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An act to amend Section 69432 of, and to add Sections 66749.6 and 66749.7 to, the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 66749.6 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66749.6. (a) (1) A private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution that chooses to accept an associate degree for transfer does not guarantee admission to a particular campus or program.

(2) A private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution that chooses to accept an associate degree for transfer, shall guarantee admission with junior status to a community college student who meets all of the requirements of Section 66746, with admission to a program or major and concentration, as applicable, that meets either of the following:

(A) Is similar to the student's community college transfer model curriculum-aligned associate degree for transfer, as determined by the private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution to which the student is admitted.

(B) May be completed with not more than 68 additional semester units for majors at institutions requiring 128 semester units or not more than 102 quarter units at institutions requiring 192 quarter units for a degree. A private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution admitting a community college student with an associate degree for transfer may require the student to take additional courses at the institution as long as the student is not required to take any more than the additional semester units or quarter units specified in this subparagraph. High-unit majors and additional campus-specific courses or requirements that an institution requires for graduation by all undergraduate students, and that would not otherwise be considered an educational requirement at a public institution, shall be exempt from this subparagraph.

(b) Community college transfer units shall not be applicable to upper division requirements at a private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution, unless agreed upon by the local academic senates of the private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions and the California Community Colleges, and the transferred units do not exceed the required 68 semester units or 102 quarter units, pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

(c) A private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution shall not require students transferring pursuant to this article to repeat courses that are similar to those taken at the community college that counted toward the associate degree for transfer.

(d) Discussions concerning the associate degree for transfer program, including the development of new majors, shall include participation by the association representing the largest number of private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions.

SEC. 2. Section 66749.7 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66749.7. The Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges and those private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions that choose to commit to accept a student with an associate degree for transfer, in consultation with students, faculty, student service administrators, the State Department of Education, the California Education Round Table, and other key stakeholders, shall develop a student-centered communication and marketing strategy in order to increase the visibility of the associate degree for transfer pathway for all students in California that may include, but is not necessarily limited to, all of the following:



(a) Outreach to high schools relative to the associate degree for transfer pathway that build upon existing high school outreach programs and activities performed by the California State University and the University of California.

(b) Pathway information that may be prominently displayed in all community college counseling offices and transfer centers.

(c) Pathway information that may be provided to all first-year community college students developing an education plan to aid them in making informed educational choices.

(d) Targeted outreach on the pathway that may be provided to first-year community college students through campus orientations and student support services programs offered by the campus that may include, but are not necessarily limited to, Federal TRIO Programs, First-Generation Experience, MESA, and Puente.

(e) Information on the pathway that may be prominently displayed in community college course catalogs.

(f) Information on the pathway that may be prominently displayed on the Internet Web sites of each community college and private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution that choose to commit to accept a student with an associate degree for transfer, and on the California Colleges Internet Web site, californiacolleges.edu.

SEC. 3. Section 69432 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69432. (a) (1) Cal Grant Program awards shall be known as “Cal Grant A Entitlement Awards,” “Cal Grant B Entitlement Awards,” “California Community College Transfer Entitlement Awards,” “Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards,” “Cal Grant C Awards,” and “Cal Grant T Awards.”

(2) For purposes of this section, “associate degree for transfer commitment” means a commitment by a private nonprofit educational institution that chooses to accept the California Community College associate degree for transfer pursuant to Section 66749.6.

(b) Maximum award amounts for students at independent institutions and for Cal Grant C and T awards shall be identified in the annual Budget Act. Maximum award amounts for Cal Grant A and B awards for students attending public institutions shall be referenced in the annual Budget Act.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), and subdivision (c) of Section 66021.2, commencing with the 2013–14 award year, the maximum tuition award amounts for Cal Grant A and B awards for students attending private for-profit and nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions shall be as follows: postsecondary educational institutions shall be four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

(A) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for new recipients attending private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subdivision, subdivision (b) of this section, and subdivision (c) of Section 66021.2, commencing with the 2018–19 award year, the maximum tuition award amounts for Cal Grant A and B awards for students attending private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges shall be eight thousand fifty-six dollars (\$8,056) for new recipients.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of this section, and subdivision (c) of Section 66021.2, the maximum tuition award amounts for Cal Grant A and B awards for students attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions shall be as follows:



~~(B)~~

~~(1) For the 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 2017–18, and 2018–19 award years, nine thousand eighty-four dollars (\$9,084) for new recipients attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions. For the 2018–19 award year and each award year thereafter, eight thousand fifty-six dollars (\$8,056) for new recipients attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions. recipients.~~

~~(2) For the 2019–20 award year:~~

~~(A) If the number of new unduplicated transfer students accepted by private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who have been given associate degree for transfer commitments in the prior award year meets or exceeds a target of 2,500, nine thousand eighty-four dollars (\$9,084) for new recipients.~~

~~(B) If the number of new unduplicated transfer students accepted by private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who have been given associate degree for transfer commitments in the prior award year is fewer than 2,500, eight thousand fifty-six dollars (\$8,056) for new recipients.~~

~~(3) For the 2020–21 award year:~~

~~(A) If the number of new unduplicated transfer students accepted by private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who have been given associate degree for transfer commitments in the prior award year meets or exceeds a target of 3,000, nine thousand eighty-four dollars (\$9,084) for new recipients.~~

~~(B) If the number of new unduplicated transfer students accepted by private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who have been given associate degree for transfer commitments in the prior award year is fewer than 3,000, eight thousand fifty-six dollars (\$8,056) for new recipients.~~

~~(4) For the 2021–22 award year and each year thereafter:~~

~~(A) If the number of new unduplicated transfer students accepted by private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who have been given associate degree for transfer commitments in the prior award year meets or exceeds the target specified in subdivision (h), nine thousand eighty-four dollars (\$9,084) for new recipients.~~

~~(B) If the number of new unduplicated transfer students accepted by private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who have been given an associate degree for transfer commitments in the prior award year is less than the target specified in subdivision (i), eight thousand fifty-six dollars (\$8,056) for new recipients.~~

~~(2)~~

~~(e) The renewal award amount for a student whose initial award is subject to a maximum award amount specified in this subdivision section shall be calculated pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 69433.~~

~~(3) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), new recipients attending private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges as of July 1, 2012, shall have the same maximum tuition award amounts as are set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1).~~

~~(d)~~

~~(f) It is the intent of the Legislature that: that a private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution make a good faith effort to make the process for transferring from the California Community Colleges easier for resident students and a decision determining the maximum award amounts made pursuant to this section for students~~



attending a private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution will be made with consideration of the effort of the institution to make that process easier.

~~(1) The postsecondary educational institutions within the scope of this section make a good faith effort to do all of the following:~~

~~(A) Increase the number of low-income resident students enrolled.~~

~~(B) Make the process for transferring from the California Community Colleges easier for resident students.~~

~~(C) Expand high-quality online education for resident students.~~

~~(2) Any decisions about the maximum award amounts for students attending the institutions described in this section shall be made with consideration of the effort of the institutions in the areas described in paragraph (1).~~

~~(e) Each postsecondary educational institution within the scope of this section~~

(g) The association representing the largest number of private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions shall submit a report related to the areas described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) relative to the implementation of this section to the Department of Finance and the Legislature, in conformity with Section 9795 of the Government Code, on or before March 15 of each year.

(h) For the 2021–22 award year and each award year thereafter, the target number of new unduplicated recipients accepted by private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who have been given associate degree for transfer commitments shall be equal to the number of new transfer students attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who were given associate degree for transfer commitments in the prior award year, adjusted by the percentage change in the total number of new transfer students from the year two years prior, compared to the prior year.

SEC. 4. 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.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No. _____
as introduced, _____.
General Subject: Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement
Reform Act: Cal Grant Program.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and independent institutions of higher education as the 4 segments of postsecondary education in this state. Existing provisions of the Donahoe Higher Education Act set forth the missions and functions of these 4 postsecondary educational segments. The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act encourages community colleges to facilitate the acceptance of credits earned at other community colleges toward the associate degree for transfer. The act also requires the California State University to guarantee admission with junior status to a community college student who meets the requirements for the associate degree for transfer, and provides that admission to the California State University under these provisions does not guarantee admission for specific majors or campuses. Existing law recognizes that the University of California has been working with the California Community Colleges to seek improvements to the transfer process and states the intent of the Legislature that the University of California consider various viable pathways to transfer, including the development of an associate degree for transfer granted by community college districts, as part of this endeavor.

This bill would add provisions to the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act that apply to a private nonprofit postsecondary education institution that chooses to accept students with an associate degree for transfer. The bill would require the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges and the private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions that choose to commit to accept a student with an associate degree for transfer, in consultation with specified parties, to develop a student-centered communication and marketing strategy in order to increase the visibility of the associate degree for transfer pathway for all students in California. To the extent that this provision would create new duties for community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.



Existing law, known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program, establishes the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Awards, the California Community College Transfer Entitlement Awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards, the Cal Grant C Awards, and the Cal Grant T Awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions. Existing law establishes the maximum tuition award amount for each Cal Grant A and B award for new recipient students attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions at \$9,084 for the 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 award years and \$8,056 for the 2018–19 award year and each award year thereafter.

This bill would retain the maximum tuition award amount for each Cal Grant A and B award for new recipient students attending private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions at \$9,084 for the 2019–20 award year. Beginning with the 2018–19 award year, the maximum tuition award would either be \$9,084 or \$8,056, depending upon whether the number of new unduplicated transfer students accepted by private nonprofit postsecondary educational institutions who have been given associate degree for transfer commitments, as defined, in the prior award year meet or exceed specified targets.

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that private nonprofit and for-profit postsecondary educational institutions with students receiving Cal Grant awards make good faith efforts to (1) increase the number of low-income resident students enrolled, (2) make the process for transferring from the California Community Colleges easier for resident students, and (3) expand high-quality online education for resident students, as specified.

This bill would instead state the intent of the Legislature that a private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution make a good faith effort to make the process for transferring from the California Community Colleges easier for resident students and a decision determining the maximum award amounts made pursuant to the program for students attending a private nonprofit postsecondary educational institution will be made with consideration of the effort of the institution to make that process easier.

Existing law establishes the maximum tuition award amounts for each Cal Grant A and B award for new recipients attending private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions beginning with the 2013–14 award year at \$4,000.

Beginning with the 2018–19 award year, the bill would establish a maximum tuition award of \$8,056 for attending private for-profit postsecondary educational institutions accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

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 the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

