

Assembly Bill No. 2323

CHAPTER 462

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2323, 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, \$1,000,000 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.

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

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

- (a) Multiple cross-age learning opportunities.
- (b) Improved access to higher education in an underserved area.
- (c) An integrated learning experience for pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that provides college-level classes to high school pupils as well as tutoring and mentoring roles for college and university students.
- (d) Attracting developing industries and providing educational support.



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

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

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

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

CHAPTER 18. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SYNERGY

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

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

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

(d) The Center for International Synergy shall be established only upon approval by the California Postsecondary Education Commission based on a needs study and subsequent approval from the Department of Finance.

SEC. 3. (a) The Otay Mesa Off-Campus Center acquired through funding appropriated to San Diego State University from the General Fund pursuant to Schedule 4.1 of Item 6610-301-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2000, shall be known as the Center for International Education Synergy.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funding appropriated to San Diego State University from the General Fund pursuant to Schedule 4.1 of Item 6610-301-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2000 for the acquisition of the Otay Mesa Off-Campus Center shall be deemed to be for purposes of capital outlay. The Director of Finance shall deem these funds to be supplemental to,



and separate from, any existing or future capital outlay funding for the California State University, regardless of the funding source.

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