

Assembly Bill No. 2675

CHAPTER 473

An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 1268.6 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2675, Chesbro. Health facilities: licensee orientation.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health, which is responsible for the licensing and regulation of health facilities, including intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled-habilitative and intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled-nursing. Violation of these provisions is a crime. Existing law establishes the State Department of Developmental Services and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the administration of the state developmental centers and entering into contracts with regional centers for the provision of services to consumers in the community.

Existing law requires that, for initial licensure of an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-habilitative or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-nursing, the applicant, or a designee, attend an 8-hour orientation program containing prescribed components approved by the State Department of Developmental Services.

This bill would, on and after October 1, 2011, increase the course requirement to 16 total hours and require that 8 of those hours outline the statutory and regulatory requirements related to business management. By changing the definition of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1268.6 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1268.6. As a requirement of initial licensure of an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-habilitative or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-nursing, the applicant or designee of the

applicant shall attend an eight-hour orientation program approved by the State Department of Developmental Services.

(a) The eight-hour orientation program shall outline the role, requirements, and regulations of each of the following:

(1) The scope of responsibility for operation including regulatory requirements and statutes governing the facility type.

(2) Cost reporting.

(3) Local planning.

(4) Regional center and other community support services.

(5) All federal and state agencies responsible for licensing and certification, and data collection.

(6) Government and private agencies responsible for ensuring the rights of the developmentally disabled.

(b) The orientation shall be conducted by relevant community services and provider organizations. Organizations conducting the orientation class shall be responsible for keeping a record of all attendees and shall provide the department with the information within 15 working days or upon request. Instructors of the orientation shall have knowledge or experience in the subject area to be taught, and shall meet any of the following criteria:

(1) Possession of a four-year college degree relevant to the course or courses to be taught.

(2) Be a health professional with a valid and current license to practice in California.

(3) Have at least two years experience in California as an administrator of a long-term health care facility that provides services to persons with developmental disabilities within the last eight years.

(c) If the licensee can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that the licensee, or a representative of the licensee, has taken the orientation program any year prior to opening a new facility, the licensee shall not be required to repeat the program to open the facility.

(d) This section shall become inoperative on October 1, 2011, and, as of January 1, 2012, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 1268.6 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

1268.6. (a) Commencing October 1, 2011, as a requirement of initial licensure of an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-habilitative or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled-nursing, the applicant or designee of the applicant shall attend a sixteen-hour orientation program approved by the State Department of Developmental Services.

(b) The sixteen-hour orientation program shall contain both of the following:

(1) Eight hours of the orientation program shall outline the role, requirements, and regulations of each of the following:

(A) The scope of responsibility for operation including regulatory requirements and statutes governing the facility type.

- (B) Local planning.
- (C) Regional center and other community support services.
- (D) All federal and state agencies responsible for licensing and certification, and data collection.

(E) Government and private agencies responsible for ensuring the rights of the developmentally disabled.

(2) Eight hours of the orientation program shall outline the statutory and regulatory requirements related to business management. The program shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

- (A) Cost reporting.
- (B) General accounting principles.
- (C) The State Department of Health Care Services' audit process.
- (D) The regional center vendorization process.

(c) The orientation shall be conducted by relevant community services and provider organizations. Organizations conducting the orientation class shall be responsible for keeping a record of all attendees and shall provide the department with the information within 15 working days or upon request. Instructors of the orientation shall have knowledge or experience in the subject area to be taught, and shall meet any of the following criteria:

(1) Possession of a four-year college degree relevant to the course or courses to be taught.

(2) Be a health professional with a valid and current license to practice in California.

(3) Have at least two years experience in California as an administrator of a long-term health care facility that provides services to persons with developmental disabilities within the last eight years.

(d) If the licensee can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that the licensee, or a representative of the licensee, has taken the orientation program any year prior to opening a new facility, the licensee shall not be required to repeat the program to open the facility.

(e) This section shall become operative on October 1, 2011.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.