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SB-307 Public postsecondary education: immigration enforcement. (2025-2026)

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Senate Bill No. 307

CHAPTER 668

An act to add Section 66093.2 to the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 307, Cervantes. Public postsecondary education: immigration enforcement.

Existing law requires the Trustees of the California State University, the governing boards of community college districts, and independent institutions of higher education that are qualifying institutions for purposes of the Cal Grant Program, and requests the Regents of the University of California, to the fullest extent consistent with state and federal law, to implement various precautionary measures when federal immigration enforcement activities are undertaken on campuses of those segments, as specified. Existing law requires those precautionary measures to include, among other measures, that in the event that an undocumented student is detained, deported, or is unable to attend to their academic requirements due to the action of an immigration officer in relation to a federal immigration order, as specified, a requirement that the college or university make all reasonable efforts to assist the student in retaining any eligibility for financial aid, fellowship stipends, and exemptions from nonresident tuition fees, among other benefits the student has been awarded or received, and a requirement that the student be permitted to reenroll if and when the student is able to return to the college or university.

This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University, and would request the Regents of the University of California, to implement additional precautionary measures, including, among others, requiring adoption of a systemwide policy addressing course grades, administrative withdrawal, and reenrollment for undocumented students who are unable to attend their courses by the final drop date due to immigration enforcement activity, as specified.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 66093.2 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66093.2. (a) For purposes of this section, "institution" means a California State University or a University of California campus.

(b) The Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, in addition to complying with subdivision (j) of Section 66093.3, do all of the following:

(1) If an undocumented student is subject to immigration enforcement activity, ensure that the undocumented student's inability to satisfy the student's academic requirements at the institution due to immigration enforcement activity does not affect the

student's qualification for the exemption from paying nonresident tuition pursuant to Section 68130.5, provided the student meets the requirements described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 68130.5.

(2) Ensure that staff and the designated Dreamer Resource Liaison at the institution assist undocumented students in accessing all financial aid and academic resources available to undocumented students.

(3) Adopt a systemwide policy addressing course grades, administrative withdrawal, and reenrollment for undocumented students who are unable to attend their courses by the final drop date due to immigration enforcement activity. The systemwide policy shall include a timeframe during which a student withdrawn for nonattendance is reenrolled and retains the same academic status they held before their withdrawal, upon submitting written confirmation of their intent to return to the institution.