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**AB-1311 Public postsecondary education: allied health programs: assessment.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Bill No. 1311**

**CHAPTER 126**

An act to add and repeal Section 66026.5 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

[ Approved by Governor July 27, 2023. Filed with Secretary of State July 27, 2023. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1311, Soria. Public postsecondary education: allied health programs: assessment.

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, 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 this state.

This bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct an assessment, on or before January 1, 2025, evaluating the efficacy of existing programs in allied health jointly offered between campuses of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California. The bill would require the final assessment to be reported, in writing, to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2025, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions as of January 1, 2026.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 66026.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

**66026.5.** (a) The Legislative Analyst's Office shall conduct an assessment, on or before January 1, 2025, evaluating the efficacy of existing programs in allied health, including, but not limited to, nursing, jointly offered between campuses of the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California.

(b) The results of the final assessment shall be reported, in writing, to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2025. The final assessment shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The total number of joint programs currently implemented, including information identifying the number of programs, applicants, admissions, enrollments, and degree recipients.
- (2) The extent to which existing allied health programs fulfill identified workforce shortages, including statewide supply and demand data that considers capacity at the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and California's independent colleges and universities.

(3) Information on the job placement of graduates.

(4) Joint allied health program costs and the funding sources that were used to finance these programs.

(5) Time-to-degree rates and completion rates for students in joint allied health programs.

(6) Recommendations on whether and how joint, intersegmental allied health programs can or should be extended and expanded.

(c) The report submitted pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.