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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1741

Introduced by Assembly Members Rodriguez and O'Donnell
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Medina and Santiago)
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(Coauthor: Senator Hancock)

February 1, 2016

An act to add *and repeal* Part ~~54.1~~ 54.7 (commencing with Section 88900) ~~to~~ of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1741, as amended, Rodriguez. California College Promise Innovation Grant Program.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The board appoints a chief executive officer known as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. Under existing law, community college districts are authorized, among other

things, to maintain and operate campuses, employ faculty and other employees, and provide instruction to students.

This bill would establish the California College Promise Innovation Grant Program, under the administration of the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, which would require the chancellor's office to distribute grants, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the governing boards of community college districts, who meet certain requirements, to support the establishment of regional programs with the goals of increasing college preparation, college access, and college success. *These provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2021.*

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. Part ~~54.1~~ 54.7 (commencing with Section 88900)
2 is added to Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 PART ~~54.1~~ 54.7. CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE
5 INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

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7 88900. This part shall be known, and may be cited, as the
8 California College Promise Innovation Grant Program.

9 88901. (a) The California College Promise Innovation Grant
10 Program is hereby established, to be administered by the
11 chancellor's office. The chancellor's office shall distribute grants,
12 upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the governing boards of
13 community college districts pursuant to applications that satisfy
14 the requirements of this part.

15 (b) For purposes of this part, "chancellor's office" means the
16 Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

17 88902. The goals of the California College Promise Innovation
18 Grant Program awards are to support community college districts
19 in establishing or expanding regional California College Promise
20 programs in partnership with school districts and public
21 postsecondary universities in California to accomplish all of the
22 following:

1 (a) Increase the number and percentage of high school students
2 within the region who are prepared for and attend college directly
3 from high school.

4 (b) Increase the percentage of high school graduates within the
5 region who are placed in college-level math and English at a public
6 postsecondary university in California.

7 (c) Increase the percentage of students from the region who earn
8 associate degrees or career technical education certificates.

9 (d) Increase the percentage of students from the region who
10 successfully transfer from a community college to a public
11 postsecondary university in California.

12 (e) Increase the percentage of students from the region who
13 graduate with a bachelor's degree.

14 (f) Reduce and eliminate achievement gaps for students from
15 groups that are underrepresented in postsecondary education, such
16 as underrepresented minority students, low-income students,
17 students who are current or former foster youth, students with
18 disabilities, and students who are veterans.

19 (g) Leverage existing sources of local and state funding to better
20 align efforts to improve student success.

21 88903. (a) In order to receive a grant, the governing board of
22 a community college district shall demonstrate in its application
23 for funding that the community college will partner with one or
24 more school districts and one or more California State University
25 or University of California campuses, if appropriate, to establish
26 or expand a California College Promise program that includes all
27 of the following practices and principles:

28 (1) Partnering with one or more school districts to establish an
29 Early Commitment to College Program that is consistent with the
30 intent of Article 6.3 (commencing with Section 54710) of Chapter
31 9 of Part 29 of Division 4 of Title 2 to provide K–12 students and
32 families assistance that includes, but is not limited to, learning
33 about college opportunities, visiting campuses, taking and
34 completing college preparatory courses, and applying for college
35 and financial aid.

36 (2) Partnering with one or more school districts to support and
37 improve high school student preparation for college and reduce
38 postsecondary remediation through practices that may include, but
39 are not limited to, small learning communities, concurrent
40 enrollment, and other evidence-based practices.

1 (3) Utilizing evidence-based placement and student assessment
2 indicators at the community college district that include multiple
3 measures of student performance, including grades in high school
4 courses, overall grade point averages, results from common
5 assessments, and input from counselors.

6 (4) Providing students who are enrolled at the community
7 college district with access to courses, including, but not limited
8 to, priority registration, and allowing them to register for a full
9 academic year of courses at once, in order to keep them on track
10 to graduate, transfer to a public postsecondary university, or earn
11 a career technical education certificate in California.

12 (5) Providing outreach to students who are enrolled at a
13 community college within the community college district regarding
14 the Associate Degrees for Transfer and the California Community
15 College Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant program.

16 (b) (1) The chancellor's office in its application criteria shall
17 encourage the governing board of a community college district
18 applying to receive a California College Promise Innovation Grant
19 Program award to identify local public and private sources of
20 funding to develop sustainable California College Promise
21 programs within the community college district.

22 (2) The chancellor's office in its application criteria shall
23 encourage the governing board of a community college district
24 applying to receive a California College Promise Innovation Grant
25 Program award to leverage new or existing sources of local and
26 state funding to better align efforts to improve student success.

27 (c) The chancellor's office shall post on its Internet Web site,
28 for ease of access, all applications that receive funding under the
29 grant ~~program~~ *program*, and shall encourage each community
30 college district that does not receive a grant to identify local public
31 and private sources of funding to develop sustainable California
32 College Promise programs within the district.

33 (d) (1) The chancellor's office shall be responsible for
34 developing application criteria, administrative guidelines, and
35 other requirements for purposes of administering the grant program.

36 (2) An application that demonstrates one or both of the following
37 shall receive first priority:

38 (A) Identifies local public and private sources of funding to
39 develop sustainable California College Promise programs within
40 the community college district.

1 (B) Leverages new or existing sources of local and state funding
2 to better align efforts to improve student success.

3 (3) An application that demonstrates one or more of the
4 following shall receive secondary priority:

5 (A) Develops partnerships pursuant to paragraph (2) of
6 subdivision (a) with school districts located—~~predominately~~
7 *predominantly* within the community college district’s residential
8 boundaries.

9 (B) Provides services to a greater proportion of students.

10 (C) Develops at least one partnership with a California State
11 University campus with the goal of guaranteeing admission and
12 seamless transfer to the California State University campus for the
13 district’s students who have successfully completed transfer
14 requirements.

15 88904. (a) The Legislature encourages school districts, the
16 University of California, the California State University, the
17 Student Aid Commission, independent colleges and universities,
18 local and regional government agencies, and nonprofit, business,
19 or other community organizations to provide support services as
20 needed in coordination with community college districts for
21 purposes of this part.

22 (b) The Legislature further encourages the chancellor’s office
23 to coordinate implementation of this part with other funded college
24 readiness and pathways programs.

25 88905. The governing board of a community college district
26 that receives a grant is encouraged to enter into a memorandum
27 of understanding with a partnering school district or public
28 postsecondary university to coordinate the programs and activities
29 proposed in the district’s application in order to meet the goals of
30 this part.

31 88906. *This part shall remain in effect only until January 1,*
32 *2021, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,*
33 *that is enacted before January 1, 2021, deletes or extends that*
34 *date.*