

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2682

Introduced by Assembly Member Block

February 19, 2010

An act to add Section 78219 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2682, as introduced, Block. Community colleges: student assessments: pilot project.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

The Seymour-Campbell Matriculation Act of 1986 requires, contingent on the appropriation of funds for the purposes of the act, matriculation services to be made available by the colleges. The act requires those services to include assessment and counseling upon enrollment, including administration of assessment instruments to determine student competency in computational and language skills.

This bill would include in that act a requirement for the board to establish a pilot project, with specified objectives, that seeks to create a centrally delivered system of student assessment used for the purposes of community college placement and advisement. The bill would require the board to convene an advisory committee for the pilot project and report on specified progress by February 28, 2011.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 78219 is added to the Education Code, to read:

78219. (a) The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges shall establish a pilot project that seeks to create a centrally delivered system of student assessment used for the purposes of community college placement and advisement. The pilot project shall include all of the following objectives:

(1) Creation of a centrally delivered system of student assessment that provides a single assessment instrument for use by community colleges in the curriculum areas of English, mathematics, and English as a second language.

(2) Creation of a secure, centrally housed assessment test data warehouse that shall collect both of the following:

(A) All available assessment scores generated by assessed students at all participating community colleges.

(B) All available K-12 assessment data and transcript information generated by assessed pupils in the state's K-12 school system who are seeking enrollment at a California community college, which shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following assessments:

(i) The California Standards Test.

(ii) The California High School Exit Examination.

(iii) The California English Language Development Test.

(iv) The California High School Proficiency Examination.

(v) The General Educational Development credential.

(3) Creation of an Internet Web portal that can be accessed by community college personnel and students and that provides all of the following:

(A) An assessment profile, generated for each student upon request, which includes all assessment information available in the data warehouse created pursuant to paragraph (2). This profile shall be accessible for counseling, matriculation, and course placement purposes.

(B) A pretest application that emulates the structure of the centrally delivered student assessment created pursuant to paragraph (1) that students can practice on and familiarize themselves with before taking future assessments.

1 (C) An advisement tool that provides students with information
2 on historical success rates of remedial courses for students at
3 various levels of academic remediation.

4 (b) The board shall convene an advisory committee for the pilot
5 project established pursuant to subdivision (a) that includes, but
6 is not limited to, representatives from all of the following entities:

7 (1) The office of the Chancellor of the California Community
8 Colleges.

9 (2) The Legislative Analyst's Office.

10 (3) The Department of Finance.

11 (4) The State Department of Education.

12 (5) The Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges.

13 (6) The Research and Planning Group for California Community
14 Colleges.

15 (7) The California Community Colleges Matriculation
16 Professionals Association.

17 (c) The board shall report on progress made on the pilot project
18 established pursuant to subdivision (a) on or before February 28,
19 2011. The report shall include all of the following:

20 (1) The estimated costs for full implementation of the centralized
21 delivery and warehousing of assessment instruments required
22 pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a).

23 (2) The technical feasibility of expanding the pilot project
24 established pursuant to subdivision (a).

25 (3) Feedback on any potential legislative changes needed to
26 deliver test scores to and from the data warehouse created pursuant
27 to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

28 (4) The best model for providing ongoing funding for the pilot
29 project established pursuant to subdivision (a).