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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 393**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Roger Hernández**

February 18, 2015

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An act to add Part 52.7 (commencing with Section 88750) to Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 393, as amended, Roger Hernández. Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law requires the board of governors to appoint a chief executive officer, to be known as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

This bill would establish the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program, which would authorize the governing board of a community college district ~~that has or intends to establish veteran resource centers on campuses within the community college district~~ *and a community college campus at which a veterans resource center has been or is intended to be established* to jointly apply to the chancellor for a grant for purposes of providing resources to veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States enrolled at ~~those campuses.~~ *the campus*. The bill would establish the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Fund in the State Treasury. The bill would allocate moneys in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, to the chancellor for, among other things, administration of the program and distribution of awards to recipient community college

districts. *The bill would also require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to submit a report to the Legislature on the progress of the program by May 31, 2018.*

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. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

2 (a) More than ~~44,000~~ 60,000 veterans and active duty service  
3 members enrolled at campuses of the California Community  
4 Colleges in the ~~2012-13~~ 2013-14 academic year.

5 (b) Education is a tool for community college students to achieve  
6 economic success.

7 (c) Veterans face unique challenges in achieving professional  
8 success, including posttraumatic stress disorder and assimilation  
9 to civilian life during and after serving on active duty.

10 (d) The intent of the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program  
11 is to help veterans and active duty service members enrolled at  
12 campuses of the California Community Colleges achieve academic  
13 and professional success.

14 SEC. 2. Part 52.7 (commencing with Section 88750) is added  
15 to Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

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17 PART 52.7. VETERAN RESOURCE CENTERS GRANT  
18 PROGRAM

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20 CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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22 88750. This part shall be known, and may be cited as, the  
23 Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program.

24 88751. The Veteran Resource Centers Grant Fund is hereby  
25 established in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund, upon  
26 appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, shall  
27 be allocated to the chancellor for the implementation and  
28 administration of this part.

29 88752. ~~The~~A governing board of a community college district  
30 ~~that and a community college campus at which a veterans resource~~  
31 ~~center has been or intends to establish veteran resource centers on~~  
32 ~~campuses within the community college district is intended to be~~

1 *established* may *jointly* apply to the chancellor for a grant for  
2 purposes of providing resources to veterans and active duty  
3 members of the Armed Forces of the United States enrolled at  
4 ~~those campuses~~ *the campus* to help them succeed academically.  
5 88753. (a) The chancellor shall do the following:  
6 ~~(a)~~  
7 (1) Administer the program and distribute awards to recipient  
8 community college ~~districts~~: *districts and campuses*.  
9 ~~(b)~~  
10 (2) Develop application criteria, administrative guidelines, and  
11 other requirements, by May 26, 2016, through a stakeholder process  
12 and public meetings, for purposes of administering the program.  
13 Those requirements may include the chancellor awarding funding  
14 priority to community college district *and campus* applicants that  
15 commit to contributing an amount of funds in addition to the grant  
16 for purposes of ~~developing or enhancing~~ *to develop, enhance, or*  
17 *maintain a* veteran resource ~~centers on campuses within the~~  
18 ~~community college district~~: *center at a community college campus*.  
19 ~~(e) Submit~~  
20 (b) *The Board of Governors of the California Community*  
21 *Colleges shall submit* a report to the Legislature on the progress  
22 of the program on or before May 31, 2018.  
23 ~~(d)~~  
24 (c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under  
25 subdivision ~~(e) (b)~~ is inoperative on June 1, 2022, pursuant to  
26 Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.  
27 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision ~~(e) (b)~~ shall  
28 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
29 Code.