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**AB-358 Community college districts: student housing.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Bill No. 358**

**CHAPTER 83**

An act to amend Section 81050.5 of the Education Code, and to amend Section 4454.5 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 358, Addis. Community college districts: student housing.

The Field Act requires the Department of General Services to supervise the design and construction of any school building, including both school district and community college district buildings, or, if the estimated cost exceeds \$100,000, the reconstruction or alteration of, or addition to, any school building, to ensure that plans and specifications comply with the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the act and with relevant building standards, and to ensure that the work of construction has been performed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Existing law requires the Department of General Services, for purposes relating to access and use by persons with disabilities, to issue a written approval of the plans and specifications of certain buildings and facilities, as provided. Existing law defines "school building" for these purposes, and excludes from that definition any building that serves or is intended to serve as residential housing for school district and community college district teachers and employees, and their families.

This bill would additionally exclude from these requirements any building used as a residence for students attending a campus of a community college district, except upon a request by the community college district, as specified.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 81050.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:

**81050.5.** (a) (1) For the purposes of this article, Article 7 (commencing with Section 81130), and Article 8 (commencing with Section 81160), "school building" does not include any building used or intended to be used by a community college district as residential housing.

(2) The Department of General Services shall approve plans and specifications for a residence for students attending a campus of a community college upon a request by the community college district, pursuant to Sections 81130 and 81160.

(b) As used in this section, "residential housing" means any building used as a personal residence by a teacher or employee of a community college district, with the teacher's or employee's family, if applicable, and any building used as a residence for students attending a campus of a community college district.

**SEC. 2.** Section 4454.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

**4454.5.** (a) (1) A building or facility otherwise subject to this chapter that is used or intended to be used by a school district or community college district as residential housing is exempt from the requirement for approval of plans and specifications by the Department of General Services pursuant to Section 4454.

(2) The Department of General Services shall approve plans and specifications for a residence for students attending a campus of a community college upon a request by the community college district, pursuant to Section 4454.

(b) As used in this section, "residential housing" means any building used as a personal residence by a teacher or employee of a school district or community college district, with the teacher's or employee's family, if applicable, and any building used as a residence for students attending a campus of a community college district.