

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 5, 2010

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1901

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin

February 16, 2010

An act to *amend Section 66012 of the Education Code*, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1901, as amended, Ruskin. Postsecondary education: Master Plan for Higher Education.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education, in the context of the goals of the Master Plan for Higher Education in California. Among other things, the act expresses legislative intent ~~to outline in statute the broad policy and programmatic goals of the master plan and to expect the higher education segments to be accountable for attaining those goals. The act also expresses legislative intent that the governing boards of the higher education segments be given ample discretion in implementing policies and programs necessary to attain those goals~~ *that the fixed master plan approach in the development of public postsecondary education be replaced by a continuous planning process that includes prescribed elements.*

This bill would ~~express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to address the goals of the Master Plan for Higher Education~~ *add a needs-based assessment conducted by the Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education to the list of prescribed elements.*

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 66012 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 66012. It is ~~hereby declared to be~~ the intent of the Legislature
4 that the fixed master plan approach in the development of public
5 postsecondary education be replaced by a continuous planning
6 process ~~which~~ *that* includes:

7 (a) A legislative study of California postsecondary education
8 at 10-year intervals to reevaluate the planning process and provide
9 guidelines regarding goals, societal needs, and general missions
10 of public higher education and its components.

11 (b) Continuous planning by a state commission including a
12 five-year plan ~~which~~ *that* is to be updated annually.

13 (c) *A needs-based assessment conducted by the Joint Committee*
14 *on the Master Plan for Higher Education.*

15 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
16 ~~legislation to address the goals of the Master Plan for Higher~~
17 ~~Education.~~