

## Senate Bill No. 699

### CHAPTER 916

An act to amend Section 65400 of, and to repeal Section 65307 of, the Government Code, relating to local planning.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 699, Sher. Local planning agencies: duties.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires the planning agency, after a legislative body has adopted all or part of a general plan, to provide an annual report, on or before October 1 of each year, to the legislative body, the Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development on the status of the general plan and progress in meeting the community's share of regional housing needs. The report is required to be prepared through forms and definitions adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The bill would require the report to include the degree to which the approved general plan complies with specified guidelines for the preparation of the mandatory elements of the general plan and the date of the last revision to the general plan. By imposing new duties on planning agencies, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 65307 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 65400 of the Government Code is amended to read: 65400. After the legislative body has adopted all or part of a general plan, the planning agency shall do both of the following:

(a) Investigate and make recommendations to the legislative body regarding reasonable and practical means for implementing the general plan or element of the general plan, so that it will serve as an effective guide for orderly growth and development, preservation and conservation of open-space land and natural resources, and the efficient expenditure of public funds relating to the subjects addressed in the general plan.

(b) Provide by October 1 of each year an annual report to the legislative body, the Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development that includes all of the following:



(1) The status of the plan and progress in its implementation.

(2) The progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs determined pursuant to Section 65584 and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583.

The housing element portion of the annual report, as required by this paragraph, shall be prepared through the use of forms and definitions adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2).

(3) The degree to which its approved general plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to Section 65040.2 and the date of the last revision to the general plan.

SEC. 3. It is the intent of the Legislature that the amendments to Section 65400 of the Government Code made by this act correct a drafting error made in the amendments to that section in Chapter 1235 of the Statutes of 1994 (Assembly Bill 51).

