

Date of Hearing: June 24, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Mike Fong, Chair

SB 619 (Committee on Education) – As Amended April 1, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: Public postsecondary education

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

- 1) Updates the Education Code to align with the new California General Education Transfer Curriculum (CalGETC) singular general education transfer pathway from California Community Colleges (CCC) to California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus.
- 2) Updates Foster and Kinship references throughout the Education Code.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Required, by May 31, 2023, the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates of the UC, the CSU, and the CCC to establish a singular lower division general education pathway that meets the academic requirements necessary for transfer admission to the CSU and UC.
 - a) Required the administrative bodies of the UC, CSU and CCC to establish a singular lower division general education pathway for transfer to CSU and the UC, by December 31, 2023, if the intersegmental committee is unable to come to agreement.
 - b) Requires, commencing with the fall term of the 2025-26 academic year, the singular pathway established pursuant to this bill, be the only lower division general education pathway used to determine academic eligibility and sufficient academic preparation for transfer admission to CSU and UC.
 - c) Prohibits the establishment of a pathway that lengthens time to degree and one that exceeds the number of units required under IGETC. (Education Code (EDC) Section 66749.8)
- 2) Requires funds appropriated to the Board of Governors of the CCC for the Foster Care Education Program to be used for foster parent and relative/kinship care provider education, as defined. (EDC Section 79420)

FISCAL EFFECT: According to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8, negligible costs.

COMMENTS: *Non-controversial provisions.* 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 the bill or one that is being considered, that particular provision cannot be included.

CalGETC. AB 928 (Berman) Chapter 566, Statutes of 2021 required the CSU and UC to jointly establish a singular lower division general education pathway for admission into both segments. This bill updates the Education Code in order to align with the California General Education Transfer Curriculum.

Foster and Kinship Care Education Program. This bill updates Foster and Kinship references in the Education Code to align with new terminology adopted by other statutes.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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