

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Due to a recent judicial decision, community colleges have become exposed to lawsuits for issues from which they were previously immune unless the legislature had passed a resolution granting permission to sue. S.B. 975 would establish the sovereign immunity and liability to be sued of a junior college.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 975 establishes the sovereign immunity and liability to be sued of a junior college district.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 130E, Education Code, by adding Section 130.0841, as follows:

Sec. 130.0841. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY. Provides that a junior college district and the governing board of a junior college district are immune from suit, and may sue and be sued, in the same manner as a general academic teaching institution and the governing board of a general academic teaching institution. Defines "general academic teaching institution" and "governing board."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.