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AB-1045 California State University and University of California: financial incentives: nonprofit organizations: service learning. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 1045

Introduced by Assembly Member Ávila Farías

February 20, 2025

An act to add Section 66015.9 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1045, as amended, Ávila Farías. California State University and University of California: financial incentives: nonprofit organizations: service learning.

The Donahoe Higher Education Act sets forth the missions and functions of California's public segments of higher education and their respective institutions of higher education. The California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, are 2 of the segments. Provisions of the act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California act, by appropriate resolution, to make them applicable.

This bill would ~~require~~ *authorize* California State University and University of California campuses that choose to participate to provide financial incentives to partnering nonprofit organizations for purposes of facilitating service learning programs and opportunities for undergraduate students.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 66015.9 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66015.9. (a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Financial incentives" includes stipends to supervise students during their service learning placement.

(2) "Nonprofit organization" means a tax-exempt organization as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that partners with a participating institution to implement this section.

(3) "Participating institution" means a California State University or University of California campus that chooses to implement this section.

(4) "Service learning" means an educational approach that intentionally combines meaningful community service activities with instruction and reflection to support student progress toward academic and civic engagement learning objectives while meeting societal needs.

(5) "Student" means an undergraduate student enrolled at a participating institution.

(b) A participating institution ~~shall~~ *may* allocate funds to provide financial incentives to nonprofit organizations for purposes of facilitating service learning programs and opportunities for students.

(c) A participating institution ~~shall~~ *may* use existing resources or secure additional funding, such as private donations or grants, to implement this section.