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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1832

Introduced by Assembly Member Silva

February 22, 2012

An act to amend Section 66025.8 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1832, as amended, Silva. Public postsecondary education: ~~credit for military training~~; veterans: priority registration.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth the missions and functions of the public institutions of higher education in the state, which include the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California. Existing law requires the California State University and each community college district, and requests the University of California, to grant priority registration for enrollment to a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who is a resident of California, and who has received an honorable discharge, a general discharge, or an other than honorable discharge, and to any member or former member of the State Military Reserve who has not received a specified discharge, for any academic term attended at one of these institutions within 4 years of leaving state or federal active duty.

This bill would extend the time period for which those institutions are required and requested to grant priority registration for enrollment from 4 to 15 years of leaving state or federal active duty, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

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.

~~Existing law, 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. 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. Provisions of the Donahoe Higher Education Act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the regents act, by resolution, to make these provisions applicable.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require, or request, as appropriate, public postsecondary institutions to grant academic credit to students for similar training and hours of experience performed while on active military duty.~~

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66025.8 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 66025.8. (a) The California State University and each
- 4 community college district shall, and the University of California
- 5 is requested to, with respect to each campus in their respective
- 6 jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, grant
- 7 priority in that system for registration for enrollment to any member
- 8 or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, and
- 9 who is a resident of California, who has received an honorable
- 10 discharge, a general discharge, or an other than honorable

1 discharge, and to any member or former member of the State
 2 Military Reserve, for any academic term attended at one of these
 3 institutions within ~~four~~ 15 years of leaving state or federal active
 4 duty. A former member of the Armed Forces of the United States
 5 or the State Military Reserve who received a dishonorable
 6 discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for priority
 7 registration for enrollment pursuant to this section.

8 (b) (1) For the purposes of this section, “Armed Forces of the
 9 United States” means the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine
 10 Corps, National Guard, Naval Militia, Navy, and the reserve
 11 components of each of those forces, including the California
 12 National Guard.

13 (2) As used in this section, “member or former member of the
 14 Armed Forces of the United States” includes, but is not necessarily
 15 limited to, any student who is called to active military duty
 16 compelling that student to take an academic leave of absence.

17 *SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
 18 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
 19 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
 20 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
 21 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

22 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
 23 ~~legislation to require, or request, as appropriate, public~~
 24 ~~postsecondary institutions to grant academic credit to students for~~
 25 ~~similar training and hours of experience performed while on active~~
 26 ~~military duty.~~