

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 181

Introduced by Assembly Member Logue

January 24, 2013

An act to add Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 92700) to Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 181, as introduced, Logue. Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program: University of California.

Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools operated by local educational agencies throughout the state. Existing law also establishes a system of public postsecondary education in this state that includes 3 segments: the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot program with the goal of establishing a coordinated curriculum that enables students to earn a baccalaureate degree from a participating University of California campus within 3 years of graduating from a secondary school, at a total cost to the student that does not exceed \$20,000, excluding the cost of instructional materials and mandatory campus-based fees. The bill would authorize the University of California to establish a Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program that includes any campus of the University of California, any campus of the California Community Colleges, and any secondary educational institution that volunteers to participate in the pilot program. The bill would place specified conditions on the operation of the pilot program.

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. Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 92700) is
2 added to Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education Code,
3 to read:

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5 CHAPTER 8. BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM
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7 92700. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot
8 program with the goal of establishing a coordinated curriculum
9 that enables students to earn a baccalaureate degree from a
10 participating University of California campus within three years
11 of graduating from a secondary school, at a total cost to the student
12 that does not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), excluding
13 the cost of instructional materials and mandatory campus-based
14 fees.

15 92701. The University of California may establish a
16 Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program that includes any campus of
17 the University of California, any campus of the California
18 Community Colleges, and any secondary educational institution
19 that volunteers to participate in the pilot program.

20 92702. Notwithstanding any other law, all of the following
21 provisions shall apply to the operation of the pilot program:

22 (a) The number of advanced placement (AP) course credits that
23 a participating high school pupil may earn is unlimited.

24 (b) The number of transfer credits that a participating high
25 school pupil earns that may be accepted by the participating
26 community college or University of California campus shall be
27 unlimited, except as provided for in subdivision (h).

28 (c) A participating student may attend and earn college course
29 credit at either his or her high school or at a participating
30 community college, and the provisions of subdivision (c) of Section
31 48800 shall not apply to a participating high school pupil.

32 (d) In order to earn college course credit under the pilot program
33 for college-level course work undertaken before graduation from
34 high school, other than courses taken at a community college, a

1 participating student shall earn a score of three or better on the AP
2 examination for each college-level course.

3 (e) A participating student shall receive priority enrollment
4 status at a participating community college, and be required to
5 enroll at that community college either in the summer term or the
6 fall semester immediately succeeding that pupil's graduation from
7 high school.

8 (f) In order to remain in the pilot program, a participating student
9 shall maintain a minimum grade point average determined by the
10 participating institution that shall be at least 2.5 on a 4-point scale.

11 (g) A participating student shall attend community college full
12 time, shall take no less than 12 semester units each semester, and
13 shall complete his or her associate of arts transfer degree in not
14 more than two years from the date he or she enrolled at the
15 community college.

16 (h) A participating University of California campus shall accept
17 a minimum of 60 semester units earned by a participating student
18 at either a high school or a community college pursuant to the pilot
19 program.

20 (i) The mandatory systemwide fees and tuition and mandatory
21 campus-based fees charged to a participating student shall not be
22 increased during the first two academic years of his or her
23 attendance at a University of California campus pursuant to the
24 pilot program.

25 (j) Institutions participating in the pilot program may offer
26 participating students summer internships for credit toward the
27 pilot program.

28 92703. The requirements imposed on the University of
29 California pursuant to Section 92702 shall only apply to the extent
30 that the regents, by appropriate resolution, make them applicable.