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SB-1348 Postsecondary education: allied health professional clinical programs: reporting. (2017-2018)

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Senate Bill No. 1348

CHAPTER 901

An act to amend Section 94934 of, and to add Section 88826.5 to, the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1348, Pan. Postsecondary education: allied health professional clinical programs: reporting.

Existing law establishes the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University; the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California; the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges; and independent institutions of higher education as the 4 segments of postsecondary education in this state.

Existing law establishes the Strong Workforce Program, which provides funding to career technical education regional consortia made up of community college districts. Existing law requires the Office of the California Community Colleges to report to the Legislature specified data relating to the program.

This bill would require, beginning in 2019 and in each year thereafter, the chancellor to also report, for each community college program that offers a certificate or degree related to allied health professionals, specified information, including the number of students participating in the clinical training and the license number or employer identification number of each clinical training site, delineated by program and occupation, with multiyear implementation for the reporting.

Existing law, the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, requires an institution that is subject to the act's provisions to submit an annual report to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education under penalty of perjury, signed by a responsible corporate officer, by July 1 of each year, or another date designated by the bureau, that includes specified information for educational programs offered in the reporting period.

This bill would, by 2019, and in each year thereafter, require each institution approved by the bureau, offering a certificate or degree related to allied health professionals that requires clinical training, to annually report specified information, including the number of students participating in the clinical training, and the license or employer identification number of each clinical training site, delineated by program and occupation, with multiyear implementation for the reporting. By expanding the crime of perjury, 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 no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

SECTION 1. Section 88826.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

88826.5. (a) Beginning in July 1, 2019, and in each year thereafter, for each community college program that offers certificates or degrees related to allied health professionals, the chancellor shall provide a report to the Legislature, with comparative clinical placement delineated by program and occupation. The report shall include both of the following:

(1) The number of students participating at each clinical training site. This shall include information about proficiency in languages other than English.

(2) The license number of each clinical training site. If the license number is not available, the report shall include the employer identification number of the clinical training site.

(b) The collection and reporting of findings pursuant to subdivision (a) will be implemented over multiple years, and collected by the chancellor's office as follows:

(1) Beginning in the 2019–20 academic year, the chancellor's office shall collect from colleges, and report on, the following allied healthcare professional degrees and certificates:

(A) Licensed Vocational Nurse.

(B) Medical Assistant.

(C) Occupational Therapy Aide.

(D) Radiologic Technologist.

(E) Respiratory Care Therapist.

(F) Pharmacy Technician and Technologist.

(G) Surgical Technician and Technologist.

(2) Beginning in the 2020–21 academic year, the chancellor's office shall collect from colleges, and report on, the following allied healthcare professional degrees and certificates:

(A) Cardiovascular Technologist.

(B) Certified Nurse Assistant.

(C) Dialysis Technician.

(D) Diagnostic Medical Sonographer.

(E) Medical Lab Technician.

(F) Orthopedic Assistant.

(G) Physical Therapy Aide and Assistant.

(H) Psychiatric Technologist.

(I) Radiologic Therapist.

(J) Speech Language Pathology Aide.

(3) Beginning in the 2021–22 academic year, and in each academic year thereafter, the chancellor's office shall collect from colleges, and report on, all certificates or degrees related to allied health professionals that require clinical training.

(c) Any disclosure under this section shall be in compliance with state and federal privacy laws.

(d) For the purposes of this section, "allied health professional" has the same meaning as in Section 295p of Title 42 of the United States Code.

SEC. 2. Section 94934 of the Education Code is amended to read:

94934. (a) As part of the compliance program, an institution shall submit an annual report to the bureau, under penalty of perjury, signed by a responsible corporate officer, by July 1 of each year, or another date designated by the bureau, and it shall include the following information for educational programs offered in the reporting period:

- (1) The total number of students enrolled by level of degree or for a diploma.
- (2) The number of degrees, by level, and diplomas awarded.
- (3) The degree levels and diplomas offered.
- (4) The School Performance Fact Sheet, as required pursuant to Section 94910.
- (5) The school catalog, as required pursuant to Section 94909.
- (6) The total charges for each educational program by period of attendance.
- (7) A statement indicating whether the institution is, or is not, current in remitting Student Tuition Recovery Fund assessments.
- (8) A statement indicating whether an accrediting agency has taken any final disciplinary action against the institution.
- (9) Additional information deemed by the bureau to be reasonably required to ascertain compliance with this chapter.

(b) The bureau, by January 1, 2011, shall prescribe the annual report's format and method of delivery.

(c) (1) By July 1, 2019, or another date designated by the bureau, and in each year thereafter, each institution approved to operate by the bureau, that offers specified certificates or degrees related to allied health professionals that require clinical training, shall include in the report submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) clinical placement data delineated by program and occupation. The report shall include all of the following:

(A) The number of students participating at each clinical training site. This shall include information about proficiency in languages other than English.

(B) Whether any donation, money, compensation, or exchange of consideration was offered or provided to the business, nonprofit, or other organization, clinic, hospital, or other location where the student was placed and, if so, the amount.

(C) The license number of each clinical training site. If the license number is not available, the report shall include the employer identification number of the clinical training site.

(2) The collection and reporting of findings pursuant to paragraph (1) will be implemented over multiple years, and collected by the bureau as follows:

(A) By the 2019–20 fiscal year, or another date designated by the bureau, each institution approved to operate by the bureau shall include in the report submitted pursuant to subdivision (a), the following allied healthcare professional degrees and certificates:

- (i) Licensed Vocational Nurse.
- (ii) Medical Assistant.
- (iii) Occupational Therapy Aide.
- (iv) Radiologic Technologist.
- (v) Respiratory Care Therapist.
- (vi) Pharmacy Technician and Technologist.
- (vii) Surgical Technician and Technologist.

(B) By the 2020–21 fiscal year, or another date designated by the bureau, each institution approved to operate by the bureau shall include in the report submitted pursuant to subdivision (a), the following allied healthcare professional degrees and certificates:

- (i) Cardiovascular Technologist.
- (ii) Certified Nurse Assistant.

(iii) Dialysis Technician.

(iv) Diagnostic Medical Sonographer.

(v) Medical Lab Technician.

(vi) Orthopedic Assistant.

(vii) Physical Therapy Aide and Assistant.

(viii) Psychiatric Technologist.

(ix) Radiologic Therapist.

(x) Speech Language Pathology Aide.

(C) By the 2021–22 fiscal year, and in each fiscal year thereafter, each institution approved to operate by the bureau shall include in the report submitted pursuant to subdivision (a), all certificates or degrees related to allied health professionals that require clinical training.

(D) Any disclosure under this section shall be in compliance with state and federal privacy laws.

(E) For the purposes of this subdivision, “allied health professional” has the same meaning as in Section 295p of Title 42 of the United States Code.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.