

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 26, 2012

SENATE BILL

No. 1461

Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod

February 24, 2012

An act to add Section 66025.2 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1461, as amended, Negrete McLeod. Public postsecondary education: tuition and mandatory systemwide fees.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as 2 of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

~~This bill would require the trustees, and would request the regents, to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees for each incoming first-year class. The bill would require that the tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for an incoming first-year class under the bill would not be increased for at least 4 academic years, except as adjusted for inflation as specified.~~

This bill would prohibit the trustees, and request the regents to refrain, from increasing the mandatory systemwide fees charged to resident undergraduate students by a specified amount in an academic year in which funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act to the applicable institution for purposes of enrollment growth and a cost-of-living adjustment, as specified.

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 66025.2 is added to the Education Code,*
2 *to read:*

3 66025.2. (a) (1) *The Trustees of the California State*
4 *University shall not, and the Regents of the University of California*
5 *are requested not to, increase the mandatory systemwide fees*
6 *charged to resident undergraduate students by an amount that*
7 *exceeds the percentage calculated pursuant to paragraph (2) of*
8 *the mandatory systemwide fees charged to those students for the*
9 *immediately preceding academic year.*

10 (2) *The percentage used pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be 2*
11 *percent more than the percentage change in the California per*
12 *capita personal income from the prior fiscal year.*

13 (b) *If the percentage change in the California per capita*
14 *personal income, as determined pursuant to paragraph (2) of*
15 *subdivision (a), is negative, the California per capita personal*
16 *income percentage change shall be zero for purposes of calculating*
17 *the amount the trustees and the regents may increase mandatory*
18 *systemwide fees pursuant to subdivision (a).*

19 (c) *The requirements of this section only shall apply in an*
20 *academic year in which funds are appropriated in the annual*
21 *Budget Act to the applicable institution for purposes of enrollment*
22 *growth, which is funded at the marginal cost of instruction as*
23 *adjusted annually, and a cost-of-living adjustment.*

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27 ~~shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested~~
28 ~~to, determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory~~
29 ~~systemwide fees for each incoming first-year class. The tuition~~
30 ~~and mandatory systemwide fees set for an incoming first-year class~~
31 ~~under this section shall not be increased for at least four academic~~
32 ~~years, except as provided by subdivision (b).~~

33 ~~(b) The trustees and the regents may annually increase the tuition~~
34 ~~and mandatory systemwide fee amounts determined under~~
35 ~~subdivision (a) to reflect the percentage change, if any, in the~~
36 ~~Consumer Price Index calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics~~

1 of the United States Department of Labor during the previous
2 academic year.

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