
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 624 (Grayson) - Public postsecondary education: disabled student services: assessments

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Policy Vote: ED. 7 - 0, HUMAN S. 5 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires the California State University (CSU) and requests the University of California (UC) to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments for learning disabilities, as specified, as proof for academic accommodations for any student who receives student financial aid or who is eligible for financial assistance from the institution's health or disability center.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on September 1, 2023**

Fiscal Impact:

- The bill's requirements could result in additional, unknown General Fund costs to the CSU and UC to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments. A precise amount would depend on the number of students that come forward for testing as a result of this bill, but it could be in the low millions of dollars each year. The CSU indicates that if each CSU campus were to hire a Learning Disabilities Specialist to administer the assessments, systemwide costs would be about \$2.5 million. There would be additional costs of approximately \$1.2 million each year for the diagnostic testing assuming a cost of \$1,133 for each test for 47 students.
- This bill requires that state funds be provided to cover all documented costs related to the diagnostic assessments, and that the Department of General Services (DGS) oversee the reimbursement of these costs to the institutions. The DGS is likely to incur additional, unknown General Fund costs to comply with this requirements.
- Further, the CSU and UC may incur additional General Fund costs to provide additional supports to students identified as having disabilities. The extent of these costs is unknown and would depend on the number of students identified as well as the types of services required.

Author Amendments: Allow students to be referred to outside providers and requires the DGS to administer the reimbursements.

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