

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 29, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1820

Introduced by Assembly Member Block

February 21, 2012

An act to add Section 1596.819 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to child safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1820, as amended, Block. Child safety: day care, ~~preschool, and kindergarten~~ facilities: push pins.

Existing law, the California Child Day Care Facilities Act, administered by the State Department of Social Services, provides for the licensure and regulation of child day care facilities, as defined. Willful or repeated violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor.

This bill would require a licensed child day care facility to prohibit the use or possession of a push pin in any area of the facility accessible to children 6 years of age or younger. By expanding the definition of a crime, the 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.

~~Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of child day care centers, including centers that provide preschool services, and the establishment of various preschool and general child care and~~

development programs administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and kindergarten programs maintained by school districts.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would prohibit the use or possession of push pins on the premises of a child day care facility, preschool, or kindergarten classroom.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1596.819 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:

3 1596.819. (a) A licensed child day care facility shall prohibit
4 the use or possession of push pins in any area of the facility
5 accessible to children 6 years of age or younger.

6 (b) The department shall determine compliance with this section
7 only during a regularly scheduled, authorized inspection, and shall
8 not be required to conduct separate and independent visits.

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

18 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
19 ~~legislation that would prohibit the use or possession of push pins~~
20 ~~on the premises of a child day care facility, preschool, or~~
21 ~~kindergarten classroom.~~