
2 education in California and providing independent policy analyses
3 and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on
4 postsecondary education issues. ~~It~~

5 (b) *In this respect, the Legislature finds and declares as follows:*

6 (1) California, in its adoption of the 1960 Master Plan for Higher
7 Education, established the Coordinating Council for Higher
8 Education, the commission's predecessor as the statewide
9 coordinating and planning board for higher education.

10 (2) In 1973, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Higher
11 Education reviewed the 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education
12 and ultimately advanced a report that included recommendations
13 for strengthening California's higher education plan. The
14 committee's work resulted in the disestablishment of the
15 Coordinating Council for Higher Education and the establishment
16 of the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

17 (3) Assembly Bill 770 (Chapter 1187 of the Statutes of 1973)
18 strengthened the membership of the commission by having a
19 majority of its members represent the general public. That bill also
20 increased the commission's responsibilities with respect to advising
21 the Legislature and the Governor on issues related to governance,
22 operation, and financing of higher education in California.

23 (4) Since 1974, the commission has served as the state's
24 independent planning and coordination agency for postsecondary
25 education policy, responsible for providing analyses and
26 recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor related to
27 long-range planning for public postsecondary education and the
28 state policy and programs involving independent and private
29 postsecondary education sectors.

30 (5) In 1990, Senate Bill 1570 (Chapter 1587 of the Statutes of
31 1990) codified the commission's mission statement developed by
32 the 1989 Joint Committee for the Review of the Master Plan for
33 Higher Education.

34 (6) The commission has administered specifically designated
35 federal programs and in July 1993, it was named the state's
36 designated agency to administer the new federal state
37 postsecondary review entity (SPRE).

38 ~~(b)~~

39 (c) It is the intent of the ~~Legislature that~~ *Legislature:*

1 (1) *That* the commission maintain the essential role it plays in
2 coordinating all sectors of postsecondary education, both public
3 and private, given the size, scope, and complexity of California's
4 higher education system.

5 ~~(e) It is further the intent of the Legislature, as follows:~~

6 ~~(1)~~

7 (2) That the education policy recommendations of the
8 commission shall be a primary consideration in developing state
9 policy and funding for postsecondary education.

10 ~~(2)~~

11 (3) That the commission shall develop and maintain a data
12 collection system capable of documenting the performance of
13 postsecondary education institutions in meeting the post high
14 school education and training needs of California's diverse
15 population.

16 ~~(3)~~

17 (4) That the commission, as the state's planning and coordinating
18 agency, shall ensure the effective utilization of public
19 postsecondary education resources, thereby eliminating waste and
20 unnecessary duplication, and shall promote diversity, innovation,
21 and responsiveness to student and societal needs.

22 ~~(4)~~

23 (5) That the commission shall encourage the participation of
24 faculty members, students, administrators, and members of the
25 general public in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.