

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 8, 1999

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 206**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Runner and Ducheny**

January 21, 1999

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An act to ~~add Section 8539 to the Education Code, relating to school finance, and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 206, as amended, Runner. Community colleges: ~~noncredit courses and classes apportionments.~~

Existing law establishes a funding system for the public schools of the state. The existing funding system includes provisions for apportionments to community college districts for ~~noncredit courses.~~ *The Budget Act of 1998, among other things, appropriates \$1,462,212,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for apportionments to community college districts.*

This bill would ~~require, commencing with the 1999–2000 fiscal year, the amount of funding per noncredit full-time equivalent student enrolled in certain courses and classes at a community college to be increased on a pro rata basis. The bill would appropriate \$11,000,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to provide for a funding increase for noncredit classes and classes offered at community colleges that are eligible for funding. The bill would provide that any funding made~~

~~available for the purposes of this act shall be provided from the amount of moneys to be applied by the state for community college districts pursuant to the minimum funding guarantee for school districts and community college districts contained in the California Constitution.~~

~~The bill would appropriate, without regard to fiscal years, \$35,000,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges in augmentation of a prescribed *this* appropriation made in the Budget Act of 1998.~~

~~This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.~~

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8539 is added to the Education~~  
2 ~~Code, to read:~~

3 ~~8539. (a) Notwithstanding Section 84750 or any other~~  
4 ~~provision of this code, commencing with the 1999 2000~~  
5 ~~fiscal year, the amount of funding per noncredit full-time~~  
6 ~~equivalent student enrolled in courses and classes~~  
7 ~~described in subdivision (a) of Section 84757 at a~~  
8 ~~community college shall be increased on a pro rata basis~~  
9 ~~with the funds appropriated by subdivision (b). If a~~  
10 ~~community college district receives additional funding~~  
11 ~~pursuant to this section, the district shall, in order to~~  
12 ~~measure rates of course completion, establish a pass/not~~  
13 ~~pass grading system for those noncredit courses and~~  
14 ~~elasses that do not otherwise require grades.~~

15 ~~(b) The amount of eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000)~~  
16 ~~is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the~~  
17 ~~Board of Governors of the California Community~~  
18 ~~Colleges to provide for a funding increase for noncredit~~  
19 ~~courses and classes provided at community colleges that~~  
20 ~~are eligible for funding pursuant to Section 84757.~~

21 ~~(c) Any funding made available for the purposes of~~  
22 ~~this section shall be provided from the amount of moneys~~  
23 ~~to be applied by the state for community college districts~~



1 ~~pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 8 of Article XVI of~~  
2 ~~the California Constitution.~~

3 ~~SEC. 2.~~

4 ~~SECTION 1.~~ The sum of thirty-five million dollars  
5 (\$35,000,000) is hereby appropriated, ~~without regard to~~  
6 ~~fiscal years,~~ from the General Fund to the Board of  
7 Governors of the California Community Colleges in  
8 augmentation of the appropriation made in schedule (a)  
9 of Item 6870-101-0001 of Section 2.00 of Chapter 324 of the  
10 Statutes of 1998.

11 ~~SEC. 3.~~

12 ~~SEC. 2.~~ It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
13 thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) appropriated by  
14 Section 2 of this act will fully satisfy the state's  
15 commitment to achieve equalization of funding among  
16 community college districts based on the statewide  
17 average for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

18 ~~SEC. 4.~~ ~~This act is an urgency statute necessary for the~~  
19 ~~immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or~~  
20 ~~safety within the meaning of Article IV of the~~  
21 ~~Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts~~  
22 ~~constituting the necessity are:~~

23 ~~In order to increase the rate for noncredit courses~~  
24 ~~taught at community colleges as soon as possible, it is~~  
25 ~~necessary that this act take effect immediately.~~

