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SB-1299 Pupil instruction: California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science: eligibility: funding: tuition and application fee. (2021-2022)

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Senate Bill No. 1299

CHAPTER 334

An act to amend Sections 8662, 8664, 8669, and 8669.1 of, and to repeal Section 8663 of, the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1299, Min. Pupil instruction: California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science: eligibility: funding: tuition and application fee.

Existing law establishes the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science to provide academic development to enable pupils, including pupils who are not California residents, with demonstrated academic excellence in mathematics and science who meet one of 3 specified enrollment criteria to receive intensive educational enrichment in these subjects and to provide an opportunity for pupils who wish to study mathematics or science or to pursue careers that require a high degree of skills in and knowledge of mathematics and science. Existing law requests the Regents of the University of California to operate the summer school. Existing law states the Legislature's intent that the Regents of the University of California adopt policies that will enable pupils who are not California residents, including residents of other countries, to be admitted to the summer school.

This bill would limit the eligibility criteria to certain pupils from a California school and would delete provisions related to the admission of pupils who are not California residents to the summer school.

Existing law, until January 1, 2023, requests the regents to develop and implement a statewide application procedure for the summer school, as specified, and requires that the cost of the application process be at least partially offset by charging each applicant a fee not to exceed \$30. Existing law, until January 1, 2023, also requests the regents to set a tuition fee within a range that corresponds to actual program costs, up to but not exceeding \$2,810 per session in 2012 and to increase this fee by an amount of up to 5% each year thereafter.

This bill instead would set the application fee at \$40 in 2023, and authorize this fee to be increased by an amount of up to 5% each year thereafter. The bill would request the regents to set a tuition fee for the summer school within a range that corresponds to actual program costs, up to but not exceeding \$4,770 per session in 2023, and to increase this fee by an amount of up to 5% each year thereafter. The bill would extend these provisions until January 1, 2028.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 8662 of the Education Code is amended to read:

8662. (a) Pupils who have demonstrated academic excellence in mathematics and science and who meet one of the following criteria shall be eligible for admission to the summer school:

(1) The pupil graduated, or will graduate, from the 8th grade at a California school at the end of the school year immediately preceding the summer school session for which the pupil is applying.

(2) The pupil is currently enrolled at a California school in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive.

(3) The pupil graduated from a California high school during the school year immediately preceding the summer school session for which the pupil is applying.

(b) A pupil's participation in the summer school shall not be credited toward the pupil's completion of the course of study prescribed for graduation from high school, unless the local school district that the pupil regularly attends tenders payment to the pupil, no later than the last day of the summer school session, for all application and other fees and expenses charged to the pupil by the summer school that would not be charged to a pupil enrolled in the public school system.

SEC. 2. Section 8663 of the Education Code is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 8664 of the Education Code is amended to read:

8664. The Regents of the University of California are requested to perform all of the following duties:

(a) Provide for the operation and governance of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science, including the appointment of an advisory committee to assist in planning and administering the summer school.

(b) Develop and implement a statewide application procedure in cooperation with appropriate state and local agencies, including, but not limited to, school districts, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges. The cost of the application process shall be at least partially offset by charging each applicant a fee set at forty dollars (\$40) in 2023, and this fee may be increased by an amount up to 5 percent each year thereafter. Applicants who are unable to pay the fee shall petition the University of California for a waiver, which shall be granted or denied pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 8669.

(c) Develop the curriculum of the summer school.

(d) Establish a nonprofit foundation to develop and receive private support for the summer school or establish a separate account for donations.

SEC. 4. Section 8669 of the Education Code is amended to read:

8669. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that at least 50 percent, but not more than 75 percent, of the actual costs of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science for each fiscal year would be financed by state funds beginning in the 1999–2000 fiscal year. The balance of the operating costs would be financed with fees and private support.

(b) The Regents of the University of California are requested to set a tuition fee within a range that corresponds to actual program costs, up to but not exceeding four thousand seven hundred seventy dollars (\$4,770) per session in 2023, and the regents may increase this fee by an amount up to 5 percent each year thereafter. It is the intent of the Legislature that the University of California award full or partial scholarships on the basis of need and that pupils who are unable to pay all or part of the fee may petition the University of California for a fee reduction or waiver to ensure that a qualified applicant is not denied admission solely because of the applicant's inability to pay all or part of the fee. A public announcement regarding the summer school program should include notification that need-based scholarships are available and information regarding the procedure for applying for a scholarship award.

(c) The foundation authorized to be established pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 8664 may raise funds from the private sector that the summer school may use for general program operating costs, scholarships, program augmentation, public relations, recruitment activity, or special projects. Private support may include, but is not necessarily limited to, direct grants to the summer school from private corporations or foundations, individual contributions, in-kind contributions, or fundraising benefits conducted by any entity.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2028, and as of that date is repealed.

SEC. 5. Section 8669.1 of the Education Code is amended to read:

8669.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the University of California conduct an evaluation on the effectiveness of the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science every two years from July 7, 1999. The evaluation shall include a

description of the planning conducted and actions taken to increase the participation of subgroups of pupils who are traditionally underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) professional fields, including pupils who are low-income.