

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 31, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1310

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

February 18, 2011

~~An act relating to career technical education.~~ *An act to add Section 88550.7 to the Education Code, and to add Section 14013.5 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to education.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1310, as amended, Furutani. ~~Career technical education: strategic plan.~~ *Education: career technical education and workforce development.*

Under existing law, the public school system of the state includes, among other schools, secondary and technical schools. Existing law provides for various career technical and workforce preparation programs in the public schools. Existing law also establishes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board as the body responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system. Existing law also establishes the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, which consists of the Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, the California Workforce Investment Board, the Department of Industrial Relations, and the Employment Development Department.

This bill would require the Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to work to develop a strategic plan for connecting education and workforce development in the state, in accordance with specified provisions and along with other state entities. In particular, this bill would also require the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, the California Workforce Investment Board, the State Department of Education, and the California Postsecondary Education Commission to develop this strategic plan, which would be required to contain specified elements. The bill would require the California Workforce Investment Board and the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to report their recommendations for the strategic plan to the Governor and the Legislature on or before July 1, 2012, and would require the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to provide the staffing and resources necessary for developing and reporting the strategic plan.

~~Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in career technical education designed and conducted for the purpose of preparing youth for gainful employment in the occupations and in the numbers that are appropriate to the personnel needs of the state and the community served and relevant to the career desires and needs of the pupils.~~

~~This bill would state the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would develop a strategic plan in the education system for workforce preparation and career technical education.~~

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 88550.7 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 88550.7. The Office of the Chancellor and the Board of
- 4 Governors of the California Community Colleges shall work to
- 5 develop a strategic plan for connecting education and workforce
- 6 development in the state pursuant to Section 14013.5 of the
- 7 Unemployment Insurance Code.
- 8 SEC. 2. Section 14013.5 is added to the Unemployment
- 9 Insurance Code, to read:

1 14013.5. (a) The Secretary of Labor and Workforce
2 Development, the California Workforce Investment Board, the
3 Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges,
4 the Board of the Governors of the California Community Colleges,
5 the State Department of Education, and the California
6 Postsecondary Education Commission shall develop a strategic
7 plan for connecting the delivery of education and workforce
8 development in the state. In cooperation with representatives from
9 education, business, and labor organizations, the agencies shall
10 make recommendations in the strategic plan that address the
11 contribution of academic and career technical education, at all
12 levels of education and workforce development.

13 (b) The strategic plan shall include, but is not limited to, all of
14 the following provisions:

15 (1) How the state determines appropriate measures for
16 evaluating and collecting data on future workforce needs.

17 (2) The alignment of workforce needs with future postsecondary
18 education programs and capacity at both the state and regional
19 levels.

20 (3) Strategies for fostering long-term improvements in workers'
21 skills and knowledge.

22 (4) Methods for closing the skills gap and strengthening the
23 nexus between education and the workforce.

24 (5) Appropriate measures for improving data collection on
25 future workforce needs.

26 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the board and the Office
27 of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges solicit
28 input from K-12 and postsecondary education institutions, local
29 workforce investment boards, regional occupational centers and
30 programs, adult school programs, and other appropriate
31 governmental entities in developing recommendations for the
32 strategic plan.

33 (d) (1) The board and the Office of the Chancellor of the
34 California Community Colleges shall report their recommendations
35 for the strategic plan to the Governor and the Legislature on or
36 before July 1, 2012.

37 (2) (A) The requirement for submitting the report imposed
38 under paragraph (1) is inoperative on July 1, 2016, pursuant to
39 Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

1 (B) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
2 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
3 Code.

4 (e) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community
5 Colleges shall provide the staffing and resources necessary for
6 developing and reporting the strategic plan developed pursuant
7 to this section.

8 (f) For purposes of this section, “board” means the California
9 Workforce Investment Board.

10 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
11 ~~legislation that would develop a strategic plan in the education~~
12 ~~system for workforce preparation and career technical education.~~