

Date of Hearing: April 2, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Jose Medina, Chair

AB 253 (Mark Stone) – As Introduced January 23, 2019

[Note: This bill is doubled referred to the Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection and will be heard by that Committee as it relates to issues under its jurisdiction.]

SUBJECT: Postsecondary education: social security numbers: task force: reporting

SUMMARY: Repeals an obsolete reporting requirement regarding the collection, use, storage, and retention of social security numbers.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and private, independent institutions of higher education as the four segments of postsecondary education in this state. (Education Code (EDC) Section 66010, et seq.)
- 2) Requires the Office of Privacy Protection in the Department of Consumer Affairs to establish a task force, with specified members, to conduct a review of the use by all public and private colleges and universities in this state of social security numbers in order to recommend practices to minimize the collection, use, storage, and retention of social security numbers, and requires the task force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Office of Privacy Protection and to the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and the Senate Committee on Judiciary, on or before July 1, 2010. (EDC Section 66018.55)

FISCAL EFFECT: This bill was keyed non-fiscal by the Legislative Counsel.

COMMENTS: *Need for the bill.* According to the author, AB 253 eliminates an outdated reporting requirement that was created when the Office of Privacy Protection in the Department of Consumer Affairs was required by law to create a task force to review best practices for the use of social security numbers in college and universities in the state.

The report was due to the Office of Privacy Protection and to the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and the Senate Committee on Judiciary on or before July 1, 2010. Since the creation of this statute, the Office of Legislative Counsel began adding sunset dates to reporting requirements as a matter of practice. However, without legislative action, outdated reporting requirements such as the one in this statute will remain on the books.

This bill removes a reference to an outdated reporting requirement for which the deadline has already passed.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file.

Opposition

None on file.

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