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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 2248 (Hoover) – As Amended March 26, 2026

Policy Committee: Education

Vote: 9 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: Yes

Reimbursable: Yes

SUMMARY:

This bill requires a local educational agency (LEA) to notify parents or guardians of a pupil entering grades seven through 12 of, in addition to dual enrollment and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses offered, the benefits of the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) and encourage them to create parent accounts.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Minor, ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund costs for schools to provide the new expanded parental notification. Given that schools already must provide an annual notification regarding IB and dual enrollment opportunities, it is unlikely that the additional information regarding CCGI resources will produce significant additional costs.

If the Commission on State Mandates determines the bill's requirements to be a reimbursable state mandate, the state would need to reimburse these costs to LEAs or provide funding through the K-12 Mandate Block Grant.

COMMENTS:

Current law requires LEAs to annually notify parents regarding career technical education, advanced placement, IB, and dual enrollment course offerings. However, many parents may not be aware of the CCGI and the resources it provides, all at no cost to students and their families. Established in 2021 as part of the Governor's Cradle to Career Initiative, the CCGI provides all 6th through 12th grade public school students with accounts to track their progress towards college and career outcomes. The CCGI achieves this by providing students access to the following: career assessments to help determine their interests and learning style, search tools to help them explore college and career options, financial aid planning content and guides, digital portfolio to maintain and organize relevant documentation, and the option to launch their Free Application for Federal Student Aid and California Dream Act Application. Further, parent accounts allow for a transcript-informed dashboard displaying which courses the student is currently enrolled in and courses completed, providing valuable insight for determining progress towards CSU and UC admission requirements. This bill would require an LEA to annually notify parents and guardians of students in grades seven through 12 of the benefits of the CCGI resources as well as encourage them to create parent accounts as part of their existing annual notification of IB and dual enrollment course offerings.

Prior Legislation. AB 1796 (Alanis), Chapter 143, Statutes of 2024, required an LEA, county office of education (COE), or charter school, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, to annually notify the parents or guardians of students admitted to, or advancing to, grades 7 to 12, inclusive, of any dual enrollment or IB opportunities.

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