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**AB-1142 Community colleges: costs for using facilities or grounds.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Bill No. 1142**

**CHAPTER 349**

An act to amend Section 82542 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1142, Mike Fong. Community colleges: costs for using facilities or grounds.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a community college district to grant without charge, except as otherwise provided, the use of any college facilities or grounds under its control, when an alternative location is not available, to nonprofit organizations and clubs and associations organized for athletic activities for youth, charitable purposes, educational purposes, or the civic well-being of the community. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a community college district to charge an amount not to exceed its direct costs or not to exceed the fair rental value of college facilities and grounds under its control for activities other than those described above, as specified. Until January 1, 2025, existing law describes "direct costs" as including (1) the share of the costs of supplies, utilities, janitorial services, services of any other community college district employees, and salaries paid to community college district employees to operate and maintain college facilities or grounds that is proportional to the organization's use of the college facilities and grounds, and (2) the share of the costs for maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment, proportional to the use of the college facilities or grounds by the organization, except for certain programs and organizations. Commencing January 1, 2025, existing law describes "direct costs" as including the costs of supplies, utilities, janitorial services, services of any other community college district employees, and salaries paid to community college district employees necessitated by the organization's use of the college facilities and grounds.

This bill would extend those dates by 5 years.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 82542 of the Education Code, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 66 of the Statutes of 2023, is amended to read:

**82542.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the governing board of a community college district may grant without charge the use of any college facilities or grounds under its control, pursuant to the requirements of this article, when an alternative location is not available, to nonprofit organizations and clubs and associations organized for athletic activities for youth, charitable purposes, educational purposes, or the civic well-being of the community.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (a), the governing board of a community college district may charge an amount not to exceed the following:

(1) The cost of opening and closing the facilities, if no community college employees would otherwise be available to perform that function as a part of their normal duties.

(2) The cost of a community college employee's presence during the organization's use of the facilities, if the governing board determines that the supervision is needed, and if that employee would not otherwise be present as part of the employee's normal duties.

(3) The cost of janitorial services, if the services are necessary, and would not have otherwise been performed as part of the janitor's normal duties.

(4) The cost of utilities directly attributable to the organization's use of the facilities.

(c) The governing board of a community college district may charge an amount not to exceed its direct costs or not to exceed the fair rental value of college facilities and grounds under its control, and pursuant to the requirements of this article, for activities other than those specified in subdivision (a). A governing board that decides to levy these charges shall first adopt a policy specifying which activities shall be charged an amount not to exceed direct costs and which activities shall be charged an amount not to exceed fair rental value.

(d) (1) As used in this section, "direct costs" to the community college district for the use of college facilities or grounds includes all of the following:

(A) The share of the costs of supplies, utilities, janitorial services, services of any other community college district employees, and salaries paid to community college district employees to operate and maintain college facilities or grounds that is proportional to the organization's use of the college facilities and grounds of the community college district pursuant to this section.

(B) The share of the costs for maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment, proportional to the use of the college facilities or grounds by the organization using the college facilities or grounds under this section. For purposes of this subparagraph, "college facilities" shall be limited to only nonclassroom space, and "grounds" shall include, but not be limited to, playing fields, athletic fields, track and field venues, tennis courts, and outdoor basketball courts.

(2) The share of the costs for maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment shall not apply to either of the following:

(A) Classroom-based programs that operate after school hours, including, but not limited to, after school programs, tutoring programs, or childcare programs.

(B) Organizations retained by the college or community college district to provide instruction or instructional activities to students during school hours.

(3) Funds collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited into a special fund that shall only be used for purposes of this section.

(e) By December 31, 2015, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall develop, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges shall adopt, regulations to be used by a governing board of a community college district in determining the proportionate share and the specific allowable costs that a community college district may include as direct costs for the use of its college facilities or grounds.

(f) As used in this section, "fair rental value" means the direct costs to the community college district, plus the amortized costs of the college facilities or grounds used for the duration of the activity authorized.

(g) The governing board of a community college district that authorizes the use of college facilities or grounds for the purpose specified in subdivision (h) shall charge the church or religious denomination an amount at least equal to the fair rental value of the facilities or grounds.

(h) The governing board of a community college district may grant the use of college facilities or grounds to any church or religious organization for the conduct of religious services for temporary periods where the church or organization has no suitable meeting place for the conduct of these services upon the terms and conditions as the governing board deems proper, and subject to the limitations, requirements, and restrictions set forth in this article. The governing board shall charge the church or religious organization using the property for the conduct of religious services a fee as specified in subdivision (g).

(i) For entertainment or a meeting where an admission fee is charged or a contribution is solicited and the net receipts of the admission fees or contributions are not expended for the welfare of the students of the community college district or for charitable purposes, a charge not less than fair rental value shall be levied for the use of the college facilities, property, and grounds, as determined by the governing board of the community college district.

(j) The governing board of a community college district may permit the use, without charge, by organizations, clubs, or associations organized for youth or senior citizens and for cultural activities.

(k) The governing board of a community college district may grant the use of college facilities, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare, and may cooperate with these agencies in furnishing and maintaining services deemed by the governing board to be necessary to meet the needs of the community.

(l) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2030, deletes or extends that date.

**SEC. 2.** Section 82542 of the Education Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 66 of the Statutes of 2023, is amended to read:

**82542.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the governing board of a community college district may grant without charge the use of any college facilities or grounds under its control, pursuant to the requirements of this article, when an alternative location is not available, to nonprofit organizations and clubs and associations organized for athletic activities for youth, charitable purposes, educational purposes, or the civic well-being of the community.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (a), the governing board of a community college district may charge an amount not to exceed the following:

(1) The cost of opening and closing the facilities, if no community college employees would otherwise be available to perform that function as a part of their normal duties.

(2) The cost of a community college employee's presence during the organization's use of the facilities, if the governing board determines that the supervision is needed, and if that employee would not otherwise be present as part of the employee's normal duties.

(3) The cost of janitorial services, if the services are necessary, and would not have otherwise been performed as part of the janitor's normal duties.

(4) The cost of utilities directly attributable to the organization's use of the facilities.

(c) The governing board of a community college district may charge an amount not to exceed its direct costs or not to exceed the fair rental value of college facilities and grounds under its control, and pursuant to the requirements of this article, for activities other than those specified in subdivision (a). A governing board that decides to levy these charges shall first adopt a policy specifying which activities shall be charged an amount not to exceed direct costs and which activities shall be charged an amount not to exceed fair rental value.

(1) As used in this section, "direct costs" to the community college district for the use of college facilities or grounds means those costs of supplies, utilities, janitorial services, services of any other community college district employees, and salaries paid community college district employees necessitated by the organization's use of the college facilities and grounds of the community college district.

(2) As used in this section, "fair rental value" means the direct costs to the community college district, plus the amortized costs of the college facilities or grounds used for the duration of the activity authorized.

(d) The governing board of a community college district that authorizes the use of college facilities or grounds for the purpose specified in subdivision (e) shall charge the church or religious denomination an amount at least equal to the fair rental value of the facilities or grounds.

(e) The governing board of a community college district may grant the use of college facilities or grounds to any church or religious organization for the conduct of religious services for temporary periods where the church or organization has no suitable meeting place for the conduct of these services upon the terms and conditions as the governing board deems proper, and subject to the limitations, requirements, and restrictions set forth in this article. The governing board shall charge the church or religious organization using the property for the conduct of religious services a fee as specified in subdivision (d).

(f) For entertainment or a meeting where an admission fee is charged or a contribution is solicited and the net receipts of the admission fees or contributions are not expended for the welfare of the students of the community college district or for charitable purposes, a charge shall be made for the use of the college facilities, property, and grounds, which charge shall not be less than the fair rental value for the use of the college facilities, property, and grounds, as determined by the governing board of the community college district.

(g) The governing board of a community college district may permit the use, without charge, by organizations, clubs, or associations organized for youth or senior citizens and for cultural activities.

(h) The governing board of a community college district may grant the use of college facilities, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare, and may cooperate with these agencies in furnishing and maintaining services deemed by the governing board to be necessary to meet the needs of the community.

(i) This section shall be operative on and after January 1, 2030.