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AB-972 Postsecondary education: discrimination: sex. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 972

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilson

February 20, 2025

An act to amend Section 66270 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 972, as amended, Wilson. Postsecondary education: discrimination: sex.

Existing law prohibits a person from being subjected to discrimination on the basis of specified characteristics, including, among others, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation in a program or activity conducted by a postsecondary educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state student financial aid.

This bill would expressly include sex in the list of specified characteristics.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 66270 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66270. A person shall not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability, sex, ~~gender, gender identity, gender expression,~~ nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, ~~or~~ any characteristic listed or defined in Section 11135 ~~or subdivision (r) of Section 12926~~ of the Government ~~Code Code~~, or any other characteristic that is contained in the prohibition of hate crimes set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 422.6 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, in a program or activity conducted by a postsecondary educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state student financial aid.