

BILL NUMBER: SB 1440 AMENDED
BILL TEXT

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INTRODUCED BY Senator Padilla
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An act to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 66745) to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to ~~community colleges~~ *public postsecondary education* .

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1440, as amended, Padilla. California Community Colleges: student transfer.

Existing law establishes the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the California State University, the campuses of which are administered by the Trustees of the California State University, the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, and the California Community Colleges, which are administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes them to provide instruction to students at community college campuses.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, authorizes the community colleges to grant associate in arts and associate in science degrees. The act also requires the regents, the trustees, and the board of governors to have as a fundamental policy the maintenance of a healthy and expanded program to increase the number of transfer students from community colleges.

~~This bill would enact the Community College Associate Degree and Recognition of Student Transfer Preparation Act, which would authorize a community college to grant an associate degree in the student's field of study, that is designated as being "for transfer," to a student who completes 60 transferable semester units or 27 quarter units, as specified, and meets the minimum requirements for transfer to a public university or alternative path to transfer program. The bill would prohibit a community college from imposing any requirements, in addition to these requirements, for the granting of an associate degree with the "for transfer" designation.~~

This bill would enact the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, which would require a community college district to grant an associate degree to a student in his or her field of study that would deem the student eligible for transfer into a California State University baccalaureate program when the student meets prescribed requirements. This bill would prohibit a community college district from imposing any requirements, in addition to these requirements, for a student to be eligible for the associate degree. This bill would prohibit remedial noncollegiate level coursework from being counted towards the units required for the associate degree. This bill would require the California State University to guarantee admission with junior status to any community college student who meets the requirements for the associate degree. This bill would not

guarantee a student admission for specified majors or campuses, but would require the California State University to grant a student priority admission to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis. This bill would authorize the California State University to require a transferring student to take additional coursework in specified circumstances. This bill would prohibit the California State University from requiring a transferring student to repeat courses that are similar to those taken at the community college that counted towards the units required for the associate degree.

By requiring a community college district to grant the associate degree, this bill would impose 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.

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

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

~~66745. (a) This article shall be known, and may be cited, as the Community College Associate Degree and Recognition of Student Transfer Preparation Act.~~

~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, whenever possible, a community college shall consider the requirements for transfer as it develops associate degree requirements and encourages students to take courses that simultaneously meet both of the requirements of Section 66746.~~

~~66746. A community college may grant an associate degree, in the student's field of study, on which is designated that it is "for transfer," to a student who meets both of the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Completes a minimum of 60 transferable semester units or 90 quarter units, 18 semester units or 27 quarter units of which shall comprise coursework in a major or an area of emphasis, as determined by the college.~~

~~(b) Meets the minimum requirements for transfer in an approved transfer core curriculum program, approved transfer agreement program, or dual admission program, implemented pursuant to Chapter 9.2 (commencing with Section 66720) of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 or meets the requirements of an alternative path to transfer program, including, but not limited to, the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum or the California State University General Education Breadth Requirements.~~

~~66747. If a community college provides a degree with the "for transfer" designation as provided for in Section 66746, the college shall not impose any requirements in addition to the requirements of Section 66746, including any local college or district requirements.~~

~~66748. (a) A degree granted pursuant to this article shall reflect the completion of lower division general education requirements.~~

~~(b) The granting of a degree pursuant to this article does not guarantee admission to any institution.~~

SEC. 2. Article 3 (commencing with Section 66745) is added to Chapter 9.2 of Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code , to read:

Article 3. Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act

66745. This article shall be known, and may be cited as the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

66746. (a) A community college district shall grant an associate degree to a student in his or her field of study that shall deem the student eligible for transfer into a California State University baccalaureate program when the student meets both of the following requirements:

(1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

(A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

(B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0. A community college district may require a higher grade point average and the completion of specific prerequisite courses for impacted programs or campuses.

(b) A community college district shall not impose any requirements

