

Assembly Bill No. 2681

CHAPTER 504

An act to add Section 3522 to the Government Code, relating to state employees.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2681, Negrete McLeod. Ralph C. Dills Act: travel expenses.

The Ralph C. Dills Act provides for negotiations concerning wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment between a state employer and representatives of recognized employee organizations, and authorizes the execution of memoranda of understanding based on these negotiations. The act provides that, with respect to state employees in specified state bargaining units, in any case where specified provisions of law are in conflict with the provisions of a memorandum of understanding, the memorandum of understanding shall be controlling without further legislative action, except as specified.

Existing law requires, with specified exceptions, prior approval of the Governor and the Director of Finance for travel outside the state by state officers and employees in conducting their work.

This bill would authorize physicians in any state bargaining unit to negotiate under the Ralph C. Dills Act for preauthorized travel outside the state for continuing medical education. It would specify that the execution of a memorandum of understanding for that purpose would constitute the approvals required under the provisions of law requiring prior approval for travel outside the state, except as specified.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Physicians employed by the state often seek to attend specialty conferences held outside the state in order to comply with the continuing medical education requirement imposed by the state.

(b) Under existing law, state physicians are required to receive prior approval before attending many out-of-state continuing medical education classes, but often have not received the approval in time to attend the classes.



(c) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to assist state physicians to become more proficient in their field by enhancing access to out-of-state training.

SEC. 2. Section 3522 is added to the Government Code, to read:

3522. (a) Physicians in any state bargaining unit may negotiate under this chapter for preauthorized travel outside the state for continuing medical education.

(b) The execution of a memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to subdivision (a) shall constitute the approvals required under Sections 11032 and 11033, except that if the provisions of a memorandum of understanding require the expenditure of funds, the provisions shall not become effective unless approved by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act.

