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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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 *that volunteers to participate*, 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 *that volunteers to participate*, and any
19 secondary educational institution that volunteers to participate ~~in~~
20 ~~the pilot program~~.

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

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

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

29 (c) A participating student may attend and earn college course
30 credit at either his or her high school or at a participating
31 community college, and the provisions of subdivision (c) of Section
32 48800 shall not apply to a participating high school pupil.

(d) In order to earn college course credit under the pilot program for college-level coursework undertaken before graduation from high school, other than courses taken at a community college, a participating student shall earn a score of three or better on the AP examination for each college-level course.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(k) A participating student shall receive priority enrollment status at a participating University of California campus and shall be required to enroll at that University of California campus either in the summer term or the fall semester immediately succeeding that pupil's completion of the required community college coursework.

(l) The bachelor's degrees awarded at the participating University of California campus to a participating student shall be limited to baccalaureate degrees in one or more of the following fields of study:

1 (1) *Science*.

2 (2) *Technology*.

3 (3) *Engineering*.

4 (4) *Mathematics*.

5 92703. The requirements imposed on the University of

6 California pursuant to Section 92702 shall only apply to the extent

7 that the regents, by appropriate resolution, make them applicable.