An act to add Section 89700.2 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1862, as introduced, Santiago. Public postsecondary education: California State University: tuition.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The California State University comprises 23 institutions of higher education located throughout the state. Existing law authorizes the trustees to require the payment of fees, rents, deposits, and charges for services, facilities, or materials provided by the trustees. Existing law establishes the California Promise, which requires at least 20 individual campuses of the California State University to establish a California Promise program through which each campus would enter into a pledge with a student who satisfies specified criteria to support the student in earning a baccalaureate degree in limited time.

Existing law establishes the California College Promise, under the administration of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, to provide funding, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to each community college meeting prescribed requirements. Existing law
authorizes a community college to use that funding to waive some or all of the fees for 2 academic years for certain first-time students.

This bill would prohibit the charging of tuition or mandatory systemwide fees for enrollment at a campus of the California State University for any academic year, up to 2 academic years, to a California Community College resident transfer student who has completed an associate degree for transfer or has received a fee waiver pursuant to the California College Promise. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University to distribute funding to each campus participating in the California Promise to offset the costs of waiving tuition and mandatory systemwide fees to transfer students pursuant to this bill.


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

SECTION 1. Section 89700.2 is added to the Education Code, to read:

89700.2. (a) The California State University shall not charge tuition or mandatory systemwide fees for enrollment at a campus of the university for any academic year, up to two academic years, to a California Community College transfer student who has satisfied either of the following:

(1) The student has completed an associate degree for transfer.
(2) The student has received a fee waiver pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 76396.3.

(b) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the chancellor shall distribute funding to each campus participating in the California Promise established pursuant to Part 40.2 (commencing with Section 67430) of Division 5 to offset the costs of waiving tuition and mandatory systemwide fees pursuant to subdivision (a). It is the intent of the Legislature that sufficient funding be allocated to each participating campus to offset the cost of all tuition and mandatory systemwide fee waivers granted pursuant to subdivision (a).