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AB-2080 University of California: schools of medicine: report. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 2080

CHAPTER 819

An act to add and repeal Section 66207.5 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as one of the segments of postsecondary education in the state.

This bill would request the University of California to post, on or before December 1, 2026, and each December 1 thereafter, in a report on a publicly accessible internet website of the University of California, data on students enrolled in a University of California school of medicine. The bill would request the report to include, among other categories of data, the total number of first-generation students and the total number of federal Pell Grant recipients enrolled in a University of California school of medicine. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2035.

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

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (a) California's overall supply of physicians is insufficient to meet patient needs.
- (b) In particular, Latinx, African American, and Native American physicians are vastly underrepresented in California.
- (c) California's physician workforce does not reflect the racial, ethnic, linguistic, or geographic characteristics of the patient population.
- (d) California's physician pipeline lags behind the rest of the United States, with just 21.1 medical students per 100,000 persons in California, compared to the nationwide average of 37.9 medical students per 100,000 persons.
- (e) Data shows that shared cultural and linguistic concordance between physician and patient improves communication, which increases patient trust and satisfaction with their health care and improves clinical outcomes.
- (f) It is essential that California increase the number of physicians who can deliver culturally and linguistically competent health care.

(g) University of California enrollment data on key socioeconomic metrics will highlight the University of California's progress in diversifying and increasing enrollment capacity of University of California schools of medicine, and will inform future strategies to train a physician workforce that reflects the people of California.

SEC. 2. Section 66207.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66207.5. (a) (1) On or before December 1, 2026, and each December 1 thereafter, the University of California is requested to post, in a report on a publicly accessible internet website of the University of California, data on students enrolled in a University of California school of medicine. The data is requested to include, but not be limited to, the total number of all of the following:

(A) Enrolled students.

(B) First-generation students.

(C) Federal Pell Grant recipients.

(D) Multilingual students. The data described in this subparagraph shall be disaggregated by languages other than English that students speak, and shall highlight how many students speak languages that are underrepresented in California's physician workforce.

(E) Community college transfer students.

(F) Students with membership in a California Indian tribe or federally recognized tribe.

(2) The information posted in a report pursuant to paragraph (1) is requested to include all of the following information:

(A) The total number of applicants to a University of California school of medicine.

(B) Contextual data that the University of California deems relevant to the report.

(C) A breakdown of both of the following:

(i) Postsecondary educational institutions where students received their baccalaureate degrees.

(ii) Sexual orientation and gender identity of students, if available.

(b) The information posted in a report pursuant to subdivision (a) is requested to be disaggregated by campus.

(c) The information posted in a report pursuant to subdivision (a) is requested to be for the academic year in which the report is due.

(d) The information posted in a report pursuant to subdivision (a) is requested to be posted in compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g), and is requested to not include any personally identifiable information for any student.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2035, and as of that date is repealed.