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SENATE BILL

No. 769

**Introduced by Senator Hill
(Principal coauthor: Senator Galgiani)
(Coauthors: Senators Beall, Dodd, Glazer, Hueso, Mendoza,
Newman, Stern, and Wilk)**

February 17, 2017

An act to amend ~~Section~~ *Sections 78041, 78042, and 78043* of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 769, as amended, Hill. Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

Existing law, until July 1, 2023, authorizes the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program. *Existing law requires a district baccalaureate degree pilot program to commence by the beginning of the 2017–18 academic year and requires a student participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program to complete his or her degree by the end of the 2022–23 academic year.*

This bill would extend the operation of the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program until July 1, ~~2028~~, 2028, and would extend the time by which a student participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program is required to complete his or her degree to the end of the 2027–28 academic year.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 78041 of the Education Code is amended
 2 to read:

3 78041. Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, and commencing
 4 January 1, 2015, the Board of Governors of the California
 5 Community Colleges, in consultation with the California State
 6 University and the University of California, may authorize the
 7 establishment of district baccalaureate degree pilot programs that
 8 meet all of the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 78042.
 9 A district pilot program established pursuant to this article shall
 10 commence no later than the 2017–18 academic year. A student
 11 participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program shall complete
 12 his or her degree by the end of the ~~2022–23~~ 2027–28 academic
 13 year. For purposes of this section, a pilot program commences
 14 when the first class of students begins the program. The statewide
 15 baccalaureate degree pilot program shall consist of a maximum of
 16 15 districts, with one baccalaureate degree program each, to be
 17 determined by the Chancellor of the California Community
 18 Colleges and approved by the Board of Governors of the California
 19 Community Colleges.

20 SEC. 2. Section 78042 of the Education Code is amended to
 21 read:

22 78042. (a) A district shall seek approval to offer a
 23 baccalaureate degree program through the appropriate accreditation
 24 body.

25 (b) When seeking approval from the Board of Governors of the
 26 California Community Colleges, a district shall maintain the
 27 primary mission of the California Community Colleges specified
 28 in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 66010.4. The district,
 29 as part of the baccalaureate degree pilot program, shall have the

1 additional mission to provide high-quality undergraduate education
2 at an affordable price for students and the state.

3 (c) As a condition of eligibility for consideration to participate
4 in the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program, a district shall
5 have a written policy that requires all potential students who wish
6 to apply for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver pursuant to Section
7 76300 to complete and submit either a Free Application for Federal
8 Student Aid or a California Dream Act application in lieu of
9 completing the Board of Governors Fee Waiver application.

10 (d) A district shall not offer more than one baccalaureate degree
11 program, as determined by the governing board of the district and
12 approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community
13 Colleges, and subject to the following limitations:

14 (1) A district shall identify and document unmet workforce
15 needs in the subject area of the baccalaureate degree to be offered
16 and offer a baccalaureate degree at a campus in a subject area with
17 unmet workforce needs in the local community or region of the
18 district.

19 (2) A baccalaureate degree pilot program shall not offer a
20 baccalaureate degree program or program curricula already offered
21 by the California State University or the University of California.

22 (3) A district shall have the expertise, resources, and student
23 interest to offer a quality baccalaureate degree in the chosen field
24 of study.

25 (4) A district shall not offer more than one baccalaureate degree
26 program within the district, which shall be limited to one campus
27 within the district.

28 (5) A district shall notify a student who applies to the district's
29 baccalaureate degree pilot program that the student is required to
30 complete his or her baccalaureate degree by the end of the ~~2022–23~~
31 ~~2027–28~~ academic year, as specified in Section 78041.

32 (e) A district shall maintain separate records for students who
33 are enrolled in courses classified in the upper division and lower
34 division of a baccalaureate program. A student shall be reported
35 as a community college student for enrollment in a lower division
36 course and as a baccalaureate degree program student for
37 enrollment in an upper division course.

38 (f) A governing board of a district seeking authorization to offer
39 a baccalaureate degree pilot program shall submit all of the
40 following for review by the Chancellor of the California

1 Community Colleges and approval by the Board of Governors of
2 the California Community Colleges:

3 (1) Documentation of the district's written policy required by
4 subdivision (c).

5 (2) The administrative plan for the baccalaureate degree pilot
6 program, including, but not limited to, the governing board of the
7 district's funding plan for its specific district.

8 (3) A description of the baccalaureate degree pilot program's
9 curriculum, faculty, and facilities.

10 (4) The enrollment projections for the baccalaureate degree pilot
11 program.

12 (5) Documentation regarding unmet workforce needs specifically
13 related to the proposed baccalaureate degree pilot program, and a
14 written statement supporting the necessity of a four-year degree
15 for that program.

16 (6) Documentation of consultation with the California State
17 University and the University of California regarding collaborative
18 approaches to meeting regional workforce needs.

19 (g) (1) On or before March 31, 2015, the Board of Governors
20 of the California Community Colleges shall develop, and adopt
21 by regulation, a funding model for the support of the statewide
22 baccalaureate degree pilot program that is based on a calculation
23 of the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in all district
24 pilot programs.

25 (2) Funding for each full-time equivalent student shall be at a
26 marginal cost calculation, as determined by the Board of Governors
27 of the California Community Colleges, that shall not exceed the
28 community college credit instruction marginal cost calculation for
29 a full-time equivalent student, as determined pursuant to paragraph
30 (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 84750.5.

31 (3) A student in a baccalaureate degree pilot program authorized
32 by this article shall not be charged fees higher than the mandatory
33 systemwide fees charged for baccalaureate degree programs at the
34 California State University.

35 (4) Fees for coursework in a baccalaureate degree pilot program
36 shall be consistent with Article 1 (commencing with Section 76300)
37 of Chapter 2 of Part 47.

38 (5) A district shall, in addition to the fees charged pursuant to
39 paragraph (4), charge a fee for upper division coursework in a

1 baccalaureate degree pilot program of eighty-four dollars (\$84)
2 per unit.

3 (h) (1) The Legislative Analyst’s Office shall conduct both an
4 interim and a final statewide evaluation of the statewide
5 baccalaureate degree pilot program implemented pursuant to this
6 article.

7 (2) The results of the interim evaluation shall be reported as a
8 progress report, in writing, to the Legislature and the Governor on
9 or before July 1, 2018. The interim evaluation shall include, but
10 is not limited to, all of the following:

11 (A) How many, and which specific, districts applied for a
12 baccalaureate degree pilot program, and the baccalaureate degree
13 pilot programs they applied for.

14 (B) Which potential four-year baccalaureate degrees were denied
15 and why they were denied.

16 (C) Baccalaureate degree pilot program costs and the funding
17 sources that were used to finance these programs.

18 (D) Current trends in workforce demands that require four-year
19 degrees in the specific degree programs being offered through the
20 statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program.

21 (E) Current completion rates, if available, for each cohort of
22 students participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program.

23 (F) Information on the impact of baccalaureate degree pilot
24 program on underserved and underprepared students.

25 (3) The results of the final evaluation shall be reported, in
26 writing, to the Legislature and the Governor on or before July 1,
27 2022. The final evaluation shall include, but is not limited to, all
28 of the following:

29 (A) The number of new district baccalaureate degree pilot
30 programs implemented, including information identifying the
31 number of new programs, applicants, admissions, enrollments,
32 and degree recipients.

33 (B) The extent to which the baccalaureate degree pilot programs
34 established under this article fulfill identified workforce needs for
35 new baccalaureate degree programs, including statewide supply
36 and demand data that considers capacity at the California State
37 University, the University of California, and in California’s
38 independent colleges and universities.

39 (C) Information on the place of employment of students and
40 the subsequent job placement of graduates.

1 (D) Baccalaureate degree program costs and the funding sources
2 that were used to finance these programs, including a calculation
3 of cost per degree awarded.

4 (E) The costs of the baccalaureate degree programs to students,
5 the amount of financial aid offered, and student debt levels of
6 graduates of the programs.

7 (F) Time-to-degree rates and completion rates for the
8 baccalaureate degree pilot programs.

9 (G) The extent to which the programs established under this
10 article are in compliance with the requirements of this article.

11 (H) Information on the impact of baccalaureate degree pilot
12 program on underserved and underprepared students.

13 (I) Recommendations on whether and how the statewide
14 baccalaureate degree pilot program can or should be extended and
15 expanded.

16 (4) A district shall submit the information necessary to conduct
17 the evaluations required by paragraph (1), as determined by the
18 Legislative Analyst’s Office, to the Chancellor of the California
19 Community Colleges, who shall provide the information to the
20 Legislative Analyst’s Office upon request.

21 (5) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3)
22 shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the
23 Government Code.

24 ~~SECTION 1.~~

25 *SEC. 3.* Section 78043 of the Education Code is amended to
26 read:

27 78043. This article shall become inoperative on July 1, 2028,
28 and as of January 1, 2029, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute
29 that is enacted before January 1, 2029, deletes or extends that date.