
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 469 (Reyes) - Pupil instruction: financial aid applications

Version: July 5, 2021

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 26, 2021

Policy Vote: ED. 7 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires a local educational agency (LEA) to ensure students in 12th grade complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA), unless the student or the student's parent or guardian opts out.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021

Fiscal Impact: The provisions of this bill are nearly identical of the related sections in the higher education trailer bill (AB 132, Chapter 144, Statutes of 2021). The fiscal impacts associated with those sections include:

- A reimbursable state mandate in the hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for school districts to ensure that students complete and submit the FAFSA or California Dream Act application. This estimate assumes that up to ten percent of high school teachers in the state would spend at least one hour of staff time on these activities.
- Additional state General Fund costs in the millions to tens of millions of dollars and federal fund costs potentially in the low hundreds of millions of dollars costs annually for additional students becoming eligible for financial aid by completing a FAFSA. Precise amounts would depend on how many students are identified as eligible for financial aid and which college they attend. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) estimates \$18.3 million for every five percent increase in the number of FAFSAs and CADAAAs submitted.

Committee Amendments: Add Senator Portantino as a principal coauthor.

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