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AB-805 Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 805

Introduced by Assembly Member Fong

February 18, 2025

An act ~~relating to postsecondary education~~, to add Article 7 (commencing with Section 3130) to Chapter 4 of Division 3 of the Labor Code, relating to apprenticeships.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 805, as amended, Fong. ~~Postsecondary education: college and career programs~~. *Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program.*

Existing law establishes the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations and requires the division, among other things, to evaluate apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs to ensure that the program evaluated is complying with its standard, as specified.

This bill would establish the Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program to be administered by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards for specific purposes, including, among other purposes, to coordinate and establish apprenticeships for in-school and out-of-school individuals from 16 to 24 years of age, inclusive, and to establish a streamlined youth apprenticeship data system to promote data-driven decisionmaking.

~~Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, 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, independent institutions of higher education, as defined, and private postsecondary educational institutions, as defined, as the segments of postsecondary education in the state.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation relating to college and career programs.~~

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

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

SECTION 1. Article 7 (commencing with Section 3130) is added to Chapter 4 of Division 3 of the Labor Code, to read:

Article 7. Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program

3130. The Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program is hereby established, to be administered by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, for purposes of all of the following:

- (a) To coordinate and establish apprenticeships for in-school and out-of-school individuals from 16 to 24 years of age, inclusive.
- (b) To identify a process for approving industry pathways for preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs.
- (c) To provide paid training opportunities through preapprenticeships and supportive services to out-of-school youth.
- (d) To establish a streamlined youth apprenticeship data system to promote data-driven decisionmaking.
- (e) To identify resources to support youth apprenticeships.
- (f) To identify appropriate partnerships between local educational agencies, the State Department of Education, the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, and other state agencies and employers to guide and implement the program.

~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation relating to college and career programs.~~