

Date of Hearing: April 23, 2024

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Mike Fong, Chair

AB 3290 (Committee on Higher Education) – As Introduced March 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees: members of the Armed Services

SUMMARY: Makes non-controversial, technical, and conforming changes to various provisions of the Education Code. Specifically, **this bill:**

- 1) Extends resident classification to any student who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as specified, stationed in the state, regardless of whether the student is assigned for educational purposes to a state-supported institution of higher education.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Establishes the UC as a public trust to be administered by the Regents of the UC; and, grants the Regents full powers of organization and government, subject only to such legislative control as may be necessary to insure security of its funds, compliance with the terms of its endowments, statutory requirements around competitive bidding and contracts, sales of property and the purchase of materials, goods and services. (Article IX, Section (9)(a) of the California Constitution)
- 2) Establishes the Donahoe Higher Education Act, setting forth the mission of the UC, CSU, and CCC. (Education Code (EDC) Section 66010, et seq.)
- 3) Confers upon the CSU Trustees the powers, duties, and functions with respect to the management, administration, control of the CSU system and provides that the Trustees are responsible for the rule of government of their appointees and employees. (EDC Sections 66606 and 89500, et seq.)
- 4) Establishes the CCC under the administration of the Board of Governors of the CCC, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The CCC shall be comprised of community college districts. (EDC Section 70900)
- 5) Existing law establishes uniform residency requirements for purposes of ascertaining the amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students of public postsecondary education institutions. (EDC Section 68000, et seq.)
- 6) Existing law entitles a student to resident classification only for the purpose of determining tuition and fees if the student is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in the state, except a member of the Armed Forces that is assigned for educational purposes to a state-supported institution of higher education. (EDC Section 68075)

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown

COMMENTS: This bill is the annual higher education omnibus clean-up bill and proposes technical, non-controversial amendments to existing law. By tradition, if any affected agency,

stakeholder group, the Department of Finance, or any of the four legislative caucuses objects to a provision in this bill or one that is being considered, that particular provision cannot be included.

Rationale for inclusion in the omnibus bill. This omnibus measure makes changes to the EDC, and below is the rationale for that change:

- 1) The omnibus creates parity on the fees paid by servicemembers in California by extending resident classification to any student who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as specified, stationed in the state, regardless of whether the student is assigned for educational purposes to a state-supported institution of higher education. The population of students that provision will extend to is very small, and it is difficult to actually identify servicemembers that fall into this narrow category. This small change will treat these servicemembers the same way that every other servicemember in California and their dependents are treated under state law.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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