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**AB-3089 Student financial aid: Chafee grant awards.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Bill No. 3089**

**CHAPTER 594**

An act to amend Section 69519 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 3089, Thurmond. Student financial aid: Chafee grant awards.

Existing law establishes the Student Aid Commission as the state agency primarily responsible for the administration and coordination of student financial aid programs at California postsecondary educational institutions. Existing federal law establishes the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers program for the purposes of providing financial aid to current and former foster youth who are attending qualifying postsecondary educational institutions. Existing law provides that the Student Aid Commission, through an interagency agreement with the State Department of Social Services, currently operates the program in California, and, commencing with the 2017–18 award year, requires the commission to make a new Chafee grant award to a student only if the student attends specified qualifying institutions. Commencing with the 2018–19 award year, and contingent upon an appropriation of sufficient funds in the annual Budget Act for this purpose, existing law adds the condition that the student not be 26 years of age or older by July 1 of the award year in order to receive a Chafee grant award. Existing law requires the commission to annually report to the Legislature specified information regarding Chafee grant awards for the preceding award year, including the number of students that apply to receive the Chafee grant award, and the number of, and age of, students paid through the program.

Commencing with the 2018–19 award year, this bill would authorize the commission and the State Department of Social Services to expend up to \$80,000, of any moneys appropriated by the Legislature to expand the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program age eligibility of former foster youth up to 26 years of age, for specified outreach purposes to newly eligible former foster youth who are at least 23 years of age, but are not yet 26 years of age for the 2018–19 to 2020–21, inclusive, fiscal years. By authorizing moneys previously appropriated to be expended for a different purpose, the bill would make an appropriation. The bill would require the commission to include as part of its annual report to the Legislature the amount spent on outreach and education efforts and the types of activities that were funded, as specified.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 69519 of the Education Code is amended to read:

**69519.** (a) The commission, through an interagency agreement with the State Department of Social Services, currently operates a federally funded scholarship program, known as the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program, that provides grant aid to provide access to California's current and former foster youth to postsecondary education. Funds provided through an appropriation by the Legislature shall be supplemental to funds provided by the federal government, and are designated to ensure program availability in the absence of and prior to the annual receipt of federal funds for this purpose. The department shall opt in, as necessary, to expand program age eligibility of former foster youth up to 26 years of age pursuant to federal program guidelines. The department shall pursue and seek possible Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program federal matching dollars.

(b) Funds provided for this program shall be used to assist students who are current and former foster youth, for career and technical training or traditional college courses. The commission shall operate this program in accordance with the program instructions provided by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, and the program guidelines developed by the State Department of Social Services.

(c) The total amount of funding and the amount of individual awards shall depend upon the amount of federal funding provided in addition to state funding. The commission, in conjunction with the State Department of Social Services, shall determine the individual award amounts and total number of students awarded on an annual basis as the amount of total annual funding is determined.

(d) Commencing with the 2017–18 award year, the commission shall make a new Chafee grant award to a student only if the student attends either of the following:

(1) A qualifying institution that is eligible for participation in the Cal Grant Program pursuant to Section 69432.7.

(2) An institution that is not located in California that satisfies the provisions of subparagraphs (C) and (F) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (I) of Section 69432.7.

(e) (1) Commencing with the 2018–19 award year, the commission shall make a Chafee grant award to a student only if the student meets both of the following conditions:

(A) He or she will not be 26 years of age or older by July 1 of the award year.

(B) He or she attends either of the following institutions:

(i) A qualifying institution that is eligible for participation in the Cal Grant Program pursuant to Section 69432.7.

(ii) An institution that is not located in California that satisfies the provisions of subparagraphs (C) and (F) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (I) of Section 69432.7.

(2) Implementation of this subdivision is contingent upon an appropriation of sufficient funds in the annual Budget Act for this purpose.

(f) Commencing with the 2018–19 award year, up to \$80,000 of any appropriation made by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or another statute to expand the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program age eligibility of former foster youth up to 26 years of age, may be used by the commission or the State Department of Social Services for outreach purposes to newly eligible former foster youth who are at least 23 years of age, but are not yet 26 years of age for the 2018–19 to 2020–21, inclusive, fiscal years. Outreach purposes may include travel, material development, printing or publication, and other costs, as necessary.

(g) The commission shall annually report to the Legislature all of the following information for the preceding award year:

(1) The number of students who apply to receive a Chafee grant award.

(2) The number of Chafee grants awarded.

(3) The number of Chafee applicants denied due to either of the following reasons:

(A) The Chafee applicant no longer meets the age requirements of the program.

(B) There is insufficient proof of the Chafee applicant's status as a current or former foster youth.

(4) The number of Chafee awardees unpaid due to any of the following reasons:

(A) Failure to meet minimum enrollment requirements.

(B) Failure to meet standard academic progress according to campus policy.

(C) Any other common reason that a Chafee awardee did not receive a payment.

(5) The number and age of students paid through the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program.

(6) The average Chafee grant award amount.

(7) Qualifying institutions where Chafee grant awards are utilized.

(8) Degree levels for which Chafee grant awards are utilized.

(9) The amount spent on outreach and education efforts and the types of activities that the authorization in subdivision (f) funded. This information shall include the distribution of outreach funding spent between the commission and the State Department of Social Services, and any other entity that was involved.

**SEC. 2.** This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to enact changes to the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program for the 2018–19 fiscal year, it is necessary that this bill go into immediate effect.