An act to add Section 66021.75 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST


Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, 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 the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

An existing federal policy, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), allows some individuals with unlawful presence in the United States after being brought to the country as children to receive a period of deferred action from deportation.

Existing law exempts a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, as defined, from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges if the student has a total of 3 or more years of full-time attendance, or attainment of equivalent credits earned while in California, California high schools, California adult schools, campuses of the California Community Colleges, or a combination of those schools, as specified, or the student
completes 3 or more years of full-time high school coursework, and a
total of 3 or more years of attendance in California elementary schools,
California secondary schools, or a combination of California elementary
and secondary schools. Existing law also requires that the student
graduate from a California high school or attain the equivalent, attain
an associate degree from a campus of the California Community
Colleges, or fulfill minimum transfer requirements established for the
University of California or the California State University for students
transferring from campuses of the California Community Colleges.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact later
legislation that would require the Board of Governors of the California
Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University,
and encourage the Regents of the University of California, to create a
systemwide training program, for the administrators, as defined, of those respective segments to complete annually, relating to
undocumented students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
(DACA), federal and state laws related to immigration generally, and
state law relating to exemption from nonresident tuition, and
resources that the system or campus has for undocumented students.
The bill would specify that these online training programs would be
available to all faculty and staff of the segments, and would require the
governing bodies of the segments to encourage faculty and staff,
particularly advisors, counselors, and human resources specialists, to
take the training.

To the extent that the bill would impose new duties on community
college districts, it would constitute 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.

State-mandated local program: no-yes.
The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 66021.75 is added to the Education Code, immediately following Section 66021.7, to read:

66021.75. (a) The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, each create a segment-wide online training program, for the administrators of their respective segments to complete annually, relating to undocumented students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), federal and state laws related to immigration generally, state law relating to exemption from nonresident tuition for persons who are unable to establish California residency, and resources that the system or campus has for undocumented students.

(b) The online training programs established under this section shall be available to all faculty and staff of the segments, and the governing bodies of the segments shall encourage faculty and staff, particularly advisors, counselors, and human resources specialists, to take the training.

(c) The training provided under this section shall not be sufficient to meet the requirements for a staff person to be designated as a Dreamer Resource Liaison pursuant to Section 66021.8.

(d) As used in this section, “administrator” shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the following:

(1) With respect to the California Community Colleges, the chancellor, a member of the board of governors, the general counsel, a vice chancellor, a member of a district governing board, a district superintendent, and a college president, vice president, or dean.

(2) With respect to the California State University, the chancellor, a trustee, the general counsel, a vice chancellor, and a university president, vice president, or dean.

(3) With respect to the University of California, the president, a regent, the general counsel, a vice president, and a university chancellor, vice chancellor, or dean.

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.

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact later legislation that would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and encourage the University of California, to create a systemwide training program, for the administrators of those respective segments to complete annually, relating to undocumented students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), federal and state laws related to immigration generally, and state law relating to exemption from nonresident tuition for persons who are unable to establish California residence.