

Assembly Bill No. 108

CHAPTER 135

An act to amend Item 6110-161-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2011, and to amend Section 76300 of the Education Code, making an appropriation therefor, to take effect immediately, bill related to the budget.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 108, Committee on Budget. Education.

Existing law requires the governing board of each community college district to charge each student a fee, and sets that fee at \$36 per unit per semester. Existing law requires this fee to be raised to \$46 per unit per semester, effective with the fall term of the 2011–12 academic year, if a provision of the Budget Act of 2011 becomes operative that requires the Director of Finance to reduce specified appropriations if he or she determines that the higher of 2 specified state revenue forecasts does not meet one or both of certain thresholds.

This bill would specify that the raising of this fee to \$46 per unit per semester would occur if the higher revenue forecast projects General Fund revenues for the 2011–12 fiscal year of less than \$87,452,500,000. The bill would further specify that this fee increase, if it occurs, would be effective with the winter term, rather than the fall term, of the 2011–12 academic year.

The Budget Act of 2011 (Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 2011) appropriated moneys from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for, among other things, special education instruction during the 2011–12 fiscal year.

This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2011 by reducing the amount of moneys appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Education for special education instruction.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill.

Appropriation: yes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 76300 of the Education Code, as amended by Section 29 of Chapter 43 of the Statutes of 2011, is amended to read:

76300. (a) The governing board of each community college district shall charge each student a fee pursuant to this section.

(b) (1) The fee prescribed by this section shall be thirty-six dollars (\$36) per unit per semester, effective with the fall term of the 2011–12 academic year.

(2) The board of governors shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for term lengths based upon a quarter system, and also shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for summer sessions, intersessions, and other short-term courses. In making these adjustments, the board of governors may round the per unit fee and the per term or per session fee to the nearest dollar.

(c) For the purposes of computing apportionments to community college districts pursuant to Section 84750.5, the board of governors shall subtract, from the total revenue owed to each district, 98 percent of the revenues received by districts from charging a fee pursuant to this section.

(d) The board of governors shall reduce apportionments by up to 10 percent to any district that does not collect the fees prescribed by this section.

(e) The fee requirement does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Students enrolled in the noncredit courses designated by Section 84757.

(2) California State University or University of California students enrolled in remedial classes provided by a community college district on a campus of the University of California or a campus of the California State University, for whom the district claims an attendance apportionment pursuant to an agreement between the district and the California State University or the University of California.

(3) Students enrolled in credit contract education courses pursuant to Section 78021, if the entire cost of the course, including administrative costs, is paid by the public or private agency, corporation, or association with which the district is contracting and if these students are not included in the calculation of the full-time equivalent students (FTES) of that district.

(f) The governing board of a community college district may exempt special part-time students admitted pursuant to Section 76001 from the fee requirement.

(g) (1) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who, at the time of enrollment, is a recipient of benefits under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program, or a general assistance program or has demonstrated financial need in accordance with the methodology set forth in federal law or regulation for determining the expected family contribution of students seeking financial aid.

(2) The governing board of a community college district also shall waive the fee requirements of this section for any student who demonstrates eligibility according to income standards established by regulations of the board of governors.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) may be applied to a student enrolled in the 2005–06 academic year if the student is exempted from nonresident tuition under paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 76140.

(h) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who, at the time of enrollment, is a dependent, or surviving spouse who has not remarried, of any member of the California National Guard who, in the line of duty and while in the active service of the state, was killed, died of a disability resulting from an event that occurred while in the active service of the state, or is permanently disabled as a result of an event that occurred while in the active service of the state. "Active service of the state," for the purposes of this subdivision, refers to a member of the California National Guard activated pursuant to Section 146 of the Military and Veterans Code.

(i) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who is the surviving spouse or the child, natural or adopted, of a deceased person who met all of the requirements of Section 68120.

(j) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student in an undergraduate program, including a student who has previously graduated from another undergraduate or graduate program, who is the dependent of any individual killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in southwestern Pennsylvania, if that dependent meets the financial need requirements set forth in Section 69432.7 for the Cal Grant A Program and either of the following applies:

(1) The dependent was a resident of California on September 11, 2001.

(2) The individual killed in the attacks was a resident of California on September 11, 2001.

(k) A determination of whether a person is a resident of California on September 11, 2001, for purposes of subdivision (j) shall be based on the criteria set forth in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 68000) of Part 41 of Division 5 for determining nonresident and resident tuition.

(l) (1) "Dependent," for purposes of subdivision (j), is a person who, because of his or her relationship to an individual killed as a result of injuries sustained during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, qualifies for compensation under the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Title IV (commencing with Section 401) of Public Law 107-42).

(2) A dependent who is the surviving spouse of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is entitled to the waivers provided in this section until January 1, 2013.

(3) A dependent who is the surviving child, natural or adopted, of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is entitled to the waivers under subdivision (j) until that person attains the age of 30 years.

(4) A dependent of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, who is determined to be eligible by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, is also entitled to the waivers provided in this section until January 1, 2013.

(m) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that sufficient funds be provided to support the provision of a fee waiver for every student who demonstrates eligibility pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive.

(2) From funds provided in the annual Budget Act, the board of governors shall allocate to community college districts, pursuant to this subdivision, an amount equal to 2 percent of the fees waived pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive. From funds provided in the annual Budget Act, the board of governors shall allocate to community college districts, pursuant to this subdivision, an amount equal to ninety-one cents (\$0.91) per credit unit waived pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds provided pursuant to this subdivision be used to support the determination of financial need and delivery of student financial aid services, on the basis of the number of students for whom fees are waived. It also is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided pursuant to this subdivision directly offset mandated costs claimed by community college districts pursuant to Commission on State Mandates consolidated Test Claims 99-TC-13 (Enrollment Fee Collection) and 00-TC-15 (Enrollment Fee Waivers). Funds allocated to a community college district for determination of financial need and delivery of student financial aid services shall supplement, and shall not supplant, the level of funds allocated for the administration of student financial aid programs during the 1992–93 fiscal year.

(n) The board of governors shall adopt regulations implementing this section.

(o) This section shall be inoperative and is repealed on January 1, 2012, only if subdivision (b) of Section 3.94 of the Budget Act of 2011 is operative.

SEC. 2. Section 76300 of the Education Code, as amended by Section 30 of Chapter 43 of the Statutes of 2011, is amended to read:

76300. (a) The governing board of each community college district shall charge each student a fee pursuant to this section.

(b) (1) The fee prescribed by this section shall be forty-six dollars (\$46) per unit per semester, effective with the winter term of the 2011–12 academic year.

(2) The board of governors shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for term lengths based upon a quarter system, and also shall proportionately adjust the amount of the fee for summer sessions, intersessions, and other short-term courses. In making these adjustments, the board of governors may round the per unit fee and the per term or per session fee to the nearest dollar.

(c) For the purposes of computing apportionments to community college districts pursuant to Section 84750.5, the board of governors shall subtract, from the total revenue owed to each district, 98 percent of the revenues received by districts from charging a fee pursuant to this section.

(d) The board of governors shall reduce apportionments by up to 10 percent to any district that does not collect the fees prescribed by this section.

(e) The fee requirement does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Students enrolled in the noncredit courses designated by Section 84757.

(2) California State University or University of California students enrolled in remedial classes provided by a community college district on a

campus of the University of California or a campus of the California State University, for whom the district claims an attendance apportionment pursuant to an agreement between the district and the California State University or the University of California.

(3) Students enrolled in credit contract education courses pursuant to Section 78021, if the entire cost of the course, including administrative costs, is paid by the public or private agency, corporation, or association with which the district is contracting and if these students are not included in the calculation of the full-time equivalent students (FTES) of that district.

(f) The governing board of a community college district may exempt special part-time students admitted pursuant to Section 76001 from the fee requirement.

(g) (1) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who, at the time of enrollment, is a recipient of benefits under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program, or a general assistance program or has demonstrated financial need in accordance with the methodology set forth in federal law or regulation for determining the expected family contribution of students seeking financial aid.

(2) The governing board of a community college district also shall waive the fee requirements of this section for any student who demonstrates eligibility according to income standards established by regulations of the board of governors.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) may be applied to a student enrolled in the 2005–06 academic year if the student is exempted from nonresident tuition under paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 76140.

(h) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who, at the time of enrollment, is a dependent or surviving spouse who has not remarried, of any member of the California National Guard who, in the line of duty and while in the active service of the state, was killed, died of a disability resulting from an event that occurred while in the active service of the state, or is permanently disabled as a result of an event that occurred while in the active service of the state. “Active service of the state,” for the purposes of this subdivision, refers to a member of the California National Guard activated pursuant to Section 146 of the Military and Veterans Code.

(i) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student who is the surviving spouse or the child, natural or adopted, of a deceased person who met all of the requirements of Section 68120.

(j) The fee requirements of this section shall be waived for any student in an undergraduate program, including a student who has previously graduated from another undergraduate or graduate program, who is the dependent of any individual killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in southwestern Pennsylvania, if that dependent meets the financial need requirements set forth in Section 69432.7 for the Cal Grant A Program and either of the following applies:

(1) The dependent was a resident of California on September 11, 2001.

(2) The individual killed in the attacks was a resident of California on September 11, 2001.

(k) A determination of whether a person is a resident of California on September 11, 2001, for purposes of subdivision (j) shall be based on the criteria set forth in Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 68000) of Part 41 of Division 5 for determining nonresident and resident tuition.

(l) (1) “Dependent,” for purposes of subdivision (j), is a person who, because of his or her relationship to an individual killed as a result of injuries sustained during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, qualifies for compensation under the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Title IV (commencing with Section 401) of Public Law 107-42).

(2) A dependent who is the surviving spouse of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is entitled to the waivers provided in this section until January 1, 2013.

(3) A dependent who is the surviving child, natural or adopted, of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, is entitled to the waivers under subdivision (j) until that person attains 30 years of age.

(4) A dependent of an individual killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, who is determined to be eligible by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, is also entitled to the waivers provided in this section until January 1, 2013.

(m) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that sufficient funds be provided to support the provision of a fee waiver for every student who demonstrates eligibility pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive.

(2) From funds provided in the annual Budget Act, the board of governors shall allocate to community college districts, pursuant to this subdivision, an amount equal to 2 percent of the fees waived pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive. From funds provided in the annual Budget Act, the board of governors shall allocate to community college districts, pursuant to this subdivision, an amount equal to ninety-one cents (\$0.91) per credit unit waived pursuant to subdivisions (g) to (j), inclusive. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds provided pursuant to this subdivision be used to support the determination of financial need and delivery of student financial aid services, on the basis of the number of students for whom fees are waived. It also is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided pursuant to this subdivision directly offset mandated costs claimed by community college districts pursuant to Commission on State Mandates consolidated Test Claims 99-TC-13 (Enrollment Fee Collection) and 00-TC-15 (Enrollment Fee Waivers). Funds allocated to a community college district for determination of financial need and delivery of student financial aid services shall supplement, and shall not supplant, the level of funds allocated for the administration of student financial aid programs during the 1992–93 fiscal year.

(n) The board of governors shall adopt regulations implementing this section.

(o) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2012, only if subdivision (b) of Section 3.94 of the Budget Act of 2011 is operative.

SEC. 3. Item 6110-161-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2011 is amended to read:

6110-161-0001—For local assistance, Department of Education (Proposition 98), Program 10.60-Special Education Programs for Exceptional Children..... 3,030,913,000
Schedule:

- (1) 10.60.050.003-Special education instruction..... 2,960,010,000
- (2) 10.60.050.080-Early Education Program for Individuals with Exceptional Needs..... 85,298,000
- (3) Reimbursements for Early Education Program, Part C..... -14,395,000

Provisions:

- 1. Funds appropriated by this item are for transfer by the Controller to Section A of the State School Fund, in lieu of the amount that otherwise would be appropriated for transfer from the General Fund in the State Treasury to Section A of the State School Fund for the 2011–12 fiscal year pursuant to Sections 14002 and 41301 of the Education Code, for apportionment pursuant to Part 30 (commencing with Section 56000) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, superseding all prior law.
- 2. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$13,195,000, plus any cost-of-living adjustment, shall be available for the purchase, repair, and inventory maintenance of specialized books, materials, and equipment for pupils with low-incidence disabilities, as defined in Section 56026.5 of the Education Code.
- 3. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$10,081,000, plus any cost-of-living adjustment, shall be available for the purposes of vocational training and job placement for special education pupils through Project Workability I pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 56470) of Chapter 4.5 of Part 30 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code. As a condition of receiving these funds, each local educational agency shall certify that the amount of nonfederal resources, exclusive of funds received pursuant to this provision, devoted to the provision of vocational education for special education pupils shall be maintained at or above the level provided in the 1984–85 fiscal year. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may waive this requirement for local educational

- agencies that demonstrate that the requirement would impose a severe hardship.
4. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$5,258,000, plus any cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), shall be available for regional occupational centers and programs that serve pupils having disabilities; up to \$88,542,000, plus any COLA, shall be available for regionalized program specialist services; and up to \$2,687,000, plus any COLA, shall be available for small special education local plan areas (SELPAs) pursuant to Section 56836.24 of the Education Code.
 5. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$3,000,000 is provided for extraordinary costs associated with single placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools, pursuant to Section 56836.21 of the Education Code. Pursuant to legislation, these funds shall also provide reimbursement for costs associated with pupils residing in licensed children's institutes.
 6. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$179,930,000, plus any cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), is available to fund the costs of children placed in licensed children's institutions who attend nonpublic schools based on the funding formula authorized in Chapter 914 of the Statutes of 2004.
 7. Funds available for infant units shall be allocated with the following average number of pupils per unit:
 - (a) For special classes and centers—16.
 - (b) For resource specialist programs—24.
 - (c) For designated instructional services—16.
 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, early education programs for infants and toddlers shall be offered for 200 days. Funds appropriated in Schedule (2) shall be allocated by the State Department of Education for the 2011–12 fiscal year to those programs receiving allocations for instructional units pursuant to Section 56432 of the Education Code for the Early Education Program for Individuals with Exceptional Needs operated pursuant to Chapter 4.4 (commencing with Section 56425) of Part 30 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, based on computing 200-day entitlements. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds in Schedule (2) shall be used only for the purposes specified in Provisions 10 and 11.
 9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, state funds appropriated in Schedule (2) in excess of the amount necessary to fund the deficated entitlements pursuant to Section 56432 of the Education Code and

Provision 10 shall be available for allocation by the State Department of Education to local educational agencies for the operation of programs serving solely low-incidence infants and toddlers pursuant to Title 14 (commencing with Section 95000) of the Government Code. These funds shall be allocated to each local educational agency for each solely low-incidence child through age two in excess of the number of solely low-incidence children through age two served by the local educational agency during the 1992–93 fiscal year and reported on the April 1993 pupil count. These funds shall only be allocated if the amount of reimbursement received from the State Department of Developmental Services is insufficient to fully fund the costs of operating the Early Intervention Program, as authorized by Title 14 (commencing with Section 95000) of the Government Code.

10. The State Department of Education, through coordination with the special education local plan areas, shall ensure local interagency coordination and collaboration in the provision of early intervention services, including local training activities, child-find activities, public awareness, and the family resource center activities.
11. Funds appropriated in this item, unless otherwise specified, are available for the sole purpose of funding 2011–12 fiscal year special education program costs and shall not be used to fund any prior year adjustments, claims, or costs.
12. Of the amount provided in Schedule (1), up to \$188,000, plus any cost-of-living adjustment, shall be available to fully fund the declining enrollment of necessary small special education local plan areas pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Statutes of 2001.
13. Pursuant to Section 56427 of the Education Code, of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$2,324,000 may be used to provide funding for infant programs, and may be used for those programs that do not qualify for funding pursuant to Section 56432 of the Education Code.
14. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$29,478,000 shall be allocated to local educational agencies for the purposes of Project Workability I.
15. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$1,700,000 shall be used to provide specialized services to pupils with low-incidence disabilities, as defined in Section 56026.5 of the Education Code.

16. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$1,117,000 shall be used for a personnel development program. This program shall include state-sponsored staff development for special education personnel to have the necessary content knowledge and skills to serve children with disabilities. This funding may include training and services targeting special education teachers and related service personnel that teach core academic or multiple subjects to meet the applicable special education requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).
17. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), up to \$200,000 shall be used for research and training in cross-cultural assessments.
18. Of the amount specified in Schedule (1), up to \$31,000,000 shall be available only to provide educationally related mental health services, including out-of-home residential services for emotionally disturbed pupils, required by an individualized education program pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.). The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall allocate these funds to special education local plan areas on a one-time basis in the 2011–12 fiscal year based upon an equal rate per pupil using the methodology specified in Section 56836.07 of the Education Code.
19. Of the amount provided in Schedule (1), \$0 is to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment.
20. Of the amount provided in Schedule (2), \$0 is to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment.
21. Of the amount appropriated in this item, up to \$1,480,000 is available for the state's share of costs in the settlement of *Emma C. v. Delaine Eastin, et al.* (N.D. Cal. No. C96-4179TEH). The State Department of Education shall report by January 1, 2012, to the fiscal committees of both houses of the Legislature, the Department of Finance, and the Legislative Analyst's Office on the planned use of the additional special education funds provided to the Ravenswood Elementary School District pursuant to this settlement. The report shall also provide the State Department of Education's best estimate of when this supplemental funding will no longer be required by the court. The State Department of Education shall comply with the requirements of Section 948 of the Government Code

in any further request for funds to satisfy this settlement.

22. Of the funds appropriated in this item, up to \$2,500,000 shall be allocated directly to special education local plan areas for a personnel development program that meets the highly qualified teacher requirements and ensures that all personnel necessary to carry out this part are appropriately and adequately prepared, subject to the requirements of paragraph (14) of subdivision (a) of Section 612 of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.) and Section 2122 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.). The local in-service programs shall include a parent training component and may include a staff training component, and may include a special education teacher component for special education service personnel and paraprofessionals, consistent with state certification and licensing requirements. Use of these funds shall be described in the local plans. These funds may be used to provide training in alternative dispute resolution and the local mediation of disputes. All programs are to include evaluation components.
23. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, state funds appropriated in Schedule (1) in excess of the amount necessary to fund the defined entitlement shall be to fulfill other shortages in entitlements budgeted in this schedule by the State Department of Education, upon Department of Finance approval, to any program funded under Schedule (1).
24. The funds appropriated in this item reflect an adjustment to the base funding of 0.23 percent for the annual adjustment in statewide average daily attendance.
25. Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), the amount resulting from increases in federal funds reflected in the calculation performed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 56836.08 of the Education Code shall be allocated based on an equal amount per average daily attendance and added to each special education local plan area's base funding, consistent with paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive, of subdivision (b) of Section 56836.158 of the Education Code. When the final amount is determined, the State Department of Education shall provide this information to the Department of Finance and the budget committees of each house of the Legislature.

- 26. Of the amount specified in Schedule (1), \$218,786,000 shall be available only to provide educationally related mental health services, including out-of-home residential services for emotionally disturbed pupils, required by an individualized education program pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.) and as described in Section 56363 of the Education Code. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall allocate these funds to special education local plan areas in the 2011–12 fiscal year based upon an equal rate per pupil using the methodology specified in Section 56836.07 of the Education Code.
- 27. Of the amount specified in Schedule (1), up to \$3,000,000 shall be made available to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in collaboration with the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst, and subject to approval by the Department of Finance, to administer an extraordinary cost pool associated with educationally related mental health services, including out-of-home residential services for emotionally disturbed pupils, for necessary small special education local plan areas as defined in Section 56212 of the Education Code.

SEC. 4. This act is a bill providing for appropriations related to the Budget Bill within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, has been identified as related to the budget in the Budget Bill, and shall take effect immediately.