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SB-164 Public postsecondary education: priority registration for Tribal TANF recipients. (2017-2018)

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Senate Bill No. 164

CHAPTER 97

An act to amend Section 66025.92 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 164, McGuire. Public postsecondary education: priority registration for Tribal TANF recipients.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at the campuses they operate and maintain. Existing law requires each community college district that administers a priority enrollment system to grant priority in that system for registration for enrollment to any student who is a recipient of aid under the CalWORKs program, as defined.

This bill would also require each community college district that administers a priority enrollment system to grant priority in that system for registration for enrollment to any student who is a recipient of aid under the Tribal TANF program, as defined. Because this bill would impose new duties on community college districts that administer priority enrollment systems, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

(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 the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

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

SECTION 1. Section 66025.92 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66025.92. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the priority enrollment for registration required by this section is necessary to ensure that the flexibility related to educational opportunities that was adopted as part of the broader changes to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program in Chapter 47 of the Statutes of 2012 is not undermined by students who are CalWORKs recipients being unable to access necessary classes.

(b) Each community college district that administers a priority enrollment system shall grant priority in that system for registration for enrollment to any student who is a CalWORKs or Tribal TANF recipient.

(c) Students who receive priority registration for enrollment pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements of subdivision (a) of Section 78212.

(d) For purposes of this section:

(1) "CalWORKs recipient" means a recipient of aid under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11200) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code or any successor program.

(2) "Tribal TANF recipient" means a recipient of aid pursuant to Section 10553.25 of the Welfare and Institutions Code or any successor provision.

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.