

Introduced by Senator Perata

February 21, 2001

An act to add Article 3 (commencing with Section 9150) to Chapter 2 of Division 8.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 427, as introduced, Perata. Adult day care funding.

Existing law provides for services for the elderly, including licensing certain community care facilities that provide adult day care services for the provision of services for persons in need of personal services, supervision, or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of daily living or for the protection of the individual and adult support services for functionally impaired adults.

This bill would require the California Department of Aging to implement a program of grants to an eligible applicant public agency or nonprofit agency to defray costs of providing adult day care and adult day support services in unserved and underserved areas.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The number of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's
- 4 disease or other dementias is increasing because of the aging
- 5 population in California and advances in early diagnosis. The 1990

1 census data conservatively estimate that 469,759 individuals with
2 Alzheimer's disease live in California.

3 (b) The disease causes impairments in memory and judgment
4 which negatively impact the capacity to maintain one's health
5 status, mental status, social skills, and independence. Caregivers
6 also experience increased stress and declines in health and mental
7 status because of 24-hour caregiving responsibility.

8 (c) Adult day care and adult day support centers provide much
9 needed respite to family caregivers and a safe, supportive,
10 therapeutic program that reduces the social isolation of elders who
11 need care and supervision during the daytime.

12 (d) Research shows that the structured activities and
13 supervision and care provided by adult day services programs help
14 to reduce depression, maintain health status, and regulate
15 disrupted sleeping and activity patterns.

16 (e) Research further shows that caregivers' satisfaction is
17 uniformly high, demonstrating the benefits from the use of adult
18 day services programs, including reduction of stress, and increase
19 in psychological well-being.

20 (f) In addition to persons with Alzheimer's disease, adult day
21 services programs serve a variety of older individuals with
22 functional impairments who benefit from daytime care,
23 supervision, and structured activities.

24 (g) The National Conference of State Legislatures issued a
25 March 2000 report identifying adult day services as a key
26 component in the continuum of care with the potential to delay
27 nursing home placement and reduce hospitalization and other
28 acute health care costs.

29 (h) Despite these findings, there is an inadequate supply of
30 licensed adult day care and adult day support programs in
31 California to provide services to this population and to other adults
32 who would benefit from therapeutic, safe, and supervised daytime
33 care.

34 (i) There are presently 28 counties with no existing adult day
35 care or adult day support center and 20 urban counties with three
36 or fewer programs.

37 (j) The state has an interest in encouraging the startup of these
38 programs in easily accessible, neighborhood-based locations.



1 (k) The Legislature finds that one of the many barriers to
2 increasing consumer access to these programs is lack of startup
3 capital.

4 SEC. 2. Article 3 (commencing with Section 9150) is added
5 to Chapter 2 of Division 8.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,
6 to read:

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Article 3. Adult Day Services Investment Act

10 9150. The department shall implement a program of grants to
11 promote the development of quality of adult day services
12 programs in unserved and underserved areas.

13 9151. The department shall, from funds appropriated for the
14 purpose, make grants under this article for the following purposes:

15 (a) To assist in the establishment of new licensed adult day care
16 centers and adult day support centers to meet documented local
17 unmet need or to assist licensed and qualified adult day care
18 centers or adult day care support centers who can document unmet
19 need to expand capacity.

20 (b) To provide training and technical assistance to providers.

21 9153. The grants authorized pursuant to this article for startup
22 and expansion shall be used to defray operating expenses of the
23 center, including staffing costs, staff training, facility rental costs,
24 equipment and technology infrastructure costs, and facility
25 renovation costs.

26 9155. Eligibility for grants pursuant to this article shall be
27 limited to any public or private nonprofit agency. As a condition
28 of making a grant, the director shall require the applicant to match
29 not less than 20 percent of the amount granted. The required match
30 may be cash or in-kind contributions, or a combination of both.
31 In-kind contributions may include, but shall not be limited to, staff
32 and volunteer services.

33 9157. (a) In developing policies and priorities pertaining to
34 the allocation of grant funds, the department shall give
35 consideration to the following factors:

36 (1) The applicant's immediate need for funds.

37 (2) The demonstrated community support for the project.

38 (3) The applicant's prospect for financial stability and
39 longevity.



1 (4) The applicant’s ability to provide needed services and to
2 coordinate with other local services in the continuum of care.
3 (5) The feasibility of the applicant’s plan for directly
4 providing, contracting for, or coordinating existing transportation
5 services from the participant’s home to the day program.
6 (b) Special consideration shall be given to any of the following
7 applicants that demonstrate the applicant will provide services in
8 unserved or underserved areas:
9 (1) Applicants in rural areas.
10 (2) Applicants in neighborhoods where there are no other adult
11 day care or adult day support centers.
12 (3) Applicants who will deliver services in a neighborhood
13 with a high elderly ethnic minority population.
14 9159. The department shall adopt guidelines for monitoring
15 compliance with grant conditions and regulations adopted by the
16 department.
17 9161. The department shall develop a contract with each
18 selected project.
19 9163. Grants made pursuant to this article shall not exceed
20 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for a single project over
21 a 24-month period.
22 9165. Subject to the appropriation of funds, the department
23 shall contract with, for the provision of training and technical
24 assistance, a qualified nonprofit entity with experience using a
25 nationally recognized curriculum to train program assistants in
26 adult day services, including, but not limited to, the content areas
27 of activities programming, health and safety, activities of daily
28 living, and special needs of persons with Alzheimer’s disease and
29 other special populations.
30 9167. State administrative costs on grants issued pursuant to
31 this article shall not exceed 10 percent of the total amount of the
32 grants awarded.

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