

## ***SB 850 (Block): Public postsecondary education: community college districts: baccalaureate degree pilot program.***

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### **Summary**

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 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 requires community colleges to offer instruction through, but not beyond, the 2nd year of college and authorizes community colleges to grant associate degrees in arts and science.

This bill would authorize the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to authorize the establishment of one baccalaureate degree pilot program per campus per district. The bill would provide that the baccalaureate degree pilot program shall consist of a limited number of campuses, to be determined by the Chancellor. The bill would require a baccalaureate degree pilot program to expire 8 years after the establishment of the program. The bill would require a participating district to meet specified requirements, including, but not limited to, offering baccalaureate degrees in a limited number of fields of study, and submitting a report to the Legislature at least one year prior to the expiration of the baccalaureate degree pilot program that would evaluate specified factors.

This bill would also require the governing board of a participating district to perform certain functions and would authorize the governing board to charge

baccalaureate degree-seeking students a fee for enrollment in specified courses, which would be required to be expended for the purpose of providing a pilot program. The bill would authorize the governing board of the district to enter into agreements with local businesses and agencies to provide educational services to students participating in a baccalaureate degree pilot program.