
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 1400 (Soria) - Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

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Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: ED. 7 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires the California Community College (CCC) Chancellor's Office to establish a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that would authorize 15 community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) degree.

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

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025**

Fiscal Impact:

- The Chancellor's Office indicates that there could be one-time Proposition 98 General Fund costs for each pilot district to create and implement a BSN degree program, ranging from \$80,000 to \$138,000 per district. These costs would encompass any updates to the design of new nursing academic standards, student learning outcomes, updates to existing curriculum that would be needed to satisfy the program, and implementation of other coursework. However, the Chancellor's Office believes these costs are consistent with recent state budget actions to implement new academic programs and curriculum and therefore, they could be absorbable within existing resources.
- The Chancellor's office estimates one-time General Fund workload costs of up to \$33,000 to develop the application for the pilot program, issue guidance, and provide technical assistance.
- This bill could result in additional, unknown General Fund costs for the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) to conduct an evaluation of the pilot program and submit a report to the Legislature. This may also impact the ability of the LAO to fulfill other existing or future legislative mandates and requests, as the LAO's budget is subject to the Legislature's constitutional spending cap.

Author Amendments: Add priority for community college districts in the Inland Empire and add coauthors.

Committee Amendments: Reduce the number of eligible community college districts from 15 to 10.

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