An act relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2972, as introduced, Limón. Public postsecondary education: undocumented students.

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.

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 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.


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

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.