Introduced by Senator Galgiani

February 19, 2016

An act to add Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 70120) to Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1417, as amended, Galgiani. Public postsecondary education: student loan payment program.

Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, and the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as 2 of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

This bill would require the trustees, and would request the regents, to develop and implement a program to provide an incentive, as defined, to qualified students, as defined, who complete an undergraduate degree within 4 years at a campus of their respective system.

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 4 (commencing with Section 70120) is
- 2 added to Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code,
- 3 to read:

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Chapter 4. Graduation Incentive Loan Payment Program

- 70120. (a) The Trustees of the California State University shall develop and implement a program to provide an incentive to qualified students who complete an undergraduate degree within four years at a campus of the California State University.
- (b) The Regents of the University of California are requested to develop and implement a program to provide an incentive to qualified students who complete an undergraduate degree within four years at a campus of the University of California.
- (c) For purposes of this section, both of the following definitions apply:
- (1) "Incentive" means a one-time two-thousand-five-hundred-dollar (\$2,500) payment towards the eligible student's outstanding student loan debt.
- (2) "Qualified student" means a student who is a California resident or a student meeting the requirements set forth in Section 68130.5.