

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1397

Introduced by Assembly Member Ting

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 72216 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1397, as introduced, Ting. Community colleges: accreditation.

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 specifies the duties of the board of governors, including, among other duties, establishing minimum standards for the formation of community colleges and districts. Under existing regulatory authority, the board of governors requires each community college to be accredited.

This bill would require the accrediting agency for the community colleges to provide an opportunity for public comment before taking any action related to the accreditation status of a community college.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 72216 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 72216. (a) The accrediting agency for the California
- 4 Community Colleges shall provide an opportunity for public

1 comment before taking any action related to the accreditation status
2 of a community college.

3 (b) This section does not affect the accreditation status of a
4 community college on January 1, 2016.

5 (c) This section does not apply to the accrediting agency's
6 activities that are related to private educational institutions in the
7 state or educational institutions outside of the state.

8 (d) This section does not affect the authority of the United States
9 Department of Education regarding educational institutions.

10 (e) The provisions of this section are severable. If any provision
11 of this section or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall
12 not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect
13 without the invalid provision or application.