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AB 1433: Noncredit Center Funding

SUMMARY

AB 1433 expands community college general funding eligibility to Continuing Education Centers to help provide essential student resources like food and housing, support students with disabilities, and provide mental health services. It enhances support for a diverse student population and fosters opportunities for educational growth across the state's community college system.

BACKGROUND

Community college funding is primarily derived from state governments, using formulas based on enrollment or performance metrics, while local funding primarily comes from property taxes in districts where the community colleges are governed. In 2023- 2024, community colleges received \$9.6 billion in apportionment funding. This diverse funding structure helps keep community colleges accessible and affordable, but neglects noncredit centers.

Noncredit centers are specialized divisions within educational institutions that offer courses focused on skill development, career training, and personal enrichment rather than degree attainment. These centers play a vital role in workforce development, adult education, ESL (English as a Second Language), basic skills training, and lifelong learning programs.

Diverse populations such as adult learners, job seekers, and individuals looking to enhance their

professional skills without committing to a formal degree program make up most enrollees in noncredit centers.

Despite their significant contributions, noncredit centers face challenges in securing adequate reliable funding to support student services.

Noncredit centers lack eligibility to the same funding for student services as traditional community colleges. Expanding the general funding eligibility would allow noncredit centers to better support veterans, disabled students, and provide mental health services, strengthening their role in education and workforce training.

This bill enables community colleges to invest in noncredit centers, fostering a more well-rounded and inclusive educational experience.

THIS BILL

AB 1433 extends existing community college general funding to noncredit centers and colleges for student services. California

SUPPORT

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