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AB-2633 California State University: joint degrees: international institutions of higher education. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 2633

CHAPTER 729

An act to amend Section 66010.4 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2633, Alvarez. California State University: joint degrees: international institutions of higher education.

Existing law sets forth the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and details the ways in which their respective institutions are to be differentiated. Existing law specifies that the California State University shall offer undergraduate and graduate instruction through the master's degree in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education. Existing law states that the University of California has the sole authority in public higher education to award doctoral degrees in all fields of learning, except that it may agree with the California State University to award joint doctoral degrees in selected fields and the California State University may award professional or applied doctoral degrees statewide that do not duplicate University of California doctoral degrees and satisfy certain requirements.

This bill, notwithstanding any other law, would authorize the California State University to award undergraduate and graduate degrees jointly with international institutions of higher education. The bill would also authorize the California State University to award professional or applied doctoral degrees jointly with international institutions of higher education only if the doctoral degrees do not duplicate University of California doctoral degrees and satisfy the requirements of existing law.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 66010.4 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66010.4. The missions and functions of California's public and independent segments, and their respective institutions of higher education, shall be differentiated as follows:

(a) (1) The California Community Colleges shall, as a primary mission, offer academic and vocational instruction at the lower division level for both younger and older students, including those persons returning to school. Public community colleges shall offer instruction through but not beyond the second year of college. These institutions may grant the associate in arts and the associate in science degree.

(2) The community colleges' mission shall include all of the following:

(A) The provision of instruction and additional learning supports to close learning gaps for those who need it, instruction in English as a second language, adult noncredit instruction, and support services that help students succeed at the postsecondary level.

(B) The provision of adult noncredit education curricula in areas defined as being in the state's interest is an essential and important function of the community colleges.

(C) The provision of community services courses and programs is an authorized function of the community colleges if their provision is compatible with an institution's ability to meet its obligations in its primary missions.

(D) The provision of student support services to facilitate academic success and achievement.

(3) A primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to advance California's economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services that contribute to continuous workforce improvement.

(4) The California Community Colleges may conduct institutional research concerning student learning and retention, and community college programming to facilitate its educational mission.

(5) The provision of instruction and support to close learning gaps authorized by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) shall be provided in the form of concurrent support, unless college data and research demonstrates that even with concurrent support a student is highly unlikely to succeed in the course.

(b) (1) The California State University shall offer undergraduate and graduate instruction through the master's degree in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education, including teacher education. Notwithstanding any other law, undergraduate and graduate degrees may be awarded jointly with international institutions of higher education. Presently established two-year programs in agriculture are authorized, but other two-year programs shall be permitted only when mutually agreed upon by the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

(2) The doctoral degree may be awarded jointly, as follows:

(A) With the University of California, as provided in subdivision (c) and pursuant to Section 66904.

(B) With one or more independent institutions of higher education, provided that the proposed doctoral program is approved by the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

(C) With international institutions of higher education if the doctoral degree program has been authorized pursuant to Article 4.92 (commencing with Section 66046).

(3) Research, scholarship, and creative activity in support of its undergraduate and graduate instructional mission is authorized in the California State University and shall be supported by the state.

(4) The primary mission of the California State University is undergraduate and graduate instruction through the master's degree.

(c) The University of California may provide undergraduate and graduate instruction in the liberal arts and sciences and in the professions, including the teaching professions. It shall have exclusive jurisdiction in public higher education over instruction in the profession of law and over graduate instruction in the professions of medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. It has the sole authority in public higher education to award the doctoral degree in all fields of learning, except that it may agree with the California State University to award joint doctoral degrees in selected fields. The University of California shall be the primary state-supported academic agency for research.

(d) The independent institutions of higher education shall provide undergraduate and graduate instruction and research in accordance with their respective missions.