

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1228**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Gipson and Atkins**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Sections 66019.3, 76010, 90001.5, and 92660 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1228, as introduced, Gipson. Public postsecondary education: campus housing: priority for homeless youth.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the 3 segments of the public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes them to provide instruction to students at community college campuses. Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as the other 2 segments of public postsecondary education in this state.

Existing law requests the regents and the trustees to explore methods of using the admissions-by-exemption category to assist the transition of students in foster care into 4-year public institutions of higher education.

This bill would request the regents and the trustees to provide that assistance to students who are homeless youth.

Existing law requests campuses of the California Community Colleges, requires campuses of the California State University, and

requires campuses of the University of California, subject to its agreement by resolution, to do all of the following: (1) give priority for housing to current and former foster youth, and (2) as to campuses that maintain student housing facilities open for occupation during school breaks, or on a year-round basis, give first priority to current and former foster youth for residence in the housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year-round occupation and next give priority to current and former foster youth for housing that is open for occupation during the most days in the calendar year.

This bill would provide priority for campus housing to current and former homeless youth, as defined, that is identical to that priority extended to current and former foster youth under existing law. This bill would request the community colleges, and require the campuses of the California State University, and of the University of California, subject to its agreement by resolution, to (1) provide housing in housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year-round occupation to current and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth at no extra cost during academic or campus breaks, and (2) develop a plan to ensure that current and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access housing resources during and between academic terms, including during academic and campus breaks.

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 66019.3 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 66019.3. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage the  
4 California Community Colleges, the California State University,  
5 and the University of California to disseminate information to  
6 foster care agencies regarding admissions requirements and  
7 financial aid.  
8 (b) The Legislature requests the Regents of the University of  
9 California and the Trustees of the California State University to  
10 explore methods of using the admissions-by-exemption category  
11 to assist the transition of students ~~in foster care~~ *who are homeless*  
12 *youth or foster youth* into four-year public institutions of higher  
13 education.

1 SEC. 2. Section 76010 of the Education Code is amended to  
2 read:

3 76010. (a) In order to ensure that current and former *homeless*  
4 *youth and current and former* foster youth who are students at the  
5 campuses of the California Community Colleges have stable  
6 housing, a campus of the California Community Colleges is  
7 requested to give priority for housing to current and former  
8 *homeless youth and current and former* foster youth. In addition,  
9 a campus of the California Community Colleges that maintains  
10 student housing facilities open for occupation during school breaks,  
11 or on a year-round basis, is requested to give first priority to current  
12 and former *homeless youth and current and former* foster youth  
13 for residence in the housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted  
14 year-round occupation *and provide this housing to current and*  
15 *former homeless youth and current and former foster youth at no*  
16 *extra cost during academic or campus breaks*, and next give  
17 priority to current and former *homeless youth and current and*  
18 *former* foster youth for housing that is open for occupation during  
19 the most days in the calendar year.

20 (b) *In addition, a campus of the California Community Colleges*  
21 *is requested to develop a plan to ensure that current and former*  
22 *homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access*  
23 *housing resources as needed during and between academic terms,*  
24 *including during academic and campus breaks.*

25 (c) *As used in this section, a "homeless youth" means a student*  
26 *under 25 years of age, who has been verified, in the case of a*  
27 *former homeless youth at any time during the prior six years, as*  
28 *a homeless child or youth as defined in subsection (2) of Section*  
29 *725 of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42*  
30 *U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)), by at least one of the following:*

31 (1) *A homeless services provider, as defined in paragraph (3)*  
32 *of subdivision (d) of Section 103577 of the Health and Safety Code.*

33 (2) *The director, or his or her designee, of a federal TRIO*  
34 *program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for*  
35 *Undergraduate Programs program.*

36 (3) *A financial aid administrator.*

37 SEC. 3. Section 90001.5 of the Education Code is amended to  
38 read:

39 90001.5. (a) In order to ensure that current and former  
40 *homeless youth and current and former* foster youth who are

1 students at campuses of the California State University have stable  
2 housing, a campus of the California State University that maintains  
3 student housing facilities shall give priority to current and former  
4 *homeless youth and current and former* foster youth. In addition,  
5 a campus of the California State University that maintains student  
6 housing facilities open for occupation during school breaks, or on  
7 a year-round basis, shall first give priority to current-~~or~~ *and* former  
8 *homeless youth and current and former* foster youth for residence  
9 in the housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year-round  
10 occupation *and provide this housing to current and former*  
11 *homeless youth and current and former foster youth at no extra*  
12 *cost during academic or campus breaks*, and next give priority to  
13 current-~~or~~ *and* former *homeless youth and current and former*  
14 foster youth for housing that is open for occupation during the  
15 most days in the calendar year.

16 (b) *In addition, a campus of the California State University is*  
17 *requested to develop a plan to ensure that current and former*  
18 *homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access*  
19 *housing resources as needed during and between academic terms,*  
20 *including during academic and campus breaks.*

21 (c) *As used in this section, a “homeless youth” means a student*  
22 *under 25 years of age, who has been verified, in the case of a*  
23 *former homeless youth at any time during the prior six years, as*  
24 *a homeless child or youth as defined in subsection (2) of Section*  
25 *725 of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42*  
26 *U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)), by at least one of the following:*

27 (1) *A homeless services provider, as defined in paragraph (3)*  
28 *of subdivision (d) of Section 103577 of the Health and Safety Code.*

29 (2) *The director, or his or her designee, of a federal TRIO*  
30 *program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for*  
31 *Undergraduate Programs program.*

32 (3) *A financial aid administrator.*

33 SEC. 4. Section 92660 of the Education Code is amended to  
34 read:

35 92660. (a) In order to ensure that current and former *homeless*  
36 *youth and current and former* foster youth who are students at  
37 campuses of the University of California have stable housing, a  
38 campus of the University of California that maintains student  
39 housing facilities shall give priority to current and former *homeless*  
40 *youth and current and former* foster youth. In addition, a campus

1 of the University of California that maintains student housing  
2 facilities open for occupation during school breaks, or on a  
3 year-round basis, shall first give priority to current-~~or~~ *and* former  
4 *homeless youth and current and former* foster youth for residence  
5 in the housing facilities for which they are eligible that are open  
6 for uninterrupted year-round occupation *and provide this housing*  
7 *to current and former homeless youth and current and former*  
8 *foster youth at no extra cost during academic or campus breaks,*  
9 and next give priority to current or former *homeless youth and*  
10 *current and former* foster youth for residence in the housing  
11 facilities for which they are eligible that are open for occupation  
12 during the most days in the calendar year.

13 *(b) In addition, a campus of the University of California is*  
14 *requested to develop a plan to ensure that current and former*  
15 *homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access*  
16 *housing resources as needed during and between academic terms,*  
17 *including during academic and campus breaks.*

18 *(c) As used in this section, a "homeless youth" means a student*  
19 *under 25 years of age, who has been verified, in the case of a*  
20 *former homeless youth at any time during the prior six years, as*  
21 *a homeless child or youth as defined in subsection (2) of Section*  
22 *725 of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42*  
23 *U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)), by at least one of the following:*

24 *(1) A homeless services provider, as defined in paragraph (3)*  
25 *of subdivision (d) of Section 103577 of the Health and Safety Code.*

26 *(2) The director, or his or her designee, of a federal TRIO*  
27 *program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for*  
28 *Undergraduate Programs program.*

29 *(3) A financial aid administrator.*

30 ~~(b)~~

31 *(d) This section shall not apply to the University of California*  
32 *except to the extent that the Regents of the University of California,*  
33 *by appropriate resolution, make this section applicable.*