



CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2015–2016 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2352

**Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Medina)**

February 18, 2016

An act to amend Section 78041 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2352, as introduced, Rodriguez. Baccalaureate degree pilot program at Crafton Hills College.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law requires the board of governors to appoint a chief executive officer, to be known as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by governing boards, throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction to students at the community college campuses maintained by the districts.

Existing law, until July 1, 2023, authorizes the board of governors, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program at not more than 15 community college districts, with one baccalaureate degree program each, to be determined by the chancellor and approved by the board of governors.

This bill would authorize the establishment of a 16th baccalaureate degree pilot program at Crafton Hills College if the college resolves any deficiencies identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 78041 of the Education Code is amended to read:

78041. (a) Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, and commencing January 1, 2015, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, may authorize the establishment of district baccalaureate degree pilot programs that meet all of the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 78042. A district pilot program established pursuant to this article

shall commence no later than the 2017–18 academic year. A student participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program shall complete his or her degree by the end of the 2022–23 academic year. For purposes of this section, a pilot program commences when the first class of students begins the program. The statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program shall consist of a maximum of 15 districts, *or 16 districts as described in subdivision (b)*, with one baccalaureate degree program each, to be determined by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 66010.4, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges may authorize the establishment of a 16th baccalaureate degree pilot program at Crafton Hills College if the college resolves any deficiencies identified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.