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SENATE BILL

No. 178

Introduced by Senator Simitian

February 7, 2011

An act to amend Section 25255 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous materials.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 178, as amended, Simitian. Hazardous materials: green chemistry.

Existing law establishes the Green Ribbon Science Panel and authorizes the panel to take various actions in assisting the Department of Toxic Substances Control with regard to identifying, evaluating, and responding to chemicals of concern in consumer products.

This bill would authorize the panel to form subgroups to consider and report to the full panel and the department on specific priority topics identified by the department. *The bill would limit the total meetings held by all subgroups to not more than 10 during a fiscal year and would require that meetings conducted by a subgroup be held in a cost-effective manner to minimize the costs incurred by the meetings.*

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 25255 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 25255. The Green Ribbon Science Panel may take any of the
- 4 following actions:

1 (a) Advise the department and the council on scientific and
2 technical matters in support of the goals of this article to
3 significantly reduce adverse health and environmental impacts of
4 chemicals used in commerce and reduce the overall costs of those
5 impacts on the state's society by encouraging the redesign of
6 consumer products, manufacturing processes, and approaches.

7 (b) Assist the department in developing green chemistry and
8 chemicals policy recommendations and implementation strategies
9 and details and ensure that these recommendations are based on a
10 strong scientific foundation.

11 (c) Advise the department and make recommendations for
12 chemicals the panel views as priorities for which hazard traits and
13 toxicological end-point data should be collected.

14 (d) Advise the department in the adoption of regulations required
15 by this article.

16 (e) Advise the department on any other pertinent matter in
17 implementing this article, as determined by the department.

18 (f) (1) Form subgroups to consider and report to the full panel
19 and the department on specific priority topics identified by the
20 department including, but not limited to, identification of chemicals
21 and products of concern, prioritization of chemicals, ~~alternative~~
22 ~~assessment of alternatives to~~ both chemicals and products of
23 concern, review of other authoritative bodies' green chemistry
24 initiatives and interactions, issues related to implementation, and
25 other technical considerations.

26 (2) *Meetings conducted by all subgroups formed pursuant to*
27 *this subdivision, in aggregate, shall not exceed 10 meetings during*
28 *a fiscal year.*

29 (3) *A meeting conducted by a subgroup shall be held in a*
30 *cost-effective manner to minimize the costs incurred by the meeting.*