

AB 368 - College and Career Access Pathways partnerships Assemblymember Chris R. Holden

SUMMARY

AB 368 would require the governing board of a community college district participating in CCAP partnership to enroll high school pupils in any course that is part of a CCAP partnership offered at a community college campus, and would expressly authorize courses to be offered at the community college campus or the participating high school campus.

BACKGROUND

AB 288 (Holden) Chapter 618, Statutes of 2015, represented an unprecedented policy shift by allowing students, who were under performing, access to remediation courses taught by community college faculty on a high school campus. Until 2015, dual enrollment was seen as a privilege afforded to students who were either over performing in high school or were attending an alternative Middle College High School or Early College High School.

Not only were the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships a change in policy, but they represent a fundamental change in how dual enrollment is offered to high school students in the state of California.

According to the California Department of Education, a CCAP partnership is an agreement between the governing boards of a school district and a CCC district for the purpose of providing college courses to students who may not already be college bound or who are underrepresented in higher education. The goals of the partnership are to:

1) Provide students with a seamless educational pathway from high school to community college for either career technical education or degree transfer;

2) Improve high school graduation rates; and,

3) Help high school students achieve college and career readiness.

EXISTING LAW

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An act to amend Section 76004 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

THE SOLUTION

AB 368 defines “underrepresented in higher education”

The bill would require a community college district to assign priority for enrollment and course registration to a pupil seeking to enroll in a community college course that is required for the pupil’s CCAP partnership program.

The bill would also exempt all pupils seeking to enroll in a community college course that is required for the pupil’s CCAP partnership program from specified fee requirements.

SUPPORT

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