

**Introduced by Senator Peace and Assembly Member  
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An act to amend Section 66025 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1896, as introduced, Peace. Public postsecondary education: student fees.

Existing law provides for a public postsecondary educational system in this state, which consists of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges.

Existing law also requires systemwide fees charged to resident undergraduate students at the University of California and the California State University to be reduced for the 1998-99 fiscal year by 5% below the level charged during the 1997-98 fiscal year, and, for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, to be at the same level as for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

This bill would require systemwide education and registration fees charged to resident graduate students and resident students pursuing a course of study leading to a professional degree at the University of California and the California State University for the 1999-2000 fiscal year to be reduced by 5% below the level charged for those resident students for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The bill would specify that this provision shall not apply to the University of California except to the extent that the

Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, make it applicable.

The bill would declare the Legislature's intent to appropriate sufficient funds to the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges in the Budget Act of 1999 and any subsequent Budget Acts to cover any reduction in funds caused by the enactment of the above amendments.

In addition, the bill would appropriate \$14,000,000, or so much thereof as is necessary, to the University of California and \$12,100,000, or so much thereof as is necessary, to the California State University, from the General Fund, for the 1999–2000 fiscal year for the purpose of fully reimbursing those systems for fiscal losses resulting from the fee reductions in the bill. The appropriation to the University of California would be contingent upon the University of California implementing the fee reduction for the 1999–2000 fiscal year.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 66025 of the Education Code is  
 2 amended to read:  
 3 66025. (a) Systemwide fees charged to resident  
 4 undergraduate students at the University of California  
 5 and the California State University shall be reduced for  
 6 the 1998–99 fiscal year by 5 percent below the level  
 7 charged during the 1997–98 fiscal year, and the  
 8 systemwide fees charged to those students for the  
 9 1999–2000 fiscal year shall be the same as the systemwide  
 10 fees established for those students for the 1998–99 fiscal  
 11 year. Systemwide *education and registration* fees  
 12 charged to resident graduate students and resident  
 13 students pursuing a course of study leading to a  
 14 professional degree at the University of California and the  
 15 California State University for ~~each of the 1998–99 and~~  
 16 ~~1999–2000 fiscal years shall be established at the same~~  
 17 ~~level as established for year shall be reduced by 5 percent~~



1 *below the level charged* those resident students for the  
2 1997–98 fiscal year.

3 Notwithstanding Section 76300, the fee per unit per  
4 semester charged to resident undergraduate students at  
5 the California Community Colleges during each of the  
6 1998–99 and 1999–2000 fiscal years shall be twelve dollars  
7 (\$12).

8 (b) No provision of this section shall apply to the  
9 University of California except to the extent that the  
10 Regents of the University of California, by appropriate  
11 resolution, make that provision applicable.

12 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature hereby declares its  
13 intent to appropriate sufficient funds to the University of  
14 California, the California State University, and the  
15 California Community Colleges in the Budget Act of 1999  
16 and any subsequent budget acts to cover any reduction  
17 in funds caused by the enactment of Section 1 of this act.

18 (b) The sum of twenty-six million one hundred  
19 thousand dollars (\$26,100,000) is hereby appropriated  
20 from the General Fund to the Controller for allocation as  
21 follows:

22 (1) Fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000), or as much  
23 thereof as is necessary, to the University of California for  
24 the 1999–2000 fiscal year for the purpose of fully  
25 reimbursing the University of California for fiscal losses  
26 resulting from the graduate and professional school  
27 education and registration fee reduction provided by this  
28 act. This allocation is contingent upon the University of  
29 California implementing the fee reduction for the  
30 1999–2000 fiscal year.

31 (2) Twelve million one hundred thousand dollars  
32 (\$12,100,000), or as much thereof as is necessary, to the  
33 California State University for the 1999–2000 fiscal year  
34 for the purpose of fully reimbursing the California State  
35 University for fiscal losses resulting from the fee  
36 reduction provided by this act.

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