

**Assembly Bill No. 2421**

CHAPTER 276

An act to amend Section 15379.21 of the Government Code, relating to economic development.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2421, Baca. California Community Colleges Economic Development Program.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges Economic Development Program and sets forth specified components of the mission of that program, subject to approval and amendment by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in meeting the vocational education and training needs of business and industry in the state.

This bill would additionally specify that a component of the mission of the program is to assist communities experiencing military base downsizing and closures.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the California Community Colleges Economic Development Program, whose mission is described in Section 15379.21 of the Government Code, should be utilized to, among other things, train and retrain workers in order to attract prospective industry and retain existing industry in affected areas. The Legislature further finds and declares that it should therefore be a priority of the program to assist community colleges working in conjunction with local communities experiencing military base downsizing or closure, or both, or the appropriate authority designated by that community.

SEC. 2. Section 15379.21 of the Government Code is amended to read:

15379.21. (a) The mission of the economic development program, subject to approval and amendment by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) To advance California's economic growth and global competitiveness through quality education and services focusing on continuous work force improvement, technology deployment, and business development.



(2) To coordinate a community college response to meet statewide work force needs that attracts, retains, and expands businesses.

(3) To develop innovative solutions, as needed, in identified strategic priority areas, including, but not limited to, advanced transportation technologies, biotechnologies, small business applications, applied competitive technologies, including computer integrated manufacturing, production, and continuous quality improvement, environmental technologies, health care delivery, international trade, and work place literacy.

(4) To identify, acquire, and leverage resources to support local, regional, and statewide economic development.

(5) To create logistical, technical, and marketing infrastructure support for economic development activities within the California Community Colleges.

(6) To optimize access to community colleges' economic development services.

(7) To develop strategic public and private sector partnerships.

(8) To assist communities experiencing military base downsizing and closures.

(b) The board of governors and the chancellor may award grants to districts for leadership in accomplishing the mission and goals of the economic development program, as described in subdivision (a).

