ASSEMBLY BILL No. 260

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva

January 24, 2019

An act to add Chapter 15.6 (commencing with Section 67388) to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST


1 Existing law, the Cal Grant Program, establishes the Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards, the Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards, the Cal Grant C Awards, and the Cal Grant T Awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions.

Existing law requires applicants for Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards and Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards to submit complete financial aid applications in the academic year of high school graduation or equivalent or in the academic year immediately following high school graduation for the immediately following award year.

This bill would instead authorize applicants for these awards to submit financial aid applications in any academic year subsequent to their
high school graduation or equivalent for the immediately following award year.

(2) Existing law requires applicants for Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards, Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards, and California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Awards to have graduated from high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000–01 academic year.

This bill would repeal the eligibility requirement of these programs that the applicant have graduated from high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000–01 academic year.

(3) Existing law requires applicants for Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards to have not reached 26 years of age by July 1 of the initial award year. Existing law requires applicants for a California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Awards to not be 28 years of age or older by December 31 of an award year.

This bill would repeal both of these requirements and make conforming changes.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a community college district to require community college students within the district to pay a fee for health supervision and services, including the operation of a student health center or centers.

This bill would require a campus of the California Community Colleges or the California State University that issues student identification cards to include on the back of the student identification cards the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Crisis Text Line, or a local crisis telephone number and text line, and specified local law enforcement and security telephone number information. This bill would require the campuses, as specified, to also post this information on flyers in campus restrooms and gymnasiums. By imposing new requirements on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,
reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.


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

SECTION 1. Section 69434 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69434. (a) A Cal Grant A award shall be used only for tuition or student fees, or both, in a for-credit instructional program with a length of not less than two academic years. Each student who meets the Cal Grant A qualifications as set forth in this article shall be guaranteed an award. The amount of any individual award is dependent on the cost of tuition or fees, or both, at the qualifying institution at which the student is enrolled. For each applicant, the award amount shall not exceed the amount of the calculated financial need.

(b) Pursuant to Section 66021.2, any California resident is entitled to a Cal Grant A award, and the commission, or a qualifying institution pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 69450), shall allocate that award, if all of the following criteria are met:

(1) The student has submitted, pursuant to Section 69432.9, a complete financial aid application, submitted or postmarked no later than March 2 of the academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent for the award year immediately following the academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent, or no later than March 2 of the or a subsequent academic year following high school graduation or its equivalent for the second award year following the year of high school graduation or its equivalent, immediately following that academic year.

(2) The student demonstrates financial need pursuant to Section 69433.

(3) The student attains a high school grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale.

(4) The student’s household has an income and asset level that does not exceed the level for Cal Grant A recipients set forth in Section 69432.7.
(5) The student is pursuing an undergraduate academic program of not less than two academic years that is offered by a qualifying institution.

(6) The student is enrolled at least part time.

(7) The student meets the general Cal Grant eligibility requirements set forth in Article 1 (commencing with Section 69430).

(8) The student has graduated from high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000–01 academic year.

(c) (1) A student who meets the Cal Grant A Entitlement Program criteria specified in this article shall receive a Cal Grant A award for tuition or fees, or both, pursuant to Section 66021.2.

(2) A community college student participating in a baccalaureate degree program pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 78040) of Chapter 1 of Part 48 of Division 7 who meets the Cal Grant A Entitlement Program criteria specified in this article shall receive a Cal Grant A award for upper division coursework fees pursuant to Section 66021.2.

SEC. 2. Section 69435.3 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69435.3. (a) Any California resident is entitled to receive a Cal Grant B award, and the commission shall allocate that award pursuant to Section 66021.2, if all of the following criteria are met:

(1) (A) The student has submitted, pursuant to Section 69432.9, a complete financial aid application, submitted or postmarked no later than March 2 of the academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent for the award year immediately following the academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent, no later than March 2 of the or a subsequent academic year following high school graduation or its equivalent for the second award year following the year of high school graduation or its equivalent, immediately following that academic year; or, if applicable to the student, pursuant to the following dates:

(i) No later than March 2 of the academic year immediately prior to the year for which funds would be applied, if the student is a current or former foster youth and is attending a qualifying institution that offers baccalaureate degrees, and has not yet reached 26 years of age as of July 1 of the initial award year.
(ii) No later than September 2 of the academic year for which funds would be applied, if the student is a current or former foster youth, youth and is attending a California community college, and has not yet reached 26 years of age as of July 1 of the initial award year. college.

(B) For purposes of this section, “current or former foster youth” has the same meaning as specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 69433.6.

(2) The student demonstrates financial need pursuant to Section 69433.

(3) The student attains a high school grade point average of at least 2.0 on a four-point scale.

(4) The student’s household has an income and asset level that does not exceed the level for Cal Grant B recipients as set forth in Section 69432.7.

(5) The student is pursuing an undergraduate academic program of not less than one academic year that is offered by a qualifying institution.

(6) The student is enrolled at least part time.

(7) The student meets the general Cal Grant eligibility requirements set forth in Article 1 (commencing with Section 69430).

(8) The student has graduated from high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000-01 academic year. equivalent.

(b) A student, including a community college student participating in upper division coursework in a baccalaureate degree program pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 78040) of Chapter 1 of Part 48 of Division 7, who meets the Cal Grant B Entitlement Program or Competitive Program criteria specified in this article shall receive a Cal Grant B award for access costs and tuition and fees, as applicable, pursuant to Section 66021.2.

SEC. 3. Section 69436 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69436. (a) A student who was not awarded a Cal Grant A or B award pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 69434) or Article 3 (commencing with Section 69435) at the time of his or her the student’s high school graduation but, at the time of transfer from a California community college to a qualifying baccalaureate program or upon matriculation into the upper division
coursework of a community college baccalaureate program, described in Article 3 (commencing with Section 78040) of Chapter 1 of Part 48 of Division 7, meets all of the criteria set forth in subdivision (b), shall be entitled to a Cal Grant A or B award. It is the intent of the Legislature that, for each award year, the commission reserve an appropriate number of Cal Grant A and B awards for persons applying under this article.

(b) Any California resident transferring from a California community college to a qualifying institution that offers a baccalaureate degree or who matriculates into the upper division coursework of a community college baccalaureate program, described in Article 3 (commencing with Section 78040) of Chapter 1 of Part 48 of Division 7, is entitled to receive, and the commission, or a qualifying institution pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 69450), shall award, a Cal Grant A or B award depending on the eligibility determined pursuant to subdivision (c), if all of the following criteria are met:

(1) A complete official financial aid application has been submitted or postmarked pursuant to Section 69432.9, no later than the March 2 of the year immediately preceding the award year.

(2) The student demonstrates financial need pursuant to Section 69433.

(3) The student has earned a community college grade point average of at least 2.4 on a 4.0 scale and is eligible to transfer to a qualifying institution that offers a baccalaureate degree.

(4) The student’s household has an income and asset level not exceeding the limits set forth in Section 69432.7.

(5) The student is pursuing a baccalaureate degree that is offered by a qualifying institution.

(6) He or she is enrolled at least part time.

(7) The student meets the general Cal Grant eligibility requirements set forth in Article 1 (commencing with Section 69430).

(8) The student will not be 28 years of age or older by December 31 of the award year.

(9) The student has graduated from a California high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000–01 academic year. equivalent.
(10) (A) Except as provided for in subparagraph (B), the

(9) The student attended a California community college in the
academic year immediately preceding the academic year for which
the award will be used.

(B) A student otherwise eligible to receive an award pursuant
to this section, who attended a California community college in
the 2011–12 academic year, may use the award for the 2012–13
and 2013–14 academic years.

(c) The amount and type of the award pursuant to this article
shall be determined as follows:

(1) For applicants with income and assets at or under the Cal
Grant A limits, the award amount shall be the amount established
pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 69434).

(2) For applicants with income and assets at or under the Cal
Grant B limits, the award amount shall be the amount established
pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 69435).

(d) (1) A student meeting the requirements of paragraph (9)
(8) of subdivision (b) by means of high school graduation, rather
than its equivalent, shall be required to have graduated from a
California high school, unless that California resident graduated
from a high school outside of California due solely to orders
received from a branch of the United States Armed Forces by that
student or by that student’s parent or guardian that required that
student to be outside of California at the time of high school
graduation.

(2) For the purposes of this article, all of the following are
exempt from the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 69433.9
and paragraph (9) (8) of subdivision (b) of this section:

(A) A student for whom a claim under this article was paid prior
to December 1, 2005.

(B) A student for whom a claim under this article for the
2004–05 award year or the 2005–06 award year was or is paid on
or after December 1, 2005, but no later than October 15, 2006.

(C) Commencing with the 2017–18 academic year, a student
who did not graduate from high school or its equivalent and was
a California resident, as determined pursuant to Article 5
(commencing with Section 68060) of Chapter 1 of Part 41, on his
or her the student’s 18th birthday.

(3) (A) The commission, or a qualifying institution pursuant
to Article 8 (commencing with Section 69450), shall make
preliminary awards to all applicants currently eligible for an award
under this article. At the time an applicant receives a preliminary
award, the commission, or a qualifying institution pursuant to
Article 8 (commencing with Section 69450), shall require that
applicant to affirm, in writing, under penalty of perjury, that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in subdivision (e) of Section 69433.9, paragraph (9) of subdivision (b) of this section, and paragraph (1) of this subdivision. The commission, or a qualifying institution pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 69450), shall notify each person who receives a preliminary award under this paragraph that his or her award is subject to an audit pursuant to subparagraph (B).

(B) The commission shall select, at random, a minimum of 10 percent of the new and renewal awards made under subparagraph (A), and shall require, prior to the disbursement of Cal Grant funds to the affected postsecondary institution, that the institution verify that the recipient meets the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 69433.9, paragraph (9) of subdivision (b) of this section, and paragraph (1) of this subdivision. An award that is audited under this paragraph and found to be valid shall not be subject to a subsequent audit.

(C) Pursuant to Section 69517.5, the commission shall seek repayment of any and all funds found to be improperly disbursed under this article.

(D) On or before November 1 of each year, the commission shall submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor including, but not necessarily limited to, both of the following:

(i) The number of awards made under this article in the preceding 12 months.

(ii) The number of new and renewal awards selected, in the preceding 12 months, for verification under subparagraph (B), and the results of that verification with respect to students at the University of California, at the California State University, at independent nonprofit institutions, and at independent for-profit institutions.

SEC. 4. Section 69436.5 of the Education Code is repealed.

69436.5. A participating qualifying institution shall report to the commission annually as to the number of students determined to be independent pursuant to subparagraph (E) of paragraph (8) of subdivision (b) of Section 69436 and the reasons therefor.
SECTION 1. Chapter 15.6 (commencing with Section 67388) is added to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 15.6. STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION

67388. (a) A campus of the California Community Colleges or the California State University that issues student identification cards shall include on the back of the student identification cards both of the following:

(1) The telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Crisis Text Line, or information for a local suicide prevention lifeline and crisis text line that the campus determines is appropriate:

(2) The campus police or security telephone number or, if the campus does not have a campus police or security telephone number, the local nonemergency police or sheriff’s telephone number.

(b) A campus of the California Community Colleges or the California State University shall post flyers in campus restrooms and—gyms— that include the information specified in subdivision (a).

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.