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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1112

Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Maienschein)

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 4860 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1112, as amended, Ammiano. Developmental services: habilitation.

Existing law provides that an adult who receives services for the developmentally disabled must be provided habilitation services, which include services provided under the Supported Employment Program, when he or she satisfies specified eligibility requirements. Under existing law, *the Department of Rehabilitation or the regional center, as applicable, is required to pay providers of individualized or group-supported employment services ~~must be paid~~ an hourly rate of \$30.82. Existing law also requires that a program provider be paid ~~specified~~, specified additional fees under certain circumstances. Existing law further requires the Department of Rehabilitation to establish and maintain maximum rates of payment for goods and services, as specified.*

This bill would ~~instead~~ require that ~~the hourly rate paid to those~~ providers of individualized and group-supported employment services ~~be consistent with the Department of Rehabilitation rate structure policy. paid the rates provided in existing law or rates established by the Department of Rehabilitation, whichever are greater.~~ The bill would also require that ~~the specified, additional fees paid to program providers~~

~~under existing law be consistent with the fee structure established by the Department of Rehabilitation.~~ *a program provider, under certain circumstances, be paid a fee of \$700 for employment preparation services provided to a consumer prior to placement in an integrated job.*

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 4860 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
2 is amended to read:
3 4860. (a) (1) The hourly rate for supported employment
4 services provided to consumers receiving individualized services
5 shall be ~~consistent with the Department of Rehabilitation rate~~
6 ~~structure policy.~~ *thirty dollars and eighty-two cents (\$30.82).*
7 (2) Job coach hours spent in travel to consumer worksites may
8 be reimbursable for individualized services only when the job
9 coach travels from the vendor’s headquarters to the consumer’s
10 worksite or from one consumer’s worksite to another, and only
11 when the travel is one way.
12 (b) The hourly rate for group services shall be ~~consistent with~~
13 ~~the Department of Rehabilitation rate structure policy,~~ *thirty dollars*
14 *and eighty-two cents (\$30.82),* regardless of the number of
15 consumers served in the group. Consumers in a group shall be
16 scheduled to start and end work at the same time, unless an
17 exception that takes into consideration the consumer’s compensated
18 work schedule is approved in advance by the regional center. The
19 department, in consultation with stakeholders, shall adopt
20 regulations to define the appropriate grounds for granting these
21 exceptions. When the number of consumers in a supported
22 employment placement group drops to fewer than the minimum
23 required in subdivision (r) of Section 4851, the regional center
24 may terminate funding for the group services in that group, unless,
25 within 90 days, the program provider adds one or more regional
26 centers, or Department of Rehabilitation-funded supported
27 employment consumers to the group.
28 (c) Job coaching hours for group services shall be allocated on
29 a prorated basis between a regional center and the Department of

1 Rehabilitation when regional center and Department of
2 Rehabilitation consumers are served in the same group.

3 ~~(d) When Section 4855 applies, fees for services provided~~
4 ~~through the regional center shall be consistent with the fee for that~~
5 ~~service established by the Department of Rehabilitation.~~

6 *(d) When Section 4855 applies, fees shall be authorized for the*
7 *following:*

8 *(1) A three-hundred-sixty-dollar (\$360) fee shall be paid to the*
9 *program provider upon intake of a consumer into a supported*
10 *employment program. No fee shall be paid if that consumer*
11 *completed a supported employment intake process with that same*
12 *supported employment program within the previous 12 months.*

13 *(2) A seven-hundred-dollar (\$700) fee shall be paid to the*
14 *program provider for employment preparation services provided*
15 *to a consumer prior to placement in an integrated job. No fee shall*
16 *be paid if that consumer completed an employment preparation*
17 *process with the same supported employment program within the*
18 *previous 12 months.*

19 *(3) A seven-hundred-twenty-dollar (\$720) fee shall be paid upon*
20 *placement of a consumer in an integrated job, except that no fee*
21 *shall be paid if that consumer is placed with another consumer or*
22 *consumers assigned to the same job coach during the same hours*
23 *of employment.*

24 *(4) A seven-hundred-twenty-dollar (\$720) fee shall be paid after*
25 *a 90-day retention of a consumer in a job, except that no fee shall*
26 *be paid if that consumer has been placed with another consumer*
27 *or consumers, assigned to the same job coach during the same*
28 *hours of employment.*

29 *(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section*
30 *4648, the regional center shall pay the supported employment*
31 *program rates established by this section, or rates established by*
32 *the Department of Rehabilitation, whichever are greater.*