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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2323

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ducheny
(Coauthor: Assembly Members Baldwin, Firebaugh, and
Zettel)**

(Coauthor: Senators Alpert and Kelley)

February 24, 2000

An act to add Chapter 18 (commencing with Section 11700) to Part 7 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2323, as amended, Ducheny. Joint Powers Authority: Center for International Education Synergy.

Existing law authorizes the formation of a joint powers agreement for specified purposes, in accordance with specified provisions of law.

This bill would *declare the intent of the Legislature that the Center for International Education Synergy be established through a joint powers agreement entered into between the Sweetwater Union High School District, the Southwestern Community College District, and San Diego State University.*

Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2000, \$3,000,000 is appropriated to San Diego State University from the General Fund for the acquisition of the Otay Mesa Off-Campus Center.

~~This bill would declare that this amount be deemed to be supplemental to, and separate from, any existing or future capital outlay funding for the California State University state the intent of the Legislature to provide funding from the General Fund in the annual Budget Act to support the proposed Center for International Education Synergy, a proposed joint project of the Sweetwater Union High School District, the Southwestern Community College District, and San Diego State University, and would state the intent of the Legislature that those participating agencies develop a combined master plan for the site that emphasizes the unique operation of the proposed center in providing coursework towards a high school diploma, an Associate of Arts degree, a Bachelor of Science degree, or graduate degree for secondary and postsecondary students, as well as other workforce training and certificate programs.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that
2 the Sweetwater Union High School District, the
3 Southwestern Community College District, and San
4 Diego State University are working together with local
5 governmental officials to design and develop a
6 full-service educational complex that maximizes the
7 effectiveness of public funding to meet a growing
8 demand for secondary and postsecondary enrollment in
9 south San Diego County. Key benefits of this complex
10 include the following:

- 11 (a) Multiple cross-age learning opportunities.
- 12 (b) Improved access to higher education in an
- 13 underserved area.
- 14 (c) An integrated learning experience for pupils in
- 15 grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that provides college-level



1 classes to high school pupils as well as tutoring and
2 mentoring roles for college and university students.

3 (d) Attracting developing industries and providing
4 educational support.

5 (e) Providing cross-border shared educational,
6 applied research and service opportunities and
7 experiences.

8 (f) Improved use of tax funds including joint-use
9 library facilities, common parking area and
10 infrastructure, and shared-use of cocurricular facilities.

11 (g) Development of a national model for cooperative
12 education.

13 SEC. 2. Chapter 18 (commencing with Section 11700)
14 is added to Part 7 of the Education Code, to read:

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16 CHAPTER 18. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
17 SYNERGY

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19 ~~11700. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to~~
20 ~~provide funding from the General Fund in the annual~~
21 ~~Budget Act to support the proposed Center for~~
22 ~~International Education Synergy, a proposed joint~~
23 ~~project of the Sweetwater Union High School District, the~~
24 ~~Southwestern Community College District, and San~~
25 ~~Diego State University. The participating agencies~~
26 ~~intend for this regional learning center to provide~~
27 ~~coursework towards a high school diploma, an Associate~~
28 ~~of Arts degree, a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Bachelor of~~
29 ~~Science degree, or graduate degree for secondary and~~
30 ~~postsecondary students; and other workforce training~~
31 ~~and certificate programs.~~

32 ~~(b) The Legislature intends that the participating~~
33 ~~agencies will develop a combined master plan for the site~~
34 ~~that emphasizes the unique operation of the proposed~~
35 ~~center and its joint use. The Legislature further intends~~
36 ~~that the participating agencies will develop and propose~~
37 ~~a pilot program to reconcile building standards and~~
38 ~~review requirements that apply to each of the~~
39 ~~participating agencies.~~



1 ~~(e) In addition to the funding that the Legislature~~
2 ~~intends to provide for the Center for International~~
3 ~~Education Synergy, the Legislature encourages the~~
4 ~~participating agencies to seek supplemental funding,~~
5 ~~including, but not limited to, support from foundations,~~
6 ~~corporations, and other public agencies.~~

7 ~~(d) The Department of Finance shall consider the~~
8 ~~funds that the Legislature intends to provide for the~~
9 ~~Center for International Education Synergy as~~
10 ~~supplemental to, and separate from, any existing or future~~
11 ~~capital outlay budget of the California State University,~~
12 ~~regardless of the funding source.~~

13 *11700. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the*
14 *Center for International Education Synergy be*
15 *established through a joint powers agreement, entered*
16 *into pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section*
17 *6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code,*
18 *between the Sweetwater Union High School District, the*
19 *Southwestern Community College District, and San*
20 *Diego State University. It is the intent of the Legislature*
21 *that a joint powers agency created pursuant to the joint*
22 *powers agreement own and maintain the land and*
23 *facilities for the Center for International Education*
24 *Synergy at the Otay Mesa Off-Campus Center.*

25 *(b) In addition to funding appropriated by the*
26 *Legislature for purposes of the Center for International*
27 *Education Synergy, entities participating in the*
28 *establishment and operation of the center are*
29 *encouraged to seek supplemental funding, including, but*
30 *not limited to, funding from foundations, corporations,*
31 *and other public entities.*

32 *(c) Any postsecondary education facilities and*
33 *programs developed pursuant to this section shall be*
34 *subject to the requirements of Section 66903 as they apply*
35 *to the governing boards of public postsecondary*
36 *educational institutes.*

37 *SEC. 3. (a) The Otay Mesa Off-Campus Center*
38 *acquired through funding appropriated to San Diego*
39 *State University from the General Fund pursuant to*
40 *Schedule 4.1 of Item 6610-301-0001 of Section 2.00 of the*



1 *Budget Act of 2000, shall be known as the Center for*
2 *International Education Synergy.*

3 *(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
4 *funding appropriated to San Diego State University from*
5 *the General Fund pursuant to Schedule 4.1 of Item*
6 *6610-301-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2000 for*
7 *the acquisition of the Otay Mesa Off-Campus Center shall*
8 *be deemed to be for purposes of capital outlay. The*
9 *Director of Finance shall deem these funds to be*
10 *supplemental to, and separate from, any existing or future*
11 *capital outlay funding for the California State University,*
12 *regardless of the fund source.*

