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SENATE BILL

No. 384

Introduced by Senators Gaines and DeSaulnier
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bonilla)

February 20, 2013

An act to amend Section 70010.5 of the Education Code, relating to scholarships, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 384, as amended, Gaines. California Memorial Scholarship Program.

Existing law establishes the California Memorial Scholarship Program, administered by the Scholarshare Investment Board and funded by the California Memorial Scholarship Fund. Existing law states that the purpose of the program is to provide scholarships for surviving dependents of California residents killed as a result of injuries sustained during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Existing law further provides that these scholarships shall be used to defray the costs incurred by participants in the program at institutions of higher education.

Existing law requires the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board to identify all persons who are eligible for scholarships under the program and to notify them of their eligibility no later than July 1, 2003. Existing law requires eligible persons to inform the board in a timely manner of their decision on whether to participate in the program and requires eligible persons who are to become participants in the program to execute agreements no later than July 1, 2005.

This bill would instead require the board to identify all persons who are eligible for scholarships under the program and to notify them of their eligibility no later than July 1, 2014. The bill would also require that eligible persons who are to become participants in the program execute participation agreements no later than July 1, 2015.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 70010.5 of the Education Code is
 2 amended to read:

3 70010.5. (a) The California Victim Compensation and
 4 Government Claims Board shall identify all persons who are
 5 eligible for scholarships under the program. The California Victim
 6 Compensation and Government Claims Board shall notify these
 7 persons or, in the case of minors, the parents or guardians of these
 8 persons, of their eligibility for scholarships under the program.
 9 This notification shall be in ~~writing~~, *writing* and shall be received
 10 by all of the appropriate persons no later than July 1, 2014.

11 (b) Eligible persons, or in the case of minors, the parents or
 12 guardians of these persons, shall inform the board of their decision
 13 on whether to participate in the program in a timely manner.
 14 Eligible persons, or in the case of minors, the parents or guardians
 15 of these persons, who are to become participants in the program
 16 shall execute agreements pursuant to Section 70011 no later than
 17 July 1, 2015.

18 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
 19 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
 20 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into
 21 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

22 Because many eligible persons are not currently receiving
 23 scholarships under the program, and because of the higher
 24 education expenses, prospective or ongoing, of the dependents of
 25 California residents who were killed as a result of injuries sustained

- 1 during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, it is necessary
- 2 that this act take effect immediately.

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