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THIRD READING

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Bill No: AB 587  
Author: Davies (R)  
Amended: 9/3/25 in Senate  
Vote: 21

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SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 6-0, 6/18/25  
AYES: Pérez, Ochoa Bogh, Choi, Cortese, Laird, Limón  
NO VOTE RECORDED: Cabaldon

SENATE MILITARY & VETERANS COMMITTEE: 5-0, 7/14/25  
AYES: Archuleta, Grove, McNeerney, Menjivar, Umberg

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 72-0, 5/23/25 - See last page for vote

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**SUBJECT:** Student Aid Commission: membership

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This bill recasts the public membership of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to require one of the three public members to be a veteran.

*Senate Floor Amendments* of 9/3/25 change the veteran slot to instead be for a person who “has knowledge, expertise, or experience in accessing the educational benefits available to veterans.” The amendment also strikes reference to the veteran slot representing the veteran community.

**ANALYSIS:**

Existing law:

- 1) Establishes CSAC and provides that it is to be composed of the following 15 members:

- a) One representative from public, proprietary, or nonprofit postsecondary schools located in California.
  - b) One representative from a California independent college or university.
  - c) One representative each from the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges.
  - d) Two members, each of whom shall be a student enrolled in a California postsecondary educational institution at the time of appointment, and shall be enrolled in a California postsecondary educational institution for the duration of the term. A student member who graduates from an institution with no more than six months of his or her term remaining shall be permitted to serve for the remainder of the term.
  - e) Three public members.
  - f) One representative from a California secondary school.
  - g) Two representatives appointed by the Senate Rules Committee.
  - h) Two representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. (Education Code (EC) § 69510)
- 2) Requires that each member of CSAC, other than a student member and a member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, have a four-year term. Requires that members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly serve at the pleasure of the Speaker. (EC § 69511)

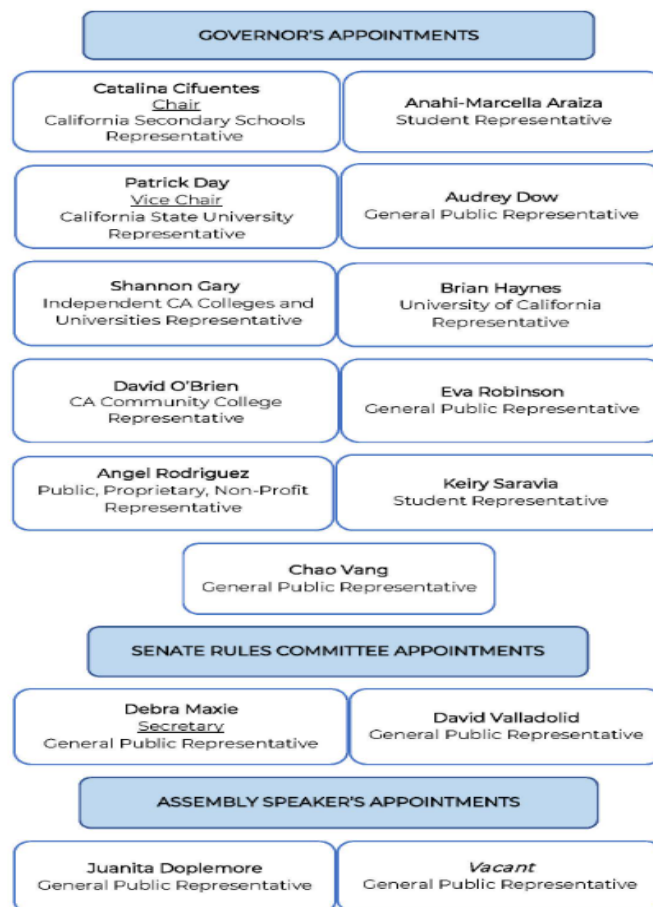
This bill:

- 1) Recasts the public membership of CSAC, from three public members to two public members and one member who has knowledge, expertise, or experience in accessing the educational benefits available to veterans.
- 2) Makes this change operative on the date that a public member's term expires.

## Comments

*Need for this bill.* According to the author, “The California Student Aid Commission is a testament of our State’s commitment to creating opportunities for upward social mobility. It is in that spirit that we should continue looking for ways to innovate in order to best serve all of California’s students. Our veterans can offer a unique perspective on their experiences traversing the financial aid system, to further improve these systems in California.”

*Current composition of CSAC.* Since 1990, CSAC has had 15 members, comprised of 11 commissioners appointed by the Governor representing five members from the various higher education segments, three members from the general public, two student members, and one member from the secondary schools. The chart below depicts the current membership of CSAC:



**Related/Prior Legislation**

AB 320 (Lee, 2023) would have expanded CSAC to include two additional student board members. The bill was referred to but not heard by the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2363 (Ta, 2024) would have added a fourth public member to CSAC, bringing the total membership to 16. The bill was referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee but was not heard.

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

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 9/3/25)

American Legion, Department of California

AMVETS, Department of California

California Association of Christian Colleges and Universities

California State Commanders Veterans Council

Military Officers Association of America, California Council of Chapters

Vietnam Veterans of America, California State Council

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 9/3/25)

None received

**ASSEMBLY FLOOR:** 72-0, 5/23/25

**AYES:** Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Bryan, Chen, Lee, Nguyen, Sanchez, Sharp-Collins,  
Wicks

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