

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - San Francisco City College Enrollment Fee Assistance Fund]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the San Francisco City College Enrollment Fee Assistance Fund.

Existing Law

The City currently does not have a fund to provide financial support to City College students.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal is an ordinance that would amend the Administrative Code to establish the San Francisco City College Enrollment Fee Assistance Fund (“the Fund”). The City would use monies in the Fund to provide financial assistance to City College students who live in San Francisco or who are employed by the City and County of San Francisco, the San Francisco Unified School District, or City College. The Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (“the Department”) would use monies in the Fund to make block grants to City College to offset enrollment fees and provide other education-related financial support for eligible students. Financial support from the Fund would be limited to \$1,000 per student per year. City College could use up to 1% of the grant money to support implementation of the program.

The Department and City College would develop and execute an agreement governing the block grants and the process for applying for, calculating, awarding, and disbursing payments or credits to individual students. The agreement would provide for the proportional reduction in payments to individual students to the extent that the total of such payments would exceed the amount of the block grant. The agreement would give priority to offsetting enrollment fee increases.

The agreement would also provide for the creation of an Oversight Committee to review City College’s implementation of the grant agreement and to prepare an annual public report on the implementation of the grant agreement and disbursements from the Fund. The Oversight Committee would consist of one member of the Governing Board of City College, one member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, one member of the San Francisco Board of Education, one City College student representative, two City College faculty members, one City College financial aid counselor or specialist, one member from the office of the Chancellor of City College, and one community member.

The obligation to enter an MOU and form an Oversight Committee would only become operative after the Board of Supervisors appropriates money into the Fund.

AMENDED IN COMMITTEE

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The Fund would receive any legally available monies appropriated for this purpose. The proposal would require the Department to maintain a reserve within the Fund of up to 100% of the estimated annual funding needs for the Fund.

The proposal would also renumber Administrative Code Section 10.100-288 as Section 10.100-287 in order to maintain appropriate sequencing within the Code, and correct a typographical error.

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The legislation on file, dated 8/2/2016, would authorize benefits from the Fund to City College students who work in San Francisco, as well as those who live in San Francisco or work for the City.

The substitute legislation would authorize benefits from the Fund to City College students who live on San Francisco or who work for the City, the Unified School District, or City College, but would no longer cover City College students who worked in San Francisco for anyone other than the City, School District, or City College.

On 9/14/16, the Budget and Finance Committee amended the ordinance to allow City College to use a portion of the grant funds for administrative purposes, to delay the operative date of the Oversight Committee and MOU requirements, and to amend the structure and obligations of the Oversight Committee.