

Senate Bill No. 1543

CHAPTER 669

An act to add Section 66205.9 to the Education Code, relating to the high school curriculum.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1543, Alarcon. High school curriculum: high school coursework requirements.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, and the California State University, under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University, as 2 of the public segments of postsecondary education in this state. Provisions of the Donahoe Higher Education Act apply to the University of California only to the extent that the regents act, by resolution, to make those provisions applicable.

A provision of the act requires the California State University, and requests the University of California, to establish model academic standards for high school courses for pupils who wish to attend those institutions.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to coordinate the development, on a cyclical basis, of model curriculum standards for a high school career technical course of study. Existing law also requires the superintendent to develop a career technical curriculum framework based on prescribed criteria.

This bill would add to the Donahoe Higher Education Act a provision providing that if, by July 1, 2008, either the University of California or the California State University has not adopted, in accordance with the criteria in existing law, model uniform academic standards for career technical education that will satisfy the completion of a general elective course requirement for the purposes of admission to their respective universities, the regents are requested to, and the trustees are required to, recognize the completion of all high school career technical education courses that meet the model curriculum standards developed by the superintendent as satisfying the completion of a general elective course requirement for the purposes of admission to their respective universities. The bill would request the regents, and would require the trustees, to make publicly

available, upon their adoption, any model curriculum standards for career technical education courses.

The bill would not apply to any career technical education courses that, as of January 1, 2007, are approved as satisfying the admissions requirements of the University of California or the California State University.

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

SECTION 1. Section 66205.9 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66205.9. (a) If, by July 1, 2008, the University of California has not adopted model uniform academic standards for career technical education courses, pursuant to Section 66205.5, that will satisfy the completion of a general elective course requirement for the purposes of admission to that university, the Regents of the University of California are requested to recognize the completion of all high school career technical education courses that meet the model curriculum standards established pursuant to Sections 51226 and 51226.1 as satisfying the completion of a general elective course requirement for the purposes of admission to that university.

(b) If the Regents of the University of California adopt standards for career technical education courses pursuant to Section 66205.5, the University of California is requested to make those standards publicly available upon their adoption.

(c) If, by July 1, 2008, the California State University has not adopted model uniform academic standards for career technical education courses, pursuant to Section 66205.5, that will satisfy the completion of a general elective course requirement for the purposes of admission to that university, the Trustees of the California State University shall recognize the completion of all high school career technical education courses that meet the model curriculum standards established pursuant to Sections 51226 and 51226.1 as satisfying the completion of a general elective course requirement for the purposes of admission to that university.

(d) If the Trustees of the California State University adopt standards for career technical education courses pursuant to Section 66205.5, the California State University shall make those standards publicly available upon their adoption.

(e) This section shall not apply to any career technical education courses that, as of January 1, 2007, are approved as satisfying the admissions requirements of the University of California or the California State University.