

THIRD READING

Bill No: AB 1093
Author: Solache (D), et al.
Amended: 7/6/26 in Senate
Vote: 21

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 5-0, 7/1/26

AYES: Pérez, Cabaldon, Cortese, Gonzalez, Reyes

NO VOTE RECORDED: Ochoa Bogh, Choi

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: 7-0, 8/13/26

AYES: Cervantes, Seyarto, Cabaldon, Dahle, Grayson, Richardson, Wahab

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 62-8, 6/2/25 - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: Public postsecondary education: academic exchange programs

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This bill requires, upon appropriation, the California State University (CSU), and requests the University of California (UC), to adopt a plan to increase the number of students participating in exchange programs with Mexican public universities.

ANALYSIS:

Existing law establishes the CSU, under the administration of the Trustees of the CSU, the UC, under the administration of the Regents of the UC, and the California Community Colleges (CCC), under the administration of the Board of Governors of the CCC, as the state's three public segments of postsecondary education. (Education Code (EC) § 66010.4, et seq.)

This bill:

- 1) Commencing with the 2027–28 academic year, requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to adopt a plan to increase the number of students participating in exchange programs with Mexican public universities.
- 2) Requires the plan to include the following:
 - a) A description of existing exchange programs and institutional partnerships with Mexican public universities.
 - b) Strategies to increase student participation in exchange opportunities, including expanding student access to or establishing exchange programs.
 - c) Goals for expanding institutional partnerships with Mexican public universities.
 - d) Outreach and student support activities designed to promote participation.
 - e) Strategies to facilitate ongoing communication and collaboration among campuses within their respective systems, including the sharing of resources, grant funding opportunities, best practices, and knowledge on exchange programs.
- 3) Provides that this bill’s provisions shall only become operative upon an appropriation of funds for its purposes.

Comments

Need for the bill. According to the author, “The California-Mexico bilateral relationship directly impacts the lives and livelihoods of tens of millions of people. Strengthening, our bi-national relationship in the higher education sector is necessary to achieve multiple co-benefits. This measure would formally institutionalize cross-border education partnerships and build out the infrastructure for consistent, robust academic exchange. These programs are crucial to identifying the emerging needs of shared workforce and economic drivers.”

Existing California-Mexico higher education partnerships. The CSU and UC already maintain exchange programs with Mexican institutions. The CSU operates a Systemwide Student Exchange Program with more than 60 international partner institutions and maintains exchange agreements with several Mexican universities. The UC has maintained academic partnerships with Mexico for decades through programs such as UC MEXUS, Casa de la Universidad de California en México, and the UC-México Initiative. The bill requires the adoption of a plan to increase participation in exchange programs with universities in México. The plan is to

include specific elements, including strategies to increase student participation in exchange opportunities, goals for expanding institutional partnerships with Mexican public universities, and outreach and student support activities designed to promote participation.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

According to the Senate Appropriations Committee analysis, this bill would have the following fiscal impact:

- The CSU estimates one-time General Fund costs in the low hundreds of thousands of dollars to adopt a plan specific to exchange programs with Mexican public universities. These funds would be used for the administrative work required of staff to coordinate with campuses and academic departments, identify partnerships with Mexican universities, and potential travel associated with the development of partnerships. Additionally, the CSU estimates ongoing General Fund costs of \$600,000 to \$1 million each year to administer the work outlined by the adopted. This would involve a dedicated staff to assist with the expansion, visits to partner institutions and new institutions to establish agreements, marketing, and communications, among other issues. Further, the CSU indicates there would be unknown, but significant ongoing costs for the direct financial support for the additional students participating as a result of the adopted plan.
- The UC estimates General Fund costs ranging from \$3.2 million to \$11.3 million each year for student scholarships and travel grants, dedicated staffing for advising, seed funding for faculty partnership and program development, partnership cultivation, risk management, and systemwide coordination infrastructure.

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/14/26)

CFT — A Union of Educators & Classified Professionals, AFT, AFL-CIO
Faculty Association of California's Community Colleges

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/14/26)

None received

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 62-8, 6/2/25

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Connolly, Davies, Elhawary, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lee, Lowenthal, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NOES: DeMaio, Dixon, Ellis, Macedo, Patterson, Sanchez, Ta, Tangipa

NO VOTE RECORDED: Bauer-Kahan, Castillo, Chen, Flora, Gallagher, Hadwick, Hoover, Lackey, Sharp-Collins

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