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FACT SHEET • AB 2402 (Block) CSU Transparency

Summary:

AB 2402 would require the California State University (CSU) campuses to notify the public and key stakeholders of any change in their admissions policy for students within a campus' local service area.

Problem:

In a response to the CSU's severely reduced budget, some campuses have instituted campus impactions upon their students. Normally, some CSU's have impacted majors for high-demand majors that require additional scrutiny of the applicants. Recently, five CSU campuses have established campus-wide impactions that affect a specific enrollment category. When many potential students reside within a local service area of a campus, any change in the admissions policy without their notification results in students who had planned to attend locally as their only feasible option now witnessing their opportunities for college unfairly disappear.

Solution:

AB 2402 outlines the procedural transparency before changes to admissions criteria that affect applicants in a local service area are approved. The president of the CSU must provide notice of proposed changes in admissions on the website of the affected campus and in three local print newspapers. Also, the president is required to meet with local stakeholders, hold three public hearings that solicit public comment, post the public comments with the university's response on its website, and present the proposed changes at meetings of the governing boards of all high school districts, unified school districts, and community college districts in the affected local service area. In addition, any change in admission criteria approved by the trustees may only become effective one year after the decision is finalized.

Background:

San Diego State University recently implemented admissions changes without notifying the surrounding community affected. Since students had planned their academic curriculum for the original admissions criteria, many students found themselves without the qualifications for eligibility to enroll at SDSU that they had worked towards for years.

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