

**Introduced by Senator Block**February 27, 2015

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An act to add Section 66027.6 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 634, as introduced, Block. Postsecondary education: interstate reciprocity agreement.

Under existing law, the segments of postsecondary education in this state include the University of California, the California State University, the California Community Colleges, independent institutions of higher education, and private postsecondary educational institutions.

Existing law, the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, provides, among other things, for student protections and regulatory oversight of private postsecondary institutions in the state. The act is enforced by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education within the Department of Consumer Affairs. The act exempts specified institutions from its provisions, does not apply to private postsecondary educational institutions that do not maintain a physical presence in the state, and is repealed on January 1, 2017.

This bill would authorize the Governor to enter into an interstate reciprocity agreement for purposes of oversight of postsecondary educational institutions offering postsecondary education in states in which they maintain no physical presence, as specified.

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 66027.6 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:  
3 66027.6. The Governor is authorized to enter into an interstate  
4 reciprocity agreement for purposes of oversight of postsecondary  
5 educational institutions offering postsecondary education in states  
6 in which they maintain no physical presence, provided that the  
7 agreement ensures that students enrolled in private postsecondary  
8 educational institutions without a physical presence in this state  
9 that are not independent institutions, as defined in subdivision (b)  
10 of Section 66010, are provided at least with a similar level of  
11 consumer protection as would be provided if the institutions were  
12 regulated by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

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