

Introduced by Senator PadillaFebruary 21, 2013

An act to amend Sections 66746 and 66747 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 440, as introduced, Padilla. Public postsecondary education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges and the California State University as 2 of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law, the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (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. A student admitted to the California State University pursuant to the act is entitled to receive priority over all other community college transfer students, excluding community college students who have entered into a transfer agreement between a community college and the California State University prior to the fall term of the 2012–13 academic year.

This bill would express the finding and declaration of the Legislature that intersegmental faculty of the California Community Colleges and the California State University have developed transfer model curricula in many of the most commonly transferred majors between the 2 segments. The bill would express the intent of the Legislature to endorse and encourage the use of transfer model curricula as the preferred basis for associate degrees for transfer and the development of community

college areas of emphasis that articulate with the 25 most popular majors for transfer students. The bill would require community college districts to create an associate degree for transfer in every major offered by that district that has an approved transfer model curriculum before the commencement of the 2014-15 academic year, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

The bill would require California State University campuses to accept transfer model curriculum-aligned associate degrees for transfer in each of the California State University degree options, as defined, within a major field.

(2) 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: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that
2 intersegmental faculty of the California Community Colleges and
3 the California State University have developed transfer model
4 curricula in many of the most commonly transferred majors to
5 facilitate the transfer of students from community colleges to the
6 California State University.

7 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to do both of the following:

8 (1) Endorse and encourage both of the following:

9 (A) The use of transfer model curricula as the preferred basis
10 for associate degrees for transfer.

11 (B) The development of community college areas of emphasis
12 that articulate with the 25 most popular major courses of study for
13 students transferring from a community college to a campus of the
14 California State University.

15 (2) Establish appropriate steps to be taken by campuses of the
16 California Community Colleges or the California State University
17 that fail to meet, in a timely manner, the requirements of Sections

1 66746 and 66747 of the Education Code, as those sections are
2 amended in this act.

3 SEC. 2. Section 66746 of the Education Code is amended to
4 read:

5 66746. (a) Commencing with the fall term of the 2011–12
6 academic year, a student who earns an associate degree for transfer
7 granted pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be deemed eligible for
8 transfer into a California State University baccalaureate program
9 when the student meets both of the following requirements:

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

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

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

19 (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

20 (b) (1) As a condition of receipt of state apportionment funds,
21 a community college district shall develop and grant associate
22 degrees for transfer that meet the requirements of subdivision (a).
23 A community college district shall not impose any requirements
24 in addition to the requirements of this section, including any local
25 college or district requirements, for a student to be eligible for the
26 associate degree for transfer and subsequent admission to the
27 California State University pursuant to Section 66747. *A community
28 college district shall, before the commencement of the 2014–15
29 academic year, create an associate degree for transfer in every
30 major offered by that district that has an approved transfer model
31 curriculum.*

32 (2) The condition of receipt of state apportionment funding
33 contained in paragraph (1) shall become inoperative if, by
34 December 31, 2010, each of the state’s 72 community college
35 districts has submitted to the Chancellor of the California
36 Community Colleges, for transmission to the Director of Finance,
37 signed certification waiving, as a local agency request within the
38 meaning of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 6 of Article
39 XIII B of the California Constitution, any claim of reimbursement
40 related to the implementation of this article.

1 (c) A community college district is encouraged to consider the
2 local articulation agreements and other work between the respective
3 faculties from the affected community college and California State
4 University campuses in implementing the requirements of this
5 section.

6 (d) Community colleges are encouraged to facilitate the
7 acceptance of credits earned at other community colleges toward
8 the associate degree for transfer pursuant to this section.

9 (e) This section shall not preclude students who are assessed
10 below collegiate level from acquiring remedial noncollegiate level
11 coursework in preparation for obtaining the associate degree.
12 Remedial noncollegiate level coursework shall not be counted as
13 part of the transferable units required pursuant to paragraph (1) of
14 subdivision (a).

15 SEC. 3. Section 66747 of the Education Code is amended to
16 read:

17 66747. (a) Notwithstanding Chapter 4 (commencing with
18 Section 66201), the California State University shall guarantee
19 admission with junior status to any community college student
20 who meets all of the requirements of Section 66746. Admission
21 to the California State University, as provided under this article,
22 does not guarantee admission for specific majors or campuses.
23 Notwithstanding Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 66201),
24 the California State University shall grant a student priority
25 admission to his or her local California State University campus
26 and to a program or major that is similar to his or her community
27 college major or area of emphasis, as determined by the California
28 State University campus to which the student is admitted. ~~A student~~
29 *A California State University campus shall accept transfer model*
30 *curriculum-aligned associate degrees for transfer in each of the*
31 *California State University degree options within a major field.*
32 *As used in this section, a “degree option” is an area of*
33 *specialization within a degree program.*

34 (b) A student admitted under this article shall receive priority
35 over all other community college transfer students, in accordance
36 with subdivision (b) of Section 66202, excluding community
37 college students who have entered into a transfer agreement
38 between a community college and the California State University
39 prior to the fall term of the 2012–13 academic year. A student
40 admitted pursuant to this article shall have met the requirements

1 of an approved transfer agreement consistent with subdivision (a)
2 of Section 66202.

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

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