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SENATE BILL

No. 1211

Introduced by Senator Monteith

February 26, 1999

An act to amend Section 66740 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1211, as amended, Monteith. Public postsecondary education: articulation agreements.

(1) 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 requires each department, school, and major, in both the University of California and the California State University, to develop, in conjunction with community college districts, discipline-specific articulation agreements and transfer program agreements, as specified.

This bill would require that the agreements made between any of the California State University campuses and a community college ~~district~~ shall be uniform and consistent

with any similar agreement between that campus and any other community college.

The bill would require each campus of the California State University, beginning in January of the 1999–2000 academic year, to maintain records of the number of transfer applications that campus receives from California Community College students and would require each campus, beginning in the 2000–2001 academic year, that has received transfer applications from at least 20 students from any one particular community college ~~district~~ in the previous year, to commence negotiations to establish articulation and transfer program agreements with that community college ~~district~~. The bill would require that, on or before June 30, 2001, ~~that~~ specified printed materials be made available to students at the counseling office of every community college involved in the agreement. *The bill also would provide that if a particular impacted campus of the California State University has an articulation agreement with a community college, priority in admission shall be given to a student transferring from that community college to that campus of the California State University and whose residence is in close proximity to that campus, as determined by the Trustees of the California State University.*

Because this bill would create new responsibilities for community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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



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

1 SECTION 1. Section 66740 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 66740. (a) Each department, school, and major in the
4 University of California and California State University
5 shall develop, in conjunction with community college
6 faculty in appropriate and associated departments,
7 discipline-specific articulation agreements and transfer
8 program agreements for those majors that have lower
9 division prerequisites. Faculty from the community
10 colleges and university campuses shall participate in
11 discipline-specific curriculum development to
12 coordinate course content and expected levels of student
13 competency.

14 (b) Where specific majors are impacted or
15 over-subscribed, the prescribed course of study and
16 minimum grade point average required for consideration
17 for upper division admission to all of these majors shall be
18 made readily available to community college counselors,
19 faculty, and students on an annual basis. In cases where
20 the prescribed course of study is altered by the university
21 department, notice of the modification shall be
22 communicated to appropriate community college faculty
23 and counselors at least one year prior to the deadline for
24 application to that major and implementation by the
25 department responsible for teaching that major.

26 (c) (1) Community college districts, in conjunction
27 with the California State University and the University of
28 California, shall develop discipline-based agreements
29 with as many campuses of the two university segments as
30 feasible, and no fewer than three University of California
31 campuses and five California State University campuses.

32 (2) Beginning in January of the 1999–2000 academic
33 year, each campus of the California State University shall
34 maintain records of the number of transfer applications
35 that campus receives from California community college
36 students according to the community college district that
37 each student attends. Beginning in the 2000–2001
38 academic year, each campus of the California State



1 University that has received transfer applications from at
2 least 20 students from any one particular community
3 college ~~district~~ in the previous academic year shall
4 commence negotiations to establish articulation and
5 transfer program agreements with that community
6 college~~district~~. On or before June 30, 2001, all printed
7 materials and other necessary information and resources
8 that result from the establishment of these agreements
9 shall be made available to students at the counseling
10 office of each community college involved in the
11 agreement.

12 (3) The agreements made between any of the
13 California State University campuses and a community
14 college ~~district~~ shall be uniform and consistent with any
15 similar agreement between that campus and any other
16 community college~~district~~. The development of these
17 agreements shall be the mutual responsibility of all
18 involved higher education segments, and no one segment
19 should bear the organizational or financial responsibility
20 for accomplishing these goals.

21 (d) The Chancellor of the California Community
22 Colleges and the President of the University of California
23 shall begin the process of setting priorities to determine
24 which community colleges will receive first attention for
25 the development of agreements. Criteria for priority
26 determination shall include, but not be limited to, the
27 percentage and number of students from economically
28 disadvantaged families and underrepresented racial and
29 ethnic minorities, and community colleges which
30 traditionally have not transferred many students to the
31 University of California. The priority list shall be
32 completed by March 1, 1992. These considerations shall
33 not be used in any way to displace current agreements
34 between any community college and the University of
35 California or the California State University.

36 (e) The Chancellor of the California Community
37 Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State
38 University system shall begin the process of setting
39 priorities to determine which community colleges will
40 receive first attention for the development of



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8 March 1, 1992. These considerations shall not be used in
9 any way to displace current agreements between any
10 community college and the University of California or the
11 California State University.

12 *(f) If a particular impacted campus of the California*
13 *State University has an articulation agreement with a*
14 *community college, priority in admission shall be given to*
15 *a student transferring from that community college to*
16 *that California State University campus and whose*
17 *residence is in close proximity to that campus, as*
18 *determined by the Trustees of the California State*
19 *University.*

20 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the
21 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates
22 determines that this act contains costs mandated by the
23 state, reimbursement to local agencies and school
24 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7
25 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
26 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the
27 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million
28 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from
29 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

