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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1958**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Romero**

February 18, 2000

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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 ~~allow any person who is~~ *require each campus in their respective systems to develop a process through which a student admitted to*

full-time undergraduate status ~~to request a deferment of~~ *may apply to defer his or her* enrollment for up to one academic year. The bill would specify ~~the criteria under which~~ *deferral* ~~that the decision as to whether to grant the~~ *of enrollment would be granted* ~~made at the discretion of the affected university,~~ 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. ~~(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 *require each campus in their respective systems to*  
 7 *develop a process through which a student admitted to*  
 8 *full-time undergraduate status may apply to defer his or*  
 9 *her enrollment for up to one academic year. The decision*  
 10 *as to whether to grant the deferral of the enrollment may*  
 11 *be made, at the discretion of the affected university, on*  
 12 *a case-by-case basis.*  
 13 ~~criteria set forth in subdivision (b), allow any person who~~  
 14 ~~is admitted to full-time undergraduate status at any~~  
 15 ~~campus of the respective universities to request a~~  
 16 ~~deferment of enrollment for up to one academic year. A~~  
 17 ~~student may request deferment at any time between~~  
 18 ~~registration for, and the first day of instruction of, the~~  
 19 ~~initial academic term of the student's undergraduate~~  
 20 ~~career.~~  
 21 ~~(b) Deferment of enrollment under this section shall~~  
 22 ~~be granted, on a case-by-case basis within the discretion~~  
 23 ~~of the university, in response to criteria cited by the~~  
 24 ~~student including, but not necessarily limited to, any of~~  
 25 ~~the following:~~  
 26 ~~(1) Financial need.~~



1 ~~(2) Family commitment or obligation, especially a~~  
2 ~~situation caused by the death or serious illness of a family~~  
3 ~~member.~~

4 ~~(3) Medical condition.~~

5 ~~(4) The student's desire to enroll in a foreign study~~  
6 ~~program that is offered at another institution of higher~~  
7 ~~education.~~

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