An act to add Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 78240) to Chapter 2 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 3310, as introduced, Muratsuchi. Community colleges: ethnic studies.

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. The segment comprises 73 community college districts and a total of 115 campuses throughout the state.

This bill would, commencing with the 2021–22 academic year, require each community college district to offer courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses. The bill would require that the units earned by students for successful completion of these courses would be eligible for transfer and, if applicable, would meet ethnic studies graduation requirements at the California State University. The bill would also, commencing with the 2023–24 academic year, require each community college district to require the completion of at least one course in ethnic studies of at least 3 units as a requirement for a student to obtain an associate degree. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop and adopt appropriate regulations for the implementation of these provisions.
Because this bill would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

(2) 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. Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 78240) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 2.7. Ethnic Studies Courses

78240. (a) Commencing with the 2021–22 academic year, each community college district shall offer courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses. The units earned by students for successful completion of these courses shall be eligible for transfer to count toward a baccalaureate degree and, if applicable, shall meet ethnic studies graduation requirements at the California State University. Each community college district shall collaborate with its academic senate in the development of these courses.

(b) Commencing with the 2023–24 academic year, each community college district shall require the completion of at least one course in ethnic studies of at least three units as a requirement for a student to obtain an associate degree. A community college district shall not increase the number of units required to obtain an associate degree in order to implement this requirement.

(c) The chancellor shall develop and adopt appropriate regulations for the implementation of this section.

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.