Introduced by Assembly Member Baker

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 69432.2 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1224, as introduced, Baker. Postsecondary education: Cal Grant awards.

The Cal Grant Program establishes the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards, the California Community College Transfer Entitlement awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, the Cal Grant C award, and the Cal Grant T award under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions.

This bill would require, for the 2016–17 academic year, and every year thereafter, the commission to cap individual Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards, California Community College Transfer Entitlement awards, and Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards at a specified amount, and would authorize the commission to annually adjust that amount to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index, as calculated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 69432.2 is added to the Education Code, 2 to read:

- 3 69432.2. (a) For the 2016–17 academic year, and every 4 academic year thereafter, the commission shall cap each Cal Grant recipient's award under the Cal Grant A Entitlement Program pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 69434), the Cal Grant B Entitlement Program pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 69435), the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program pursuant to Article 4 (commencing 10 with Section 69436), and Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 69437) at an 11 12 amount not to exceed the lesser of the following: 13
 - (1) The total cost of the recipient's tuition at a qualified institution.
 - (2) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

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15 (b) The California Student Aid Commission may annually adjust 16 17 the amount determined pursuant to subdivision (a) to reflect 18 changes in the Consumer Price Index, as calculated by the United 19 States Bureau of Labor Statistics.