

Assembly Bill No. 328

CHAPTER 367

An act relating to human services, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 328, Salinas. Mental health realignment: reports.

Existing law establishes various programs providing mental health services administered by counties and funded through several state and local revenue sources.

This bill would require the State Department of Mental Health, in collaboration with the California Mental Health Directors Association and other relevant parties, to submit specified data on the current status of county mental health programs. This bill would require the department to submit the data to the Legislature by April 1, 2002.

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

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

SECTION 1. (a) The State Department of Mental Health shall work cooperatively with the California Mental Health Directors Association and other relevant parties to submit data on the current status of the county mental health programs. This data shall, at a minimum, address all of the following:

(1) The current structure and status of the financing of mental health services established in the statutes effected by Chapters 89, 91, and 611 of the Statutes of 1991, commonly referred to as realignment.

(2) Changes in the current service delivery system of mental health programs that have occurred since the enactment of Chapters 89, 91, and 611 of the Statutes of 1991.

(3) Trends in the financial status and service delivery systems within county mental health programs.

(b) By April 1, 2002, the department shall submit the data specified in subdivision (a) to the Legislature.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of



Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure the health and safety of persons receiving mental health services pursuant to Chapter 89, 91, or 611 of the Statutes of 1991 at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

