

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnierFebruary 18, 2011

An act to add Chapter 12.97 (commencing with Section 18986.65) to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 662, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Integrated health and human services program: Contra Costa County.

Existing law authorizes Humboldt County, Mendocino County, and Alameda County, and any additional county or counties, as determined by the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, to implement a program for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system, subject to certain limitations. Existing law separately requires Placer County, with the assistance of the appropriate state departments, to implement a pilot program in the county, upon approval by that county, for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system.

This bill would require Contra Costa County, with the assistance of the appropriate state departments, to implement a permanent program for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system, upon approval of the county, as specified. The bill would require the county to evaluate the program and submit the evaluation to the Governor and other designated recipients, no later than 6 months following the 3rd year of the implementation of the program, provided

that nonstate funding is available for purposes of the evaluation, as specified.

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. Chapter 12.97 (commencing with Section
2 18986.65) is added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and
3 Institutions Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 12.97. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY INTEGRATED HEALTH
6 AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM
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8 18986.65. (a) Contra Costa County, with the assistance of the
9 appropriate state departments, and within the existing resources
10 of those departments, shall implement a program, upon approval
11 of the county, for the funding and delivery of services and benefits
12 through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human
13 services system in accordance with this chapter.

14 (b) The Contra Costa County program, in providing services
15 through an integrated system to families and individuals, shall do
16 all of the following:

17 (1) Implement and evaluate a universal intake system for those
18 seeking services.

19 (2) Implement and evaluate a system whereby a family or
20 individual eligible for more than one service may be provided
21 those services by as few as a single county employee, through an
22 integrated, coordinated service plan.

23 (3) Implement and evaluate a system of administration that
24 centralizes the management and support of client services.

25 (4) Implement and evaluate a system of reporting and
26 accountability that provides for the combined provision of services
27 as provided for in paragraph (2), without the loss of state or federal
28 funds provided under current law.

29 (c) The integrated system may include, but need not be limited
30 to, any of the following services:

31 (1) Adoption services.

32 (2) Child abuse prevention services.

33 (3) Child welfare services.

- 1 (4) Delinquency prevention services.
- 2 (5) Drug and alcohol services.
- 3 (6) Mental health services.
- 4 (7) Eligibility determination.
- 5 (8) Employment and training services.
- 6 (9) Foster care services.
- 7 (10) Health services.
- 8 (11) Public health services.
- 9 (12) Housing services.
- 10 (13) Medically indigent program services.
- 11 (14) All other appropriately identified and targeted services,
- 12 except for dental care.
- 13 (d) Programs or services shall be included in the program only
- 14 to the extent that federal funding to either the state or the county
- 15 will not be reduced as a result of the inclusion of the services in
- 16 the program. This program shall not generate any increased
- 17 expenditures from the General Fund.
- 18 (e) The county and the appropriate state departments shall jointly
- 19 seek federal approval of the program, as may be needed to ensure
- 20 its funding and allow for the integrated provision of services.
- 21 (f) This chapter shall not authorize the county to discontinue
- 22 meeting its obligations required by law to provide services, or to
- 23 reduce its accountability for the provision of these services.
- 24 (g) This chapter shall not authorize the county to reduce its
- 25 eligibility for state funding for the services included in the program.
- 26 (h) The county shall utilize any state general and county funds
- 27 that it is legally allocated or entitled to receive. Through the
- 28 creation of integrated health and social services structures, the
- 29 county shall maximize federal matching funds.
- 30 (i) The appropriate state departments that are assisting and
- 31 cooperating in the implementation of the program authorized by
- 32 this chapter shall be authorized to waive regulations regarding the
- 33 method of providing services and the method of reporting and
- 34 accountability, as may be required to meet the goals set forth in
- 35 subdivision (b).
- 36 18986.66. (a) The county shall evaluate and prepare a final
- 37 evaluation of the program. The county shall submit its final
- 38 evaluation to the Governor or the Governor's designee and the
- 39 appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, no later than six

1 months following the third year of the implementation of the
2 program.

3 (b) With the assistance of the appropriate state departments, the
4 county shall seek private funding to provide for the evaluation of
5 the program as required by this section. The evaluation required
6 by this section shall be conducted only if nonstate resources are
7 available for this purpose.

8 (c) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this
9 section is repealed on January 1, 2016.