ASSEMBLY BILL No. 232

Introduced by Assembly Member Cervantes

January 17, 2019

An act to amend Section 66025.7 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges. An act to amend Section 102791 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to death registration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST


Existing law requires that each death be registered with the applicable local registrar of births and deaths, and requires a person completing the certificate of death to record specified information, including whether the decedent was ever in the Armed Forces of the United States. Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to implement an electronic death registration system and to access data within the system to compile a report on veteran suicide in California that includes information on the veterans’ ages, sexes, races or ethnicities, and methods of suicide. Existing law requires the department to provide that report annually to the Legislature and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This bill would additionally require the report described above to include information on the veterans’ locations of residency and death, length and locations of service, branches of service, and occupations
and industries or businesses, as well as recommendations for additional services and support to reduce the number of veteran suicides.

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. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at the campuses they operate.

Existing law requires the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to establish, on or before March 31, 2019, an initiative to expand the use of course credit at the California Community Colleges for students with prior learning. Existing law requires the chancellor to submit, on or before January 1, 2020, a report on the initiative to the Legislature.

This bill would extend the deadline for submitting the report to the Legislature by one calendar year and would require that the report include specified proposed regulations.


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

1. SECTION 1. Section 102791 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

   102791. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall access data within the electronic death registration system implemented pursuant to Section 102778 to compile a report on veteran suicide in California. The report shall only include information both of the following:

      (1) Information on the ages, sexes, races or ethnicities, locations of residency and death, length and locations of service, branches of service, occupations and industries or businesses, and methods of suicide of veterans.

      (2) Recommendations regarding additional services and support needed to reduce the number of veteran suicides.

   (b) (1) Beginning January 1, 2019, the department shall, notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, annually provide the report compiled pursuant to subdivision (a) to the Legislature and the Department of Veterans Affairs.
(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

SECTION 1. Section 66025.7 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66025.7. (a) By March 31, 2019, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall establish an initiative to expand the use of course credit at the California Community Colleges for students with prior learning. The initiative shall identify best practices for the use of course credit for students with prior learning, locate and collect available resources, and provide professional development in connection with the identified best practices. The initiative shall identify the best practices for purposes of establishing potential pilot programs and shall provide recommendations for internal systemwide policy changes to expand the use of course credit at the California Community Colleges for students with prior learning.

(b) (1) By January 1, 2021, the chancellor shall submit a report to the Legislature, pursuant to Section 9795 of the Government Code, on the initiative described in subdivision (a), including, but not limited to, activities established by the initiative. The report shall include recommendations for legislative policy changes necessary to implement the best practices identified by the initiative, and regulations to be proposed to implement those legislative recommendations.

(2) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under paragraph (1) is inoperative on January 1, 2024, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.