

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 169 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)

As Amended September 7, 2021

Majority vote. Budget Bill Appropriation Takes Effect Immediately.

SUMMARY

This is the higher education clean up trailer bill in support of the Budget Act of 2021.

Major Provisions

This bill includes the following actions to clarify actions from the Budget Act of 2021, including:

- 1) *Higher Education Student Housing and Capacity Expansion Grant Programs.* Creates two new programs to support campus affordable student housing and campus capacity expansion projects. Appropriates \$500 million one-time General Fund in 2021-22 for student housing projects, and includes legislative intent to provide \$750 million in 2022-23, and \$750 million in 2023-24, for this purpose. Divides the appropriated and proposed funding by providing 50% to California Community Colleges, 30% to California State University, and 20% to the University of California. Creates a process in which campuses will propose student housing projects by October 2021 for selection in a subsequent budget act. Creates the campus capacity expansion program and includes legislative intent to provide funding for this program in a future budget action.
- 2) *Cal Grant for Students at Private Non-Profit Institutions.* Makes statutory changes to match Budget Act of 2021 actions to allow all Cal Grant students attending private non-profit institutions to receive a maximum award of \$9,220 in 2021-22.
- 3) *Golden State Teacher Grant Program.* Clarifies that teaching certificate students are eligible for this financial aid program if they attend a public institution or a teacher preparation program approved by the Commission on Teaching Credentialing that has a main campus location or administrative entity that resides in California, including teacher preparation programs operated by local educational agencies in California, if the student commits to working in a high-need field at a priority school for four years after the student receives the teaching credential.
- 4) *California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program.* Clarifies that students attending a state special school are eligible for the program, which provides college savings accounts to newborn and California K-12 students.
- 5) *Cradle to Career Data System.* Makes technical changes to the Cradle-to-Career Data System created in the Budget Act of 2021, including requiring that the system complies with the federal Privacy Act of 1974, and that data collected through this system shall be treated as personal information, as defined in Section 1798.3 of the Civil Code, and shall not be used or disclosed except for purposes consistent with this article and that personal information managed under this article shall be de-identified before being released to the public.
- 6) *Middle Class Scholarship Program.* Specifies the student household income eligibility ceilings to participate in the program. Clarifies that a student must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application to participate in the program. The bill also requires the University of California (UC) and California State University

(CSU) to provide at least the same level of institutional financial aid for students as provided in 2021-22. Additionally, this bill requires UC and CSU to report on information regarding program participation, student loan amounts, and cost-of-attendance, among others, as specified. The bill also clarifies the award amount for students enrolled part-time.

- 7) *Selective Service*. Removes the requirement for male students to register with the Selective Service in order to receive a Cal Grant Award. This change aligns with the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid Simplification Act.
- 8) *Cohort Default Rate*. Specifies that for the 2022-23 academic year, the California Student Aid Commission shall use the three-year cohort default rate certified in 2020 for an otherwise qualifying institution.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

Arguments in Support

None on file.

Arguments in Opposition

None on file.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill appropriates \$500 million one-time General Fund and creates a program to support campus affordable student housing projects, appropriates funding for the Golden State Teacher Grant program and makes other clarifying or technical changes to higher education issues in the Budget Act of 2021.

VOTES

SENATE FLOOR: 29-8-2

YES: Allen, Archuleta, Atkins, Becker, Bradford, Caballero, Cortese, Dodd, Durazo, Eggman, Glazer, Gonzalez, Hertzberg, Hueso, Hurtado, Laird, Leyva, McGuire, Min, Newman, Pan, Portantino, Roth, Rubio, Skinner, Stern, Umberg, Wieckowski, Wiener

NO: Bates, Dahle, Grove, Jones, Melendez, Nielsen, Ochoa Bogh, Wilk

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