
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 322 (Mathis) - Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: ED. 7 - 0, M.&V.A. 5 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires that each California State University (CSU) and California Community College (CCC) campus, and requests each University of California (UC) campus, to include specified information for students who are veterans and their dependents in transfer and first-year student orientation.

Fiscal Impact:

- This bill expands the number of required disclosures that community college campuses must provide to incoming students as part of their orientation process. The Chancellor's Office estimates Proposition 98 General Fund costs of about \$135,000 for the state's 115 community college campuses to update policies and procedures, add information to general orientation, and develop and disseminate a document. This estimate assumes costs of about \$1,500 for each campus. These activities may be deemed to be reimbursable by the Commission on State Mandates could create pressure for the state to increase the K-12 Mandate Block Grant.
- This bill could also result in additional General Fund costs to UC and CSU campuses, potentially in the tens of thousands of dollars statewide, to update policies and procedures, add information to general orientation, and develop and disseminate a document. This assumes a cost of about \$1,500 for each UC and CSU campus.

Background: Existing law requires CSU, and requests UC, to provide educational and preventive information about cyberbullying to students at all campuses of their respective segments as a part of established campus orientations.

Existing law requires the governing board of each CCC district and the CSU, and requests UC, to provide, as part of established campus orientations, educational and preventive information about sexual violence to students at all campuses of their respective segments. It additionally requires that this information and the specified sexual harassment information be provided during the regular orientation for incoming students.

Proposed Law: This bill establishes the Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act 2023 and requires, by the 2025-26 academic year, each campus of the CSU and the CCCs, and requests each UC campus, to include within first-year student and transfer student orientations the location and contact information

of the campus point of contact for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California State Guard and the California National Guard, and their dependents.

This bill requires, by the 2025-26 academic year, each CSU and CCC campus, and requests UC, campus point of contacts to develop a document that includes, at a minimum, information on policies, resources, and services, including but not limited to counseling, for students who are military veterans and their dependents. The bill also requires, by the 2025-26 academic year, the point of contact for each campus to make the specified document available in hard copy form at the location of the campus point of contact and post the document, along with other information available to students and their dependents, on the campus's internet website.

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