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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 899

Introduced by Assembly Member Alquist
(Coauthor: Assembly Members Bock, Calderon,
Strom-Martin, and Zettel)
(Coauthors: Senators Bowen, Sher, and Solis)

February 25, 1999

An act to add Section 69613.7 to the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 899, as amended, Alquist. Assumption Program of Loans for Education.

Existing law establishes an assumption program of loans for education, under which any person enrolled in a participating institution of postsecondary education, or any person who agrees to participate in a teacher trainee or teacher internship program, is eligible to receive a conditional warrant for loan assumption, to be redeemed pursuant to a prescribed procedure upon becoming employed as a teacher. ~~Existing law requires, as one alternative for the conditions for~~

~~eligibility in the loan assumption program, that the applicant be currently enrolled in, or be admitted to, a program in which he or she will be enrolled in, at least 10 semester units or the equivalent and that the applicant agree to maintain not less than 10 semester units per semester, or the equivalent, and to maintain satisfactory academic progress. Under the program, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to furnish to the Student Aid Commission a list of teaching fields that have the most critical shortage of teachers.~~

~~This bill would require the Student Aid Commission to adopt regulations for the redistribution of unused warrants or warrants that have not been claimed or for which the recipients have been determined to be ineligible. The bill also would specify the persons to whom those warrants shall be made available that this list not include references to teaching in a self-contained classroom or teaching pursuant to a multiple subject credential.~~

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. Section 69613.7 is added to the
2 Education Code, to read:

3 69613.7. (a) *For the purposes of this article, "subject*
4 *matter shortage area" may not be construed to include*
5 *teaching in a self-contained classroom or teaching*
6 *pursuant to a multiple subject credential.*

7 (b) *The list, furnished by the Superintendent of Public*
8 *Instruction pursuant to Section 69613.1 and relating to*
9 *teaching fields that have the most critical shortage of*
10 *teachers, shall not include teaching in a self-contained*
11 *classroom or teaching pursuant to a multiple subject*
12 *credential.*

13 ~~69613.7. (a) In any fiscal year in which the~~
14 ~~authorized number of new warrants has not been~~
15 ~~distributed according to the criteria established in~~
16 ~~Section 69613, the Student Aid Commission may allocate~~
17 ~~the undistributed warrants, on a pro rata basis, to a~~
18 ~~student who meets all of the following criteria:~~

1 ~~(1) The student is a full-time teacher, who is currently~~
2 ~~teaching with an emergency permit, or who is assigned~~
3 ~~to teach classes for which he or she does not have a single~~
4 ~~subject credential, or who does not have a supplementary~~
5 ~~authorization for the subject matter that he or she has~~
6 ~~been assigned to teach.~~

7 ~~(2) The student is currently enrolled in, or has been~~
8 ~~admitted to, a program of professional teacher~~
9 ~~preparation approved by the Commission on Teacher~~
10 ~~Credentialing.~~

11 ~~(3) The student is currently enrolled in, or is eligible~~
12 ~~to enroll in, at least one professional preparation course~~
13 ~~per academic term.~~

14 ~~(b) First priority for the distribution of awards~~
15 ~~pursuant to this section shall be given to students who~~
16 ~~agree to teach mathematics or science courses. Second~~
17 ~~priority for the distribution of awards pursuant to this~~
18 ~~section shall be given to students who agree to teach other~~
19 ~~core subjects for which there is a shortage of qualified~~
20 ~~teachers, as determined by the Superintendent of Public~~
21 ~~Instruction. Third priority for the distribution of awards~~
22 ~~pursuant to this section shall be given to students who~~
23 ~~agree to teach at low-performing schools, as identified by~~
24 ~~the Superintendent of Public Instruction.~~

25 ~~(c) The Student Aid Commission shall adopt~~
26 ~~regulations for the distribution of warrants under this~~
27 ~~section.~~

