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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2413

Introduced by Assembly Member Machado
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aroner, Bock, Correa, Davis,
Havice, Honda, Longville, and ~~Strom-Martin~~ Robert
Pacheco, Strom-Martin, and Washington)

(Coauthors: Senators Alpert and Murray, Murray, and
Solis)

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An act to amend the heading of Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 76300) of Part 47 of, to amend and renumber Section 76395 of, and to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 76390) to Chapter 2 of Part 47 of, the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2413, as amended, Machado. Community colleges: financial aid: outreach program.

Existing law authorizes various programs that provide financial aid for students attending postsecondary educational institutions.

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop an intensive financial aid outreach program to increase statewide awareness of the availability of student financial aid. The bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to

biennially evaluate the effectiveness of the outreach program and report its findings to the Legislature.

The bill would make nonsubstantive conforming changes.

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. The heading of Chapter 2 (commencing
2 with Section 76300) of Part 47 of the Education Code is
3 amended to read:

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5 CHAPTER 2. FEES AND FINANCIAL AID OUTREACH

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7 SEC. 2. Article 3 (commencing with Section 76390) is
8 added to Chapter 2 of Part 47 of the Education Code, to
9 read:

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11 Article 3. Financial Aid Outreach Program

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13 76390. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
14 following:

15 (a) Community colleges offer a broad range of
16 curricula, including academic, vocational, avocational,
17 and recreational, to a much broader student population
18 than either the California State University or the
19 University of California system.

20 (b) Student fees affect choices students make about
21 whether and where to attend college. Fees affect overall
22 enrollment demand, with lower fees encouraging more
23 students to attend college. Dollar for dollar, financial aid
24 increases student access to higher education more than
25 do general fee reductions because financial aid targets
26 students least able to afford college.

27 (c) Many eligible community college students do not
28 know about financial aid opportunities available to them
29 through federal and state assistance. With the annual
30 average cost of attending community college at ~~three~~
31 ~~hundred thirty dollars (\$330), and no financial aid readily~~
32 ~~available~~ *nearly ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), which*



1 *includes the cost of fees, books, supplies, transportation,*
2 *food, clothing, and housing, and with a lack of information*
3 *about the available financial aid, many potential students*
4 *are deterred from furthering themselves through*
5 *education, or, if they do pursue education, they make*
6 *very slow progress toward their goals.*

7 76391. The Chancellor of the California Community
8 Colleges, in consultation with other postsecondary
9 education systems and with secondary schools, shall
10 develop an intensive financial aid outreach program to
11 increase statewide awareness of the availability of student
12 financial aid, including community college student fee
13 waivers and federal financial assistance.

14 76392. The Board of Governors of the California
15 Community Colleges shall biennially evaluate the
16 effectiveness of the outreach program in increasing
17 awareness of financial aid opportunities to students
18 attending the community colleges. The board of
19 governors shall report its findings to the Legislature
20 biennially.

21 SEC. 3. Section 76395 of the Education Code is
22 amended and renumbered to read:

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24 76388. The governing board of a community college
25 district may impose a fee on a participating student for
26 the additional expenses incurred when physical
27 education courses are required to use nondistrict
28 facilities.

