

Aligning California Community College Financial Aid

SEC. 1. Add Part 54.82 (Commencing with Section 88930) of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code.

PART 54.82. Community Colleges Student Success Completion Grant

88930.

(a) Commencing with the 2018–19 academic year, each participating community college shall provide a grant award to a student pursuant to subdivision (b). The purpose of the grant award is to provide the student with additional financial aid to help offset his or her total cost of community college attendance.

(b) A student attending a community college may receive a grant award pursuant to this section if the student meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The student receives the Cal Grant B or C Award.

(2) The student is enrolled in a program of study and has completed an education plan identifying courses, sequence of courses, key progress milestones, and other requirements the student must complete to earn an associate degree, career technical education certificate, or other community college certificates, or meet university transfer requirements.

(3) The student is a California resident or is exempt from paying nonresident tuition under Section 68130.5 or 76140.

(c) The students who meet the criteria pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be eligible for the following grant amounts:

(1) Five hundred dollars (\$500) per semester, or quarterly equivalent, for eligible students who enroll in 12 units per semester, or the quarterly equivalent number of units, or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) annually for eligible students who take 24 units, with a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent.

(2) Six hundred and twenty five dollars (\$625) per semester, or quarterly equivalent, for eligible students who enroll in 13 units per semester, or the quarterly equivalent number of units, or one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250) annually for eligible students who take 26 units, with a maximum of six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$625) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent.

(3) Nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950) per semester, or quarterly equivalent, for eligible students who enroll in 14 units per semester, or the quarterly equivalent number of units, or one thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$1,900) annually for eligible students who take 28 units, with a maximum nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent.

(4) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per semester, or quarterly equivalent, for eligible students who enroll in 15 units per semester, or the quarterly equivalent number of units, or four thousand dollars (\$4,000) annually for eligible students who take 30 units, with a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) award per semester, or quarterly equivalent.

(d) (1) To the extent practicable, a grant award shall be awarded at the same time as a recipient's overall financial aid package.

(2) No student shall receive both an annual grant and a semester grant at the same time.

(3) The grant award shall be considered a supplemental grant, and shall not supplant any other grant, fee waiver, or scholarship aid received by the student, including, but not necessarily limited to, federal grants, Cal Grant awards, institutional grants, merit-based scholarships, athletic scholarships, and full-time student success grants.

(4) The grant award shall be based upon the financial need of the applicant, and shall not exceed the calculated financial need for any individual applicant. The minimum level of financial need of applicants shall be determined by the commission pursuant to Section 69432.9.

(5) The grant awards identified in subdivision (c) shall be proportionally reduced if the amount of funding appropriated in the annual Budget Act for this purpose is insufficient to fully fund the total number of students awarded a grant.

(e) (1) Each participating community college shall administer the grant award pursuant to the requirements of this section.

(2) Each participating community college shall ensure that each student receiving an annual grant maintains the eligibility requirements pursuant to subdivision (c) for each term that the student is enrolled and that the student is on track with the sequence of courses and milestones identified in the students' education plan.

(3) Each participating community college shall encourage students to enroll in a sufficient number of units per semester, quarter, or summer term to be considered on track to obtain a certificate, associate degree for transfer or associate degree, or transfer to a four-year university, within two academic years, or within three academic years if a student is required to take basic skill courses by the community college.

(f) This section shall not be operative in a fiscal year unless funding has been provided for this section for that fiscal year in the annual Budget Act or another statute.

(g) For purposes of this part, "Academic year" means the total of two consecutive semesters or three quarters, commencing with the opening of the fall term. Each semester or quarter is approximately the same length.

(h) The board of governors may adopt regulations to administer the Community College Student Success Completion Grant Program.

88931.

(a) On or before April 1, 2020, the chancellor shall report to the Legislature all of the following for the 2018–19 award year:

(1) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of Section 88930 disaggregated by recipients who are pursuing an associate degree for transfer, an associate

degree, or a career technical education certificate or other community college certificate, and further disaggregated by the type of certificate.

(2) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of Section 88930 and received a grant disaggregated by the number of units the recipients were enrolled in each term during the academic year.

(3) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of Section 88930 considered on track to complete their educational program within two academic years, within three academic years if a student is required to take basic skill courses by the community college, within the published length of time, or within the published length of time plus one year if a student is required to take basic skill courses by the community college.

(4) The average grade point average of grant award recipients.

(b) Student information reported pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status.

(c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under subdivision (a) is inoperative on April 1, 2024, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

SEC. 2.

Section 88910 of the Education Code is repealed.

SEC. 3.

Section 88912 of the Education Code is repealed.

SEC. 4.

Section 88912.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:

88912.5. (a) On or before April 1, 2019, the chancellor shall report to the Legislature all of the following for the 2017–18 award year:

(1) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 88912.

(2) The number of grant award recipients who met the requirements of paragraph (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 88912, disaggregated by recipients who are pursuing an associate degree for transfer, an associate degree, or a career technical education certificate or other community college certificate, and further disaggregated by the type of certificate.

(3) The number of grant award recipients who enrolled in and successfully completed a transfer-level mathematics or English course, or an equivalent course to earn a career technical education certificate, that is required for their academic program during their first year of enrollment.

(4) The number of grant award recipients who enrolled in and successfully completed at least nine units in their major during their first year of enrollment.

(5) The average grade point average of grant award recipients.

(b) Student information reported pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status.

(c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under subdivision (a) is inoperative on April 1, 2023, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

(2) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(d) This section shall apply only to awards provided to students during the 2017-18 academic year pursuant to section 88912, as that section read on June 1, 2018.

(e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2023, and, as of January 1, 2024, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2023, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.