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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1805**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin**

January 10, 2018

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An act to add Section 78213.5 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1805, as amended, Irwin. Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: matriculation: assessment and placement.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law, the Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012, provides that the purpose of the act is to increase California community college student access and success by providing effective core matriculation services of orientation, assessment and placement, counseling, and other education planning services, and academic interventions. Existing law requires a community college district or college to maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics within a one-year timeframe, and requires multiple measures to apply in the placement of all students, as provided.

This bill would require a community college to inform students of their rights to access transfer-level coursework and of the multiple measures placement policies developed by the community college, as

provided. The bill would require a community college to annually report to the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges the community college’s placement policies and placement results, and would require a community college to publicly post its placement results. The bill would require its provisions to be implemented by a specified date. To the extent the bill would impose additional duties on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 78213.5 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:

3 78213.5. (a) (1) A community college shall inform students  
4 of their rights to access transfer-level coursework and of the  
5 multiple measures placement policies developed by the community  
6 college, as provided in Section 78213.

7 (2) The information described in paragraph (1) shall be  
8 communicated in language that is easily understandable, and shall  
9 be prominently featured in the community college catalog,  
10 orientation materials, information relating to student assessment  
11 on the community college’s Internet Web site, and any *written*  
12 communication ~~with~~ *by a college counselor to a student about the*  
13 ~~student’s course placement.~~ *placement options.*

14 (b) A community college shall annually report both of the  
15 following to the chancellor’s office:

16 (1) The community college’s placement policies, including how  
17 it uses self-reported high school information or guided placement.

18 (2) (A) The community college’s placement results. A  
19 community college shall include the number of students assessed  
20 and the percentage of students placed into transfer-level coursework

1 or transfer-level coursework with concurrent support, disaggregated  
2 by race and ethnicity.

3 (B) If a student is placed in a stand-alone course that is below  
4 transfer-level coursework, a community college district or college  
5 shall provide a justification based on placement research, as  
6 described in Section 78213.

7 (c) A community college shall publicly post its placement  
8 results, including the number of students assessed and the  
9 percentage of students placed into transfer-level coursework or  
10 transfer-level coursework with concurrent support, disaggregated  
11 by race and ethnicity.

12 (d) A community college shall satisfy the requirements of this  
13 section by the implementation date, established by regulation  
14 pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 78213, for purposes of  
15 compliance with the requirements of Section 78213.

16 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
17 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
18 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
19 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
20 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.