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**RE: California State University Report: Assembly Bill 386, Cross-Enrollment: Online Education**

The California State University launched the Calstate Online Course Catalog to reduce bottleneck courses, maximize access, improve student success and timely graduation for students through the use of innovative online technologies.

Assembly Bill 386 (Chapter 363, Statutes of 2013), requires information on online education such as information regarding course completion rates and grade point average for undergraduate students enrolled in online and other than online courses, completion rates for undergraduate degree programs that include online courses and no online courses and the number of undergraduate students cross-enrolled in online courses. The reporting requirements excerpted from the law follow.

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California Education Code  
Article 3.5. Online Education

**Section 89225**

On or before January 1, 2015, for purposes of measuring the effectiveness of online education, the trustees shall establish a series of uniform definitions for online education. The definitions developed by the trustees under this section shall, at a minimum, include a systemwide definition for an online course where the course can be entirely completed remotely.

**Section 89226**

(a) On or before January 1, 2017, and on or before January 1 every two years thereafter, the trustees shall report to the Legislature key performance data on online courses as defined in Section 89225, including, but not necessarily limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The number of students enrolled at each campus.
  - (2) Course completion rates for courses other than online courses.
  - (3) Completion rates for degree programs that include no online courses.
  - (4) Grade point average for students enrolled in online courses.
  - (5) The number of students cross-enrolled in online courses at a California State University campus other than the campus at which they are matriculated.
  - (6) Course completion rates for students enrolled in online courses.
  - (7) Completion rates for degree programs that include online courses.
- (b) (1) On or before January 1, 2017, the trustees shall report to the Legislative Analyst the key performance data described in subdivision (a).
- (2) On or before October 1, 2017, the Legislative Analyst shall submit a status update to the Legislature regarding the California State University's implementation of the provisions of the bill that added this section and an assessment of the extent to which the online programs of the California State University are operating in a manner consistent with legislative intent and statutory requirements.
- (c) Student enrollment and completion rate data included in a report to be submitted pursuant to this section shall be made available by demographics, including age, gender, and ethnicity.
- (d) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under subdivision (a) is inoperative on July 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.
- (2) The report prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

The CalState Online Course Catalog is the central location for CSU students to find and enroll in online courses available at other CSU campuses. The information can be found at:

[https://csrc.collegesource.com/view/csrc\\_view00.aspx](https://csrc.collegesource.com/view/csrc_view00.aspx)

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Degree programs offered by California State University by delivery format can be found at:

<http://degrees.calstate.edu/>

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