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AB-322 Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 322

CHAPTER 801

An act to add Chapter 4.3 (commencing with Section 66225) to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

[Approved by Governor October 13, 2023. Filed with Secretary of State October 13, 2023.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 322, Mathis. Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023.

Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in the state.

This bill, commencing no later than the 2025–26 academic year, would require each campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges, and would request each campus of the University of California, to include within first-year student and transfer student orientations the location and contact information of the campus point of contact for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California State Guard and the California National Guard, and their dependents, make available in hard copy form at the location of the campus point of contact a document that includes information on policies, resources, and services for these students and their dependents, as specified, and post the document, along with other information available to these students and their dependents, on the campus's internet website.

By imposing new duties on community college districts, this 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 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. Chapter 4.3 (commencing with Section 66225) is added to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 4.3. Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023

66225. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023.

66226. (a) Commencing no later than the 2025–26 academic year, each campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges shall, and each campus of the University of California is requested to, include within first-year student and transfer student orientations the location and contact information of the campus point of contact for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California State Guard and the California National Guard, and their dependents.

(b) Commencing no later than the 2025–26 academic year, each campus point of contact described in subdivision (a) at the California State University and the California Community Colleges shall, and each campus point of contact described in subdivision (a) at the University of California is requested to, develop a document that includes, at a minimum, information on policies, resources, and services, including, but not limited to, counseling, for students described in subdivision (a) and their dependents.

(c) Commencing no later than the 2025–26 academic year, each campus of the California State University and the California Community Colleges shall, and each campus of the University of California is requested to, make the document described in subdivision (b) available in hard copy form at the location of the campus point of contact described in subdivision (a), and post the document, along with other information available to students described in subdivision (a) and their dependents, on the campus's internet website.

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.