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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1958

Introduced by Assembly Member Romero

February 18, 2000

An act to add Section 66201.7 to the Education Code, relating to the public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1958, as amended, Romero. Public postsecondary education: deferred enrollment at University of California and California State University.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Provisions of the act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, act to make a provision applicable. Among other things, the act sets forth legislative intent relating to admission to the University of California and the California State University.

This bill would request the University of California, and would require the California State University, to ~~permit~~ *allow* any person who is admitted to full-time undergraduate status to ~~defer request a deferment of~~ enrollment for ~~at least up to~~ one academic year, ~~unless the person is informed, in writing, that he or she will not be offered the option of deferred~~

~~enrollment.~~ *The bill would specify the criteria under which deferment of enrollment would be granted on a case-by-case basis, within the discretion of the respective universities.*

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 66201.7 is added to the
2 Education Code, to read:

3 66201.7. ~~Any~~ *(a) The Regents of the University of*
4 *California are requested to, and the Trustees of the*
5 *California State University shall, in accordance with the*
6 *criteria set forth in subdivision (b), allow any person who*
7 *is admitted to full-time undergraduate status at either the*
8 ~~*University of California or the California State University*~~
9 ~~*may defer enrollment for at least one academic year,*~~
10 ~~*unless the person is informed, in writing, at the time of*~~
11 ~~*admission that he or she will not be offered the option of*~~
12 ~~*deferred enrollment.*~~ *any campus of the respective*
13 *universities to request a deferment of enrollment for up*
14 *to one academic year. A student may request deferment*
15 *at any time between registration for, and the first day of*
16 *instruction of, the initial academic term of the student's*
17 *undergraduate career.*

18 *(b) Deferment of enrollment under this section shall*
19 *be granted, on a case-by-case basis within the discretion*
20 *of the university, in response to criteria cited by the*
21 *student including, but not necessarily limited to, any of*
22 *the following:*

23 *(1) Financial need.*

24 *(2) Family commitment or obligation, especially a*
25 *situation caused by the death or serious illness of a family*
26 *member.*

27 *(3) Medical condition.*

28 *(4) The student's desire to enroll in a foreign study*
29 *program that is offered at another institution of higher*
30 *education.*

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