

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 736

Introduced by Assembly Member Fox

February 21, 2013

An act to add Section 89009.5 to the Education Code, relating to the California State University.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 736, as introduced, Fox. California State University: Antelope Valley campus.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Under existing law, 25 institutions of higher education comprise the California State University.

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University to complete and submit to the trustees a study about the feasibility of a California State University satellite program, and ultimately, an independent California State University campus, in the Antelope Valley, within 18 months after the date that the trustees certify that sufficient funds are available to conduct the study. The bill would require funding for the study to be derived solely from nonstate sources. If the trustees decide that a new campus or off-campus center is needed in the Antelope Valley, the trustees would be required to submit a formal needs study to the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

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. Section 89009.5 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 89009.5. (a) The Chancellor of the California State University
4 shall conduct a study about the feasibility of a California State
5 University satellite program, and ultimately, an independent
6 California State University campus, in the Antelope Valley. The
7 study shall include all of the following:
8 (1) Ten-year enrollment projections and physical capacity
9 analysis.
10 (2) Regional workforce needs.
11 (3) Prospective economic impact and job creation in the region.
12 (4) Infrastructure availability.
13 (5) The potential alleviation of overcrowding and traffic at the
14 Bakersfield and Northridge campuses.
15 (6) Considerations of plausible alternatives.
16 (7) Academic planning and program justification.
17 (8) A description of proposed student services and student
18 outreach programs.
19 (9) Support and capital outlay budget projections.
20 (10) Geographic and physical accessibility.
21 (11) Environmental and social impacts.
22 (12) Effects on other educational institutions.
23 (b) Funding for the study required by subdivision (a) shall be
24 derived solely from nonstate sources. The chancellor shall complete
25 and submit the study to the trustees within 18 months after the date
26 that the trustees certify that sufficient funds are available to conduct
27 the study.
28 (c) If the trustees determine there is a need for a new campus
29 or off-campus center in the Antelope Valley, the trustees shall
30 submit a formal needs study to the California Postsecondary
31 Education Commission pursuant to Section 66904.

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