

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 25, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1769

Introduced by Senator Escutia

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Section ~~66738~~ 54693 of the Education Code, relating to ~~public postsecondary education~~ *partnership academies*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1769, as amended, Escutia. ~~Public postsecondary education: systemwide articulation agreements. California Partnership Academies: eligibility criteria.~~

Existing law establishes the California Partnership Academy Program which provide combined academic and occupational training to high school pupils who present a high risk of dropping out of school or pupils who are not motivated by the regular educational curriculum. California Partnership Academies provide occupational training in over 15 different skill fields, including such diverse skills as electronics, computer technology, finance, agribusiness, graphic arts and printing, international business, and space.

Existing law authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish eligibility criteria for school districts that apply for grants to participate in the California Partnership Academy Program.

This bill would authorize the Superintendent to consider school district indicators of need, including the number or percent of pupils in poverty or with limited English proficiency, the dropout rate, and other at-risk indicators as provided by the school district in its application for a grant provided by this program.

~~(1) Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, the~~

~~California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth the missions and functions of each of these 3 segments.~~

~~An existing provision of the Donahoe Higher Education Act expresses the intent of the Legislature that the transfer function shall be a central institutional priority of all segments of postsecondary education and that the segments shall have as a fundamental policy and practice the maintenance of an effective transfer system. An existing provision of the act requires the governing boards of the 3 public postsecondary education segments to be accountable for the development and implementation of formal systemwide articulation agreements and transfer agreement programs, including those for general education or a transfer core curriculum, and other appropriate procedures to support and enhance the transfer function.~~

~~This bill would add a provision to the act to require that, on or before January 1, 2008, the governing boards of each of the public postsecondary education segments shall enter into formal systemwide course articulation agreements that enable students to transfer units freely between and among each of the public colleges and universities in this state. To the extent that the requirements in this bill would create new duties for community college districts, the bill would impose 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 these statutory provisions.~~

~~Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: *yes-no*. State-mandated local program: *yes-no*.~~

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

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 54693 of the Education Code is~~
2 ~~amended to read:~~

3 ~~54693. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall~~
4 ~~establish eligibility criteria for school districts that apply for~~
5 ~~grants pursuant to this article. When establishing criteria, the~~
6 ~~superintendent Superintendent shall consider the commitment~~
7 ~~and need of the applicant district. The superintendent~~
8 ~~Superintendent may consider school district indicators of need~~
9 ~~such as including, but not limited to, the number or percent of~~
10 ~~pupils in poverty or with limited English proficiency, and the~~
11 ~~dropout rate, and other at-risk indicators as provided by the~~
12 ~~school district in its application for a grant pursuant to this~~
13 ~~article.~~

14 ~~SECTION 1. Section 66738 of the Education Code is~~
15 ~~amended to read:~~

16 ~~66738. (a) (1) The governing board of each public~~
17 ~~postsecondary education segment shall be accountable for the~~
18 ~~development and implementation of formal systemwide~~
19 ~~articulation agreements and transfer agreement programs,~~
20 ~~including those for general education or a transfer core~~
21 ~~curriculum, and other appropriate procedures to support and~~
22 ~~enhance the transfer function.~~

23 ~~(2) On or before January 1, 2008, the governing boards of~~
24 ~~each of the public postsecondary education segments shall enter~~
25 ~~into formal systemwide course articulation agreements that~~
26 ~~enable students to transfer units freely between and among each~~
27 ~~of the public colleges and universities in this state.~~

28 ~~(b) The elements in a comprehensive transfer system shall~~
29 ~~include, but not be limited to, the following:~~

30 ~~(1) Enrollment and resource planning; intersegmental faculty~~
31 ~~curricular efforts.~~

32 ~~(2) Coordinated counseling.~~

33 ~~(3) Financial aid and transfer services.~~

34 ~~(4) Transfer articulation agreements and programs.~~

35 ~~(5) Specific efforts to improve diversity.~~

36 ~~(6) Early outreach activities.~~

1 ~~(7) Expansion of current practices relating to concurrent~~
2 ~~enrollment of community college students in appropriate~~
3 ~~university courses.~~

4 ~~(8) Centers.~~

5 ~~(e) The governing board of each segment shall expand existing~~
6 ~~practices related to concurrent enrollment, in which community~~
7 ~~college students are provided the opportunity to take courses at~~
8 ~~University of California and California State University~~
9 ~~campuses, as space is available; and to expand opportunities for~~
10 ~~potential transfer students to participate in activities that~~
11 ~~familiarize them with the university campus.~~

12 ~~SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~
13 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~
14 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~
15 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~
16 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~