

Assembly Bill No. 595

CHAPTER 704

An act to add Sections 66025.91 and 66025.95 to the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 595, Gomez. Community colleges: priority enrollment.

Existing law, the Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012, defines “matriculation” as a process that brings a college and a student into an agreement for the purpose of achieving the student’s educational goals and completing the student’s course of study. The act specifies the responsibilities of students and institutions entering into the agreement, including, among others, a student’s responsibility to identify an academic and career goal, to declare a specific course of study, and to be diligent in class attendance and the completion of assigned coursework.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that any student who receives priority registration for enrollment at an educational institution, to the extent that the institution provides specified matriculation services pursuant to the Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012, shall participate in those services.

Existing law requires the California State University and each community college district, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority in that system for registration for enrollment to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States and to a foster youth or former foster youth, as provided.

This bill would require a community college district to grant priority registration for enrollment to students in the Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services program and to disabled students who are determined to be eligible for disabled student programs and services, as provided. The bill would make this provision inoperative on January 1, 2017.

By imposing the above requirement on a community college district, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

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.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66025.91 is added to the Education Code, to read:
66025.91. (a) Each community college district, with respect to each campus in its jurisdiction that administers a priority enrollment system, shall grant priority registration for enrollment to students in the Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services program, pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 69640), and disabled students, within the meaning of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), who are determined to be eligible for disabled student programs and services pursuant to Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 67300) and Section 84850.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. Section 66025.95 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66025.95. It is the intent of the Legislature that, consistent with the requirements and intent outlined in subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 78215, and to the extent that the institution meets the responsibilities outlined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 78212, any student who receives priority registration for enrollment participate in the program of services outlined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 78212.

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