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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 78219 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 78219. (a) The Board of Governors of the California
4 Community Colleges shall establish a pilot project that seeks to
5 create a centrally delivered system of student assessment used for
6 the purposes of community college placement and advisement.
7 The pilot project shall include all of the following objectives:
8 (1) Creation of a centrally delivered system of student
9 assessment that provides a single assessment instrument for use
10 by community colleges in the curriculum areas of English,
11 mathematics, and English as a second language.
12 (2) Creation of a secure, centrally housed assessment test data
13 warehouse that shall collect *both of the following*:~~all~~
14 (A) All available assessment scores generated by assessed
15 students at all participating community colleges.
16 (B) All available K-12 assessment data and transcript
17 information for students at all participating community colleges.
18 *The use of this data shall be limited to placing and advising*
19 *community college students to enhance their success with and*
20 *completion of their postsecondary education objectives.*
21 (3) Creation of an Internet Web portal that can be accessed by
22 community college personnel and students and that provides all
23 of the following:
24 (A) An assessment profile, generated for each student upon
25 request, which includes all assessment information available in
26 the data warehouse created pursuant to paragraph (2). This profile
27 shall be accessible for counseling, matriculation, and course
28 placement purposes.
29 (B) A pretest application that emulates the structure of the
30 centrally delivered student assessment created pursuant to
31 paragraph (1) that students can practice on and familiarize
32 themselves with before taking future assessments.
33 (C) An advisement tool that provides students with information
34 on historical success rates of remedial courses for students at
35 various levels of academic remediation.

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

4 (1) The office of the Chancellor of the California Community
5 Colleges.

6 (2) The Legislative Analyst's Office.

7 (3) The Department of Finance.

8 (4) The State Department of Education.

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

10 (6) The Research and Planning Group for California Community
11 Colleges.

12 (7) The California Community Colleges Matriculation
13 Professionals Association.

14 (c) The board shall report on progress made on the pilot project
15 established pursuant to subdivision (a) on or before February 28,
16 2011. The report shall include all of the following:

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

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

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

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