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SUMMARY

This bill corrects technical errors and oversights, and makes numerous non-controversial and conforming changes to various provisions of the education.

BACKGROUND

This bill is the annual higher education omnibus clean-up bill and proposes technical, non-controversial amendments to existing law.

By tradition, if any affected agency, the Department of Finance, or any of the four legislative caucuses objects to a provision in the bill or one that is being considered, that particular provision cannot be included.

ANALYSIS

This bill corrects technical errors and oversights, and makes non-controversial and conforming changes to various provisions of the Education code: Specifically this bill:

1. For purpose of ensuring consistency with other financial aid programs where campuses have the option of withholding registration privileges, omits the provision prohibiting the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) from withholding registration privileges should students or former students default on their DREAM loan.

STAFF COMMENTS

1. ***Non-controversial amendments.*** Each year, there is typically a K-12 education clean-up bill and a higher education clean-up bill that make various non-controversial revisions to the Education Code.
2. ***DREAM loan program.*** Existing law establishes the California DREAM Loan Program (CDLP), a voluntary campus-based student loan program to provide loans to UC and CSU students who meet the requirements established by AB 540 (Firebaugh, CH. 814, 2001). (Lara, CH. 754, 2014). This bill parallels CSU and UC's existing authority and seeks to correct an error by aligning the DREAM

loan program to be consistent with other financial aid programs where campuses have the option of withholding registration privileges.

3. ***Similar legislation.*** This bill is one of two Education “clean up” bills sponsored by the Committee that makes various non-controversial revisions to statute. SB 436, the education omnibus bill, was heard by this Committee on April 15th and is currently pending in the Assembly.

SUPPORT

None received.

OPPOSITION

None received.

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