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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 895**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rendon**

February 22, 2013

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An act to add and repeal Section 66940.7 of to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 895, as amended, Rendon. Postsecondary education: online education task force.

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. Provisions of the act establish the California Postsecondary Education Commission for, among other purposes, the collection of data pertinent to the planning and coordination of the higher education system.

Existing law establishes the California Distance Learning Policy, which sets forth the guiding goal and principles for the utilization of technology in California postsecondary education.

This bill would establish the California Postsecondary Online Education Task Force, to consist of ~~11~~ 15 members to be ~~appointed~~ *selected, as specified*, on or before March 31, 2014. This bill would require the task force to evaluate and collect data on ~~the current status of postsecondary online education in both public and private institutions, as specified, examine online education programs in other states, and~~

~~analyze methods to implement online education programs in California postsecondary institutions. This bill would require the task force specified topics, and to submit a report on or before an unspecified date January 1, 2016, and every 2 years thereafter, to the Legislature with information obtained in its examination of those topics and recommendations of innovative online education methods. The bill would repeal these provisions on an unspecified date.~~

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 66940.7 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 66940.7. (a) The California Postsecondary Online Education
- 4 Task Force is hereby established. As used in this section, “task
- 5 force” means the California Postsecondary Online Education Task
- 6 Force.
- 7 (b) The task force shall consist of ~~11~~ 15 members, who shall be
- 8 appointed *selected* on or before March 31, 2014, in accordance
- 9 with the following:
- 10 (1) ~~Three representatives from the business community with~~
- 11 ~~expertise in business and education technology, appointed by the~~
- 12 ~~Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Committee~~
- 13 ~~on Rules, respectively.~~
- 14 (2) ~~Three members shall be appointed by the Governor, one~~
- 15 ~~from each of the Board of Governors of the California Community~~
- 16 ~~Colleges, the Regents of the University of California, and the~~
- 17 ~~Trustees of the California State University.~~
- 18 (3) ~~A faculty member from the California Community Colleges,~~
- 19 ~~appointed by the Governor.~~
- 20 (4) ~~A faculty member from the California State University,~~
- 21 ~~appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.~~
- 22 (5) ~~A faculty member of the University of California appointed~~
- 23 ~~by the Speaker of the Assembly.~~
- 24 (6) ~~The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her~~
- 25 ~~designee.~~
- 26 (7) ~~The Lieutenant Governor or his or he designee.~~

1     (1) *Two faculty members from the California Community*  
2 *Colleges, selected by the Academic Senate for California*  
3 *Community Colleges.*

4     (2) *Two faculty members from the California State University,*  
5 *selected by the Academic Senate of the California State University.*

6     (3) *Two faculty members from the University of California,*  
7 *selected by the Academic Senate, University of California.*

8     (4) *One member of the nonfaculty staff of the California*  
9 *Community Colleges, selected by the Chancellor of the California*  
10 *Community Colleges.*

11     (5) *One member of the nonfaculty staff of the California State*  
12 *University, selected by the Chancellor of the California State*  
13 *University.*

14     (6) *One member of the nonfaculty staff of the University of*  
15 *California, selected by the President of the University of California.*

16     (7) *One administrative officer or employee of the California*  
17 *Community Colleges, selected by the Chancellor of the California*  
18 *Community Colleges.*

19     (8) *One administrative officer or employee of the California*  
20 *State University, selected by the Chancellor of the California State*  
21 *University.*

22     (9) *One administrative officer or employee of the University of*  
23 *California, selected by the President of the University of California.*

24     (10) *One student of the California Community Colleges, selected*  
25 *by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges from a*  
26 *list of the names of at least two students submitted to the chancellor*  
27 *by the governing board of any statewide student organization that*  
28 *represents the students of the California Community Colleges and*  
29 *the student body organizations of the campuses of the California*  
30 *Community Colleges.*

31     (11) *One student of the California State University, selected by*  
32 *the Chancellor of the California State University from a list of the*  
33 *names of at least two students submitted to the chancellor by the*  
34 *governing board of any statewide student organization that*  
35 *represents the students of the California State University and the*  
36 *student body organizations of the campuses of the California State*  
37 *University.*

38     (12) *One student of the University of California, selected by the*  
39 *President of the University of California from a list of the names*  
40 *of at least two students submitted to the president by the governing*

1 board of any statewide student organization that represents the  
2 students of the University of California and the student body  
3 organizations of the campuses of the University of California.

4 (13) A member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of  
5 the entity that selected him or her.

6 (c) The duties of the task force shall include, but not necessarily  
7 be limited to, all of the following:

8 (1) Evaluating and collecting data on the status of postsecondary  
9 online education in both public and private institutions institutions,  
10 including out-of-state online education providers, offering online  
11 courses in California, including, but not necessarily limited to, all  
12 of the following:

13 (A) The number of students, course offerings, types of course  
14 offerings, and full degree programs in each institution.

15 (B) The average amount of student loan debt and the student  
16 loan status of repayment of these loans.

17 (C) The amount of money invested per student per program.

18 (D) The completion rate of students enrolled full time in online  
19 courses and part time in online courses.

20 (E) Data on student demographics, including, but not necessarily  
21 limited to, matriculated compared to nonmatriculated students,  
22 and students enrolled full time in online courses compared to  
23 students enrolled part time in online courses.

24 (F) Data on faculty teaching online, including, but not  
25 necessarily limited to, tenure status, years of teaching in a  
26 classroom compared to online teaching, age, and the number of  
27 classes taught.

28 ~~(2) Examining postsecondary online education programs in~~  
29 ~~other states.~~

30 ~~(3) Analyzing methods to implement online~~

31 ~~(2) Identifying the role of online education programs in~~  
32 ~~California postsecondary institutions. California's public~~  
33 ~~postsecondary education system.~~

34 ~~(3) Identifying evidence-based best practices, including, but not~~  
35 ~~necessarily limited to, both of the following:~~

36 ~~(A) Identifying courses best and least suited for online education.~~

37 ~~(B) Identifying students best suited for online education.~~

38 ~~(4) Determining and describing the fiscal impact of online~~  
39 ~~education on all of the following:~~

40 ~~(A) The students.~~

- 1 (B) *The three segments of public postsecondary education.*  
2 (C) *The state General Fund.*  
3 (5) *Identifying resources, including, but not necessarily limited*  
4 *to, fiscal resources, labor and staff, and technological*  
5 *infrastructure and support, needed for the effective delivery of*  
6 *online education.*  
7 (6) *Analyzing methods to implement online education programs*  
8 *in California postsecondary institutions.*  
9 (d) ~~The~~ *Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government*  
10 *Code, the task force shall submit a report, on or before \_\_\_\_\_*  
11 *January 1, 2016, and every two years thereafter, to the Legislature*  
12 ~~with~~ *Legislature. These reports shall include, but not necessarily*  
13 *be limited to, information obtained pursuant to subdivision (c),*  
14 *and recommendations of innovative online education methods.*  
15 (e) *The report required pursuant to subdivision (d) shall be*  
16 *submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*  
17 *Code.*  
18 (f) ~~This section shall remain in effect only until \_\_\_\_\_, and as of~~  
19 ~~that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted~~  
20 ~~before \_\_\_\_\_, deletes or extends that date.~~