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AB-1995 Community colleges: homeless students: access to shower facilities. (2015-2016)

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Assembly Bill No. 1995

CHAPTER 407

An act to add Section 76011 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

[Approved by Governor September 21, 2016. Filed with Secretary of State September 21, 2016.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1995, Williams. Community colleges: homeless students: access to shower facilities.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and authorizes the governing board of a community college district to grant the use of college facilities or grounds for specified purposes.

This bill would require a community college campus that has shower facilities for student use to grant access, as specified, to those facilities to any homeless student who is enrolled in coursework, has paid enrollment fees, and is in good standing with the community college district, and would require the community college to determine a plan of action to implement this requirement. By imposing additional duties on community college districts, the 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: yes Local Program: yes

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

SECTION 1. Section 76011 is added to the Education Code, to read:

76011. (a) If a community college campus has shower facilities for student use on campus, the governing board of the community college district shall grant access to those facilities to any homeless student who is enrolled in coursework, has paid enrollment fees, and is in good standing with the community college district without requiring the student to enroll in additional courses.

(b) The governing board shall determine a plan of action to implement subdivision (a) that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Hours of operation for the shower facilities, consistent with subdivision (c).
- (2) The minimum number of units a student must be enrolled in to use the facilities.

(3) A plan of action if hours of operation conflict with an intercollegiate athletic program.

(4) A definition of homeless student that is based on the definition of homeless youth specified in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)), but also reflects the age of the homeless student population at the community college campus.

(c) Hours of operation shall be consistent with hours of operation of the facilities in which the showers are located, shall be set at a minimum of two hours per weekday, and shall not conflict with the intercollegiate athletic program of the campus.

SEC. 2. 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.