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SENATE BILL

No. 409

Introduced by Senator Kehoe
(Principal coauthor: Senator Ducheny)
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member De La Torre)

February 17, 2005

An act relating to health, and making an appropriation therefor, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 409, as amended, Kehoe. Emergency health care services: appropriations.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Health Services for the administration and oversight of various health care programs.

Existing law establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority for the coordination and integration of all state activities concerning emergency medical services.

This bill would appropriate from the General Fund \$5,451,000 to the department and \$1,622,000 for the 2005–06 fiscal year, for specified public health purposes.

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

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (1) California’s ability to respond to public health
4 emergencies, whether naturally occurring or resulting from
5 terrorism, requires preparation by both state and local health
6 jurisdictions.

7 (2) The State Department of Health Services is the lead state
8 agency for responding to public health emergencies such as
9 infectious disease emergencies.

10 (3) Local health jurisdictions are the points of delivery for
11 public health services and, in emergencies, provide response
12 within their capabilities.

13 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to
14 bolster California’s preparedness for a public health emergency,
15 and its response and recovery efforts in the event of such an
16 emergency.

17 SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby appropriated four hundred
18 ninety-one thousand dollars (\$491,000) from the General Fund to
19 the State Department of Health Services for the 2005–06 fiscal
20 year to supplement funding provided in Item 4260-001-0001 of
21 the Budget Act of 2005 (Ch. 38, Stats. 2005). This amount shall
22 be apportioned as follows:

23 (1) Seventy-six thousand dollars (\$76,000) to oversee
24 management of the antiviral supplies, vaccines, and medical
25 supplies that California will need to obtain and distribute during
26 a pandemic.

27 (2) Four hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$415,000) to
28 provide expanded capacity in the Microbial Diseases Laboratory
29 and the Viral and Rickettsial Diseases Laboratory to implement
30 new tests to control both old and new infectious diseases, and to
31 purchase a portable Raman Infrared Microscopy System and a
32 portable Gas Chromatographic/Mass Spectroscopy System for
33 the Richmond Campus.

34 (b) There is hereby appropriated four million nine hundred
35 sixty thousand dollars (\$4,960,000) from the General Fund to the

1 State Department of Health Services for the 2005–06 fiscal year
2 to supplement funding provided in Item 4260-111-0001 of the
3 Budget Act of 2005 (Ch. 38, Stats. 2005). This amount shall be
4 apportioned as follows:

5 (1) Four hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$460,000) to
6 purchase doses of antiviral supplies used in the prevention or
7 treatment of influenza.

8 (2) Four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) to
9 strengthen pandemic influenza planning efforts, conduct
10 epidemiologic investigations of infectious and communicable
11 disease outbreaks, and provide epidemiologic and statistical
12 support as requested.

13 (c) There is hereby appropriated one million six hundred
14 twenty-two thousand dollars (\$1,622,000) from the General Fund
15 to the Emergency Medical Services Authority for the purchase
16 and provision of ~~minimum~~ personal protective equipment, in
17 accordance with Emergency Medical Services Authority
18 guidelines, for ambulance personnel in the state who agree,
19 through a contract with the Emergency Medical Services
20 Authority or the local emergency medical services agency, to
21 participate in state and local disaster response. Recipients of the
22 personal protective equipment shall be required to replace the
23 equipment, as necessary, and to provide necessary, ongoing
24 training on the use of the personal protective equipment. Nothing
25 in this section shall limit the ability of the Emergency Medical
26 Services Authority, or a local emergency medical services
27 agency, to impose additional contract requirements as a condition
28 of receiving this equipment.

29 SEC. 3. In order to rapidly implement pandemic influenza
30 planning and preparedness efforts, contracts or other agreements
31 entered into for pandemic influenza planning or preparedness
32 activities with funds appropriated in this act shall not be subject
33 to Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the
34 Public Contract Code.

35 *SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
36 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety*
37 *within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go*
38 *into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

1 *In order to enhance California's preparedness for and*
2 *response to an impending threat of a pandemic influenza, it is*
3 *necessary that this bill take effect immediately.*

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