Introduced by Assembly Member Cervantes

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An act to amend Section 66025.7 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST


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.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation creating an articulation platform for the California Community Colleges to facilitate the transition of recent veterans to state institutions of higher education.

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.
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.

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