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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2093

Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Alejo, Blumenfield, Bonilla, Chesbro, Ma, Olsen, and Wieckowski)

February 23, 2012

An act to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 89350) to Chapter 3 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to foster youth education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2093, as amended, Skinner. Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2012.

Existing law establishes the segments of the public postsecondary education system in the state, including the University of California administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law establishes the Higher Education Outreach and Assistance Act for Emancipated Foster Youth, which requires the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to perform specified services to assist emancipated foster youth.

This bill would enact the Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2012, which would additionally require the California State University, and request the California Community Colleges and the University of California, to establish foster youth

campus support programs, which are separate from the Higher Education Outreach and Assistance Act for Emancipated Foster Youth, to provide comprehensive support and outreach *services, as specified*, to current and former foster youth in an effort to retain foster youth in higher education. The bill would ~~request campuses of the California Community Colleges, California State University, and~~ *require the California State University, and request the California Community Colleges and the University of California*, to designate a foster youth campus support program coordinator using new or existing resources. The bill would require the State Department of Social Services to annually notify foster youth 13 years of age or older, and those foster youths' caregivers, of the postsecondary educational support provided to them pursuant to this bill.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Article 6 (commencing with Section 89350) is
 2 added to Chapter 3 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the
 3 Education Code, to read:

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 5 Article 6. Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and
 6 Support Act of 2012
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8 89350. (a) This article shall be known, and may be cited, as
 9 the Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act
 10 of 2012.

11 (b) It is the intent of this article to provide comprehensive
 12 support to students who are current or former foster youth on public
 13 postsecondary educational institution campuses.

14 89351. (a) The California State University shall, and the
 15 California Community Colleges and the University of California
 16 are requested to, establish foster youth campus support programs
 17 to provide comprehensive support and outreach *services* to current
 18 and former foster youth in an effort to retain foster youth in higher
 19 education. *These comprehensive support and outreach services*
 20 *shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:*

- 21 (1) *Financial aid counseling.*
- 22 (2) *Academic outreach, admission, and enrollment planning.*

- 1 (3) *Postsecondary education transition concerns.*
2 (4) *Referral to tutoring and other learning support services.*
3 (5) *Career counseling.*
4 (6) *The provision of year-round housing, as described in*
5 *Sections 76010, 90001.5, and 92660.*
6 (7) *The provision of priority registration for eligible foster*
7 *youth, as described in Section 66025.9.*
8 ~~(b) Campuses of the California Community Colleges, California~~
9 ~~State University, and The California State University shall, and~~
10 ~~the California Community Colleges and the University of~~
11 ~~California are requested to, designate a foster youth campus support~~
12 ~~program coordinator using new or existing resources.~~
13 89352. The State Department of Social Services shall annually
14 notify foster youth 13 years of age or older, and those foster youths'
15 caregivers, of the postsecondary educational support provided to
16 them pursuant to this article.