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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1366

Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bonta)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Cristina Garcia)

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An act to add Section 68130.6 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1366, as amended, Lopez. Public postsecondary education: Dream Resource Centers.

Existing law establishes the segments of the public postsecondary education system in the state, including the University of California administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Existing law provides that a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, as defined, who has attended high school in California for 3 or more years, who has graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent thereof, who has registered at or attends an accredited institution of higher education in California not earlier than the fall semester or quarter of the 2001–02 academic year, and who, if he or she is an alien without lawful immigration status, has filed an affidavit,

as specified, is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges and the California State University.

This bill ~~would~~ *would, commencing with the 2017–18 academic year,* require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and would request the University of California, to create Dream Resource Centers on ~~each campus~~ *their campuses, as specified,* to assist certain students by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. *The bill would require each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University that is not required to have a Dream Resource Center to ensure that it has a designated staff person who is knowledgeable in available financial aid, services, and academic opportunities for all students meeting specified requirements , including undocumented students.* By requiring community colleges to create Dream Resource Centers, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would authorize the trustees, the board of governors, and the regents to seek and accept on behalf of the state any gift, bequest, devise, or donation whenever the gift and the terms and conditions thereof will aid in the creation and operation of Dream Resource Centers for their respective systems.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to increase enrollment and
- 4 graduation rates among students meeting the requirements of
- 5 Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular Session (Firebaugh,
- 6 Ch. 814) by requiring the creation of Dream Resource Centers at
- 7 public institutions of higher education.

1 (b) It is estimated that each year approximately 65,000
2 undocumented students graduate from high schools, and while
3 California has been a leader in enacting innovative and bold laws
4 to provide opportunities for undocumented youth to attain higher
5 education, only 20 percent of these students attend college. Many
6 undocumented youth and their families are unaware of recent
7 policy changes, such as the enactment of Assembly Bill 540 of the
8 2001–02 Regular Session, the California Dream Act of 2011, and
9 the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), that
10 make college graduation more attainable. Currently, the majority
11 of college campuses do not have a centralized location that provides
12 specialized support services and resources for students meeting
13 the requirements of Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular
14 Session.

15 (c) The creation of Dream Resource Centers would save staff
16 time and resources by streamlining all available financial aid and
17 academic opportunities for students meeting the requirements of
18 Assembly Bill 540 of the 2001–02 Regular Session. These Dream
19 Resource Centers would seek to empower and create a safe and
20 welcoming environment for those students. These centers would
21 increase enrollment, transfer, and graduation rates among this
22 population.

23 (d) A number of college campuses have acknowledged the needs
24 and challenges of these students and have created Dream Resource
25 Centers. These include: the University of California, Los Angeles;
26 the University of California, Davis; the California State University,
27 Los Angeles; the California State University, Fullerton; and the
28 California State University, Northridge. These centers provide,
29 among other things, informational workshops, legal clinics,
30 information on programs available to undocumented immigrants,
31 and peer mentoring and support services to increase awareness of
32 existing programs and available resources, enhance professional
33 development, and increase employment opportunities.

34 SEC. 2. Section 68130.6 is added to the Education Code, to
35 read:

36 68130.6. (a) ~~The~~ *Commencing with the 2017–18 academic*
37 *year, the California Community Colleges and the California State*
38 *University shall, and the University of California is requested to,*
39 *create Dream Resource Centers on each campus their campuses,*
40 *as specified in subdivision (b), to assist students meeting the*

1 requirements set forth in Section 68130.5 by streamlining access
2 to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those
3 students.

4 (b) (1) (A) *The California Community Colleges shall create*
5 *Dream Resource Centers on any campus that has at least 500*
6 *currently enrolled students meeting the requirements set forth in*
7 *Section 68130.5.*

8 (B) *Any campus of the California Community Colleges that has*
9 *less than 500 currently enrolled students meeting the requirements*
10 *set forth in Section 68130.5 shall ensure that it has a designated*
11 *staff person who is knowledgeable in available financial aid,*
12 *services, and academic opportunities for all students meeting the*
13 *requirements set forth in Section 68130.5, including undocumented*
14 *students. The Legislature encourages each of these campuses to*
15 *place this designated staff person in the campus' extended*
16 *opportunities programs and services office or financial aid office.*

17 (2) (A) *The California State University shall create Dream*
18 *Resource Centers on any campus where any of its local feeder*
19 *community colleges meets the requirement in subparagraph (A)*
20 *of paragraph (1).*

21 (B) *Any campus of the California State University where none*
22 *of its local feeder community colleges meet the requirement in*
23 *subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) shall ensure that it has a*
24 *designated staff person who is knowledgeable in available financial*
25 *aid, services, and academic opportunities for all students meeting*
26 *the requirements set forth in Section 68130.5, including*
27 *undocumented students. The Legislature encourages each of these*
28 *campuses to place this designated staff person in the campus'*
29 *extended opportunities programs and services office or financial*
30 *aid office.*

31 (3) *The University of California is requested to create Dream*
32 *Resource Centers on each of its campuses.*

33 (c) (1) *This section shall not be construed as requiring the*
34 *construction of a new or separate space for Dream Resource*
35 *Centers.*

36 (2) *Dream Resource Centers may be housed within existing*
37 *student service or academic centers.*

38 ~~(b)~~

39 (d) *Notwithstanding Section 11005 of the Government Code*
40 *and any other law requiring approval by a state officer of gifts,*

1 bequests, devises, or donations, the Trustees of the California State
2 University, the Board of Governors of the California Community
3 Colleges, and the Regents of the University of California may seek
4 and accept on behalf of the state any gift, bequest, devise, or
5 donation whenever the gift and the terms and conditions thereof
6 will aid in the creation and operation of Dream Resource Centers
7 for their respective systems.

8 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
9 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
10 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
11 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
12 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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