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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1595

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 3, 2014

An act to amend Sections 4433, 4433.5, 4474.1, 4478, 4520, 4521, and 4540 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1595, as amended, Chesbro. State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Existing federal law, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, provides federal funds to assist the state in planning, coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating services for persons with developmental disabilities and in establishing a system to protect and advocate the legal and civil rights of persons with developmental disabilities.

Existing law establishes the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to, among other things, serve as the state planning council responsible for developing the California Developmental Disabilities State Plan and monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the plan. *Existing law requires the Governor to appoint 31 voting members to the council, including one member who is a parent, immediate relative, guardian, or conservator of a resident of a developmental center. Existing law also establishes the area boards on developmental disabilities to, among other things, conduct the local advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities required by the federal*

Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, and to assist the council on implementing provisions of the act.

This bill would instead require the Governor to appoint a person with developmental disabilities who is a current or former resident of an institution or his or her immediate relative, guardian, or conservator and would require the council to conduct advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities, as specified. The bill would make additional changes relating to the term of membership on the council.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Developmental Services and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, the administration of state developmental centers and the administration and oversight of community programs providing services to consumers with developmental disabilities and their families. Existing law authorizes the department to contract with the council for the purpose of utilizing area boards to provide clients’ rights advocacy services to individuals with developmental disabilities who reside in developmental centers and state hospitals.

This bill would instead authorize the department to contract with the council to provide clients’ rights advocacy services to individuals with developmental disabilities who reside in developmental centers. The bill would make other conforming changes.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation amending specified provisions pertaining to the operations, structure, and responsibilities of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.~~

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:
- 2 (a) The State Council on Developmental Disabilities engages
- 3 in advocacy, capacity building, and systems change activities so
- 4 that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
- 5 are assisted by a comprehensive system of services and supports
- 6 to achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, and
- 7 inclusion in all aspects of community life.
- 8 (b) The council is funded through an appropriation governed
- 9 by the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
- 10 Rights Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-402)(42 U.S.C. 15001 et
- 11 seq.).

1 *SEC. 2. Section 4433 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
2 *amended to read:*

3 4433. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
4 following:

5 (1) The State of California accepts its responsibility to ensure
6 and uphold the rights of persons with developmental disabilities
7 and an obligation to ensure that laws, regulations, and policies on
8 the rights of persons with developmental disabilities are observed
9 and protected.

10 (2) Persons with developmental disabilities are vulnerable to
11 abuse, neglect, and deprivations of their rights.

12 (3) Clients' rights advocacy services provided by the regional
13 centers, the advocacy services currently provided by the department
14 at the state hospitals, and the services provided by the department's
15 Office of Human Rights may have conflicts of interest, or the
16 appearance of a conflict of interest.

17 (4) The services provided to individuals with developmental
18 disabilities and their families are of such a special and unique
19 nature that they cannot satisfactorily be provided by state agencies
20 or regional centers and must be contracted out pursuant to
21 paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 19130 of the
22 Government Code.

23 (b) (1) To avoid the potential for a conflict of interest or the
24 appearance of a conflict of interest, beginning January 1, 1998,
25 the department shall contract for clients' rights advocacy services.
26 The department shall solicit a single statewide contract with a
27 nonprofit agency that results in at least three responsive bids that
28 meet all of the criteria specified in paragraph (2) to perform the
29 services specified in subdivision (d). If three responsive bids are
30 not received, the department may rebid the contract on a regional
31 basis, not to exceed three regional contracts and one contract for
32 developmental centers and headquarters.

33 (2) Any contractor selected shall meet the following
34 requirements:

35 (A) The contractor can demonstrate the capability to provide
36 statewide advocacy services to individuals with developmental
37 disabilities living in developmental centers and in the community.

38 (B) The contractor does not directly or indirectly provide
39 services to individuals with developmental disabilities, except
40 advocacy services.

1 (C) The contractor has knowledge of the service system,
2 entitlements, and service rights of persons receiving services from
3 regional centers and in state hospitals.

4 (D) The contractor can demonstrate the capability of
5 coordinating services with the protection and advocacy agency
6 specified in Division 4.7 (commencing with Section 4900) ~~and the~~
7 ~~area boards.~~

8 (E) The contractor has not provided any services, except
9 advocacy services, to, or been employed by, any regional center
10 or the Association of Regional Center Agencies during the two-year
11 period prior to the effective date of the contract.

12 (c) For the purposes of this section, the Legislature further finds
13 and declares that because of a potential conflict of interest or the
14 appearance of a conflict of interest, the goals and purposes of the
15 regional center clients' rights advocacy services, the state hospitals,
16 and the services of the Office of Human Rights, cannot be
17 accomplished through the utilization of persons selected pursuant
18 to the regular civil service system, nor can the services be provided
19 through the department's contracts with regional centers.
20 Accordingly, contracts into which the department enters pursuant
21 to this section are permitted and authorized by paragraphs (3) and
22 (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 19130 of the Government Code.

23 (d) The contractor shall do all of the following:

24 (1) Provide clients' rights advocacy services to persons with
25 developmental disabilities who are consumers of regional centers
26 and to individuals who reside in the state developmental centers
27 and hospitals, including ensuring the rights of persons with
28 developmental disabilities, and assisting persons with
29 developmental disabilities in pursuing administrative and legal
30 remedies.

31 (2) Investigate and take action as appropriate and necessary to
32 resolve complaints from, or concerning persons with,
33 developmental disabilities residing in licensed health and
34 community care facilities regarding abuse, and unreasonable denial,
35 or punitive withholding, of rights guaranteed under this division.

36 (3) Provide consultation, technical assistance, supervision and
37 training, and support services for clients' rights advocates that
38 were previously the responsibility of the Office of Human Rights.

39 (4) Coordinate the provision of clients' rights advocacy services
40 in consultation with the department, stakeholder organizations,

1 and persons with developmental disabilities and their families
2 representing California’s multicultural diversity.

3 (5) Provide at least two self-advocacy trainings for consumers
4 and family members.

5 (e) In order to ensure that individuals with developmental
6 disabilities have access to high quality advocacy services, the
7 contractor shall establish a grievance procedure and shall advise
8 persons receiving services under the contract of the availability of
9 other advocacy services, including the services provided by the
10 protection and advocacy agency specified in Division 4.7
11 (commencing with Section 4900) ~~and the area boards.~~

12 (f) The department shall contract on a multiyear basis for a
13 contract term of up to five years, subject to the annual appropriation
14 of funds by the Legislature.

15 (g) This section shall not prohibit the department and the
16 regional centers from advocating for the rights, including the right
17 to generic services, of persons with developmental disabilities.

18 *SEC. 3. Section 4433.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*
19 *is amended to read:*

20 4433.5. Notwithstanding Section 4433, the department may
21 contract with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for
22 the purpose of ~~utilizing area boards to provide~~ *providing* clients’
23 rights advocacy services to individuals with developmental
24 disabilities who reside in developmental ~~centers and state hospitals.~~
25 ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that area boards maintain local~~
26 ~~discretion in the provision of these advocacy services. The state~~
27 ~~council shall not direct the advocacy services provided by area~~
28 ~~boards pursuant to this contract, except when necessary to ensure~~
29 ~~compliance with the contracts:~~ *centers.*

30 *SEC. 4. Section 4474.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*
31 *is amended to read:*

32 4474.1. (a) Whenever the State Department of Developmental
33 Services proposes the closure of a state developmental center, the
34 department shall be required to submit a detailed plan to the
35 Legislature not later than April 1 immediately prior to the fiscal
36 year in which the plan is to be implemented, and as a part of the
37 Governor’s proposed budget. ~~No~~ A plan submitted to the
38 Legislature pursuant to this section, including any modifications
39 made pursuant to subdivision (b), shall *not* be implemented without
40 the approval of the Legislature.

1 (b) A plan submitted on or before April 1 immediately prior to
2 the fiscal year in which the plan is to be implemented may be
3 subsequently modified during the legislative review process.

4 (c) Prior to submission of the plan to the Legislature, the
5 department shall solicit input from the State Council on
6 Developmental Disabilities, the Association of Regional Center
7 Agencies, the protection and advocacy agency specified in Section
8 4901, ~~the local area board on developmental disabilities~~, the local
9 regional center, consumers living in the developmental center,
10 parents, family members, guardians, and conservators of persons
11 living in the developmental centers or their representative
12 organizations, persons with developmental disabilities living in
13 the community, developmental center employees and employee
14 organizations, community care providers, the affected city and
15 county governments, and business and civic organizations, as may
16 be recommended by local state Senate and Assembly
17 representatives.

18 (d) Prior to the submission of the plan to the Legislature, the
19 department shall confer with the county in which the developmental
20 center is located, the regional centers served by the developmental
21 center, and other state departments using similar occupational
22 classifications, to develop a program for the placement of staff of
23 the developmental center planned for closure in other
24 developmental centers, as positions become vacant, or in similar
25 positions in programs operated by, or through contract with, the
26 county, regional centers, or other state departments.

27 (e) Prior to the submission of the plan to the Legislature, the
28 department shall hold at least one public hearing in the community
29 in which the developmental center is located, with public comment
30 from that hearing summarized in the plan.

31 (f) The plan submitted to the Legislature pursuant to this section
32 shall include all of the following:

- 33 (1) A description of the land and buildings affected.
- 34 (2) A description of existing lease arrangements at the
35 developmental center.
- 36 (3) The impact on residents and their families.
- 37 (4) Anticipated alternative placements for residents.
- 38 (5) The impact on regional center services.
- 39 (6) Where services will be obtained that, upon closure of the
40 developmental center, will no longer be provided by that facility.

1 (7) Potential job opportunities for developmental center
2 employees and other efforts made to mitigate the effect of the
3 closure on employees.

4 (8) The fiscal impact of the closure.

5 (9) The timeframe in which closure will be accomplished.

6 *SEC. 5. Section 4478 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
7 *amended to read:*

8 4478. (a) The chairperson of an advisory board advising a
9 developmental center shall meet annually with the developmental
10 center director, the regional center directors, and ~~the area board~~
11 ~~chairpersons representing areas within the developmental center's~~
12 ~~service area, as defined in Division 4.5 (commencing with Section~~
13 ~~4500) a representative of the State Council on Developmental~~
14 *Disabilities.*

15 (b) The chairpersons shall be allowed necessary expenses
16 incurred in attending these meetings.

17 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the department assist
18 the development of annual regional meetings required by this
19 section.

20 *SEC. 6. Section 4520 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
21 *amended to read:*

22 4520. (a) The Legislature finds that services for persons with
23 developmental disabilities constitute a major expenditure of public
24 funds, that these programs are provided by hundreds of public and
25 private statewide and local agencies, that the legal, civil, and
26 service rights of persons with developmental disabilities are
27 frequently denied, and that there is no effective method for
28 planning and coordinating the state's resources to assure these
29 rights. Therefore, a State Council on Developmental Disabilities
30 with authority independent of any single state service agency is
31 needed and is hereby created *to conduct advocacy, capacity*
32 *building, and systemic change activities, as required by the federal*
33 *Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of*
34 *2000 (Public Law 106-402 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15001 et seq.)).*

35 (b) The Legislature further finds that the state faces unique
36 challenges because of its size and diversity, and *that* neighborhoods
37 and communities lack the support necessary to monitor system
38 functions and ~~ensure the legal, civil, and service~~ *advocate for the*
39 *rights and interests* of persons with developmental disabilities.
40 Therefore, local area boards on developmental disabilities shall

1 be established to conduct the local advocacy, capacity building,
2 and systemic change activities required by the federal
3 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of
4 2000 (Public Law 106-402 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15001)).

5 (c) This chapter, Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 4560),
6 ~~and~~ Chapter 4 (commencing with Section ~~4570~~, 4571), and
7 Division 4.7 (commencing with Section 4900), are intended by
8 the Legislature to secure full compliance with the requirements of
9 the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act
10 of 2000 (Public Law 106-402), as amended and extended, which
11 provides federal funds to assist the state in planning, coordinating,
12 monitoring, and evaluating services for persons with developmental
13 disabilities and in establishing a system to protect and advocate
14 the legal and civil rights of persons with developmental disabilities.

15 *SEC. 7. Section 4521 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
16 *amended to read:*

17 4521. (a) All references to “state council” in this part shall be
18 a reference to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

19 (b) There shall be 31 voting members on the state council
20 appointed by the Governor, as follows:

21 (1) One member from each of the 13 area boards on
22 developmental disabilities described in Article 6 (commencing
23 with Section 4543), nominated by the area board to serve as a
24 council member, who shall be persons with a developmental
25 disability, as defined in Section 15002(8) of Title 42 of the United
26 States Code, or parents or guardians of minors with developmental
27 disabilities or conservators of adults with developmental disabilities
28 residing in California. Five of these members shall be persons with
29 a developmental disability, as defined in Section 15002(8) of Title
30 42 of the United States Code, three shall be parents, immediate
31 relatives, guardians, or conservators of persons with developmental
32 disabilities, and five shall be either a person with a developmental
33 disability or a parent, immediate relatives, guardian, or conservator
34 of a person with a developmental disability. The nominee from
35 each area board shall be an area board member who was appointed
36 by the Governor.

37 (2) Eleven members of the council shall include the following:

38 (A) The Secretary of California Health and Human Services,
39 or his or her designee, who shall represent the agency and the state

1 agency that administers funds under Title XIX of the Social
2 Security Act for people with developmental disabilities.

3 (B) The Director of Developmental Services or his or her
4 designee.

5 (C) The Director of Rehabilitation or his or her designee.

6 (D) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her
7 designee.

8 (E) A representative from a nongovernmental agency or group
9 concerned with the provision of services to persons with
10 developmental disabilities.

11 (F) One representative from each of the three university centers
12 for excellence in the state, pursuant to Section 15061 et seq. of
13 Title 42 of the United States Code, providing training in the field
14 of developmental services. These individuals shall have expertise
15 in the field of developmental disabilities.

16 (G) The Director of Health Care Services or his or her designee.

17 (H) The executive director of the agency established in
18 California to fulfill the requirements and assurance of Title I,
19 Subtitle C, of the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance
20 and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 for a system to protect and advocate
21 the rights of persons with developmental disabilities, or his or her
22 designee.

23 (I) The Director of *the California Department of Aging* or his
24 or her designee.

25 (3) Seven members at large, appointed by the Governor, as
26 follows:

27 (A) Three shall be persons with developmental disabilities, as
28 defined in Section 15002(8) of Title 42 of the United States Code.

29 (B) One shall be a person *with developmental disabilities* who
30 is a ~~parent~~, *current or former resident of an institution or his or*
31 *her* immediate relative, guardian, or conservator ~~of a resident of~~
32 ~~a developmental center~~.

33 (C) One shall be a person who is a parent, immediate relative,
34 guardian, or conservator of a person with a developmental disability
35 living in the community.

36 (D) One shall be a person who is a parent, immediate relative,
37 guardian, or conservator of a person with a developmental disability
38 living in the community, nominated by the Speaker of the
39 Assembly.

1 (E) One shall be a person with developmental disabilities, as
 2 defined in Section 15002(8) of Title 42 of the United States Code,
 3 nominated by the Senate Committee on Rules.

4 (c) Prior to appointing the 31 members pursuant to this section,
 5 the Governor shall request and consider recommendations from
 6 organizations representing, or providing services to, or both,
 7 persons with developmental disabilities, and shall take into account
 8 socioeconomic, ethnic, and geographic considerations of the state.

9 (d) The term of each member described in paragraph (1) of,
 10 ~~subparagraphs (E) and (H)~~ *subparagraph (E)* of paragraph (2) of,
 11 and paragraph (3) of, subdivision (b) shall be for three ~~years;~~
 12 ~~provided, however, of~~ *years. Of* the members first appointed by
 13 the Governor pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b), five
 14 shall hold office for three years, four shall hold office for two
 15 years, and four shall hold office for one year. In no event shall any
 16 member described in paragraph (1) of, subparagraphs (E) and (H)
 17 of paragraph (2) of, and paragraph (3) of, subdivision (b) serve for
 18 more than a total of six years of service. Service by any individual
 19 on any state council on developmental disabilities existing on and
 20 after January 1, 2003, shall be included in determining the total
 21 length of service.

22 ~~(e) Members appointed to the state council prior to June 1, 2002,~~
 23 ~~shall continue to serve until the term to which they were appointed~~
 24 ~~expires. Members appointed on June 1, 2002, or thereafter shall~~
 25 ~~have their terms expire on January 1, 2003.~~

26 ~~(f) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 4546, members~~
 27 ~~described in subdivision (b) shall continue to serve on the area~~
 28 ~~board following the expiration of their term on the area board until~~
 29 ~~their term on the state council has expired.~~

30 ~~(g)~~

31 (e) A member may continue to serve following the expiration
 32 of his or her term until the Governor appoints that member's
 33 successor. The state council shall notify the Governor regarding
 34 membership requirements of the council and shall notify the
 35 Governor at least 60 days before a member's term expires, and
 36 when a vacancy on the council remains unfilled for more than 60
 37 days.

38 *SEC. 8. Section 4540 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is*
 39 *amended to read:*

1 4540. In order to comply with the intent and requirements of
2 this division and Public Law 106-402 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15001 et
3 seq.), the state council, in addition to any other responsibilities
4 established under this division and to the extent that resources are
5 available, shall do all of the following:

6 *(a) Serve as an advocate for individuals with developmental*
7 *disabilities and, through council members, staff, consultants, and*
8 *contractors and grantees, conduct advocacy, capacity building,*
9 *and systemic change activities.*

10 ~~(a)~~

11 *(b) Serve as the “state planning council” responsible for*
12 *developing the “California Developmental Disabilities State Plan,”*
13 *in accordance with requirements issued by the United States*
14 *Secretary of Health and Human Services, monitoring and*
15 *evaluating the implementation of this plan, reviewing and*
16 *commenting on other plans and programs in the state affecting*
17 *persons with developmental disabilities, and submitting these*
18 *reports as the United States Secretary of Health and Human*
19 *Services may reasonably request.*

20 ~~(b)~~

21 *(c) Serve as the official agency responsible for planning the*
22 *provision of the federal funds allotted to the state under Public*
23 *Law 106-402 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 15001 et seq.), and apportion these*
24 *funds among agencies and area developmental disabilities boards*
25 *in compliance with applicable state and federal law.*

26 ~~(c)~~

27 *(d) Prepare and approve a budget, for the use of amounts paid*
28 *to the state to hire any staff and to obtain the services of any*
29 *professional, technical, or clerical personnel consistent with state*
30 *and federal law, as the council determines to be necessary to carry*
31 *out its functions.*

32 ~~(d)~~

33 *(e) (1) Conduct activities related to meeting the objectives of*
34 *the state plan. To the extent that resources are available, these*
35 *activities shall include all of the following:*

36 *(A) Through support of the area boards, engaging in*
37 *geographically based outreach and individual and systemic*
38 *advocacy to assist and enable individuals and families to obtain*
39 *services, supports, and other forms of assistance.*

1 (B) Support and conduct technical assistance activities to assist
2 public and private entities to contribute to the objectives of the
3 state plan.

4 (C) Support and conduct activities to promote interagency
5 collaboration and coordination at the state and local levels.

6 (D) Support and conduct activities to educate the public about
7 the capabilities, preferences, and needs of individuals with
8 developmental disabilities and their families, and to develop and
9 support coalitions that support the policy agenda of the council,
10 including training in self-advocacy, education of policymakers,
11 and citizen leadership roles.

12 (E) Support and conduct activities to provide information to
13 policymakers.

14 (2) These activities may also include, but shall not be limited
15 to, all of the following:

16 (A) Support and conduct training for persons with developmental
17 disabilities, their families, and personnel, to enable these
18 individuals to obtain access to, or to provide, community services,
19 individualized supports, and other forms of assistance.

20 (B) Support and conduct activities to assist neighborhoods and
21 communities to respond positively to individuals with disabilities
22 and their families.

23 (C) Support and conduct activities to eliminate barriers to access
24 and use of community services by individuals with developmental
25 disabilities, enhance system design and redesign, and enhance
26 citizen participation.

27 (D) Support and conduct, on a time-limited basis, activities to
28 demonstrate new approaches to serving individuals with
29 developmental disabilities that are a part of an overall strategy for
30 systemic change.

31 ~~(e)~~

32 (f) Conduct other activities, including, but not limited to, public
33 hearings and forums and the evaluation and issuance of public
34 reports on the programs identified in the state plan, as may be
35 necessary to carry out the duties of the state council.

36 ~~(f)~~

37 (g) Review and comment on pertinent portions of the proposed
38 plans and budgets of all state agencies serving persons with
39 developmental disabilities to include, but not be limited to, the
40 State Department of Education, the Department of Rehabilitation,

1 and the State Department of Developmental Services. This review
2 may include public hearings prior to the submission of the
3 Governor's Budget to the Legislature, with advice directed to the
4 Governor, and after introduction of the Governor's Budget, with
5 advice directed to the Legislature.

6 ~~(g)~~

7 *(h) (1)* Prepare an annual written report of its activities, its
8 recommendations, and an evaluation of the efficiency of the
9 administration of this division to the Governor and the Legislature.

10 ~~This~~

11 *(2)* *This* report shall include both the statewide activities of the
12 state council and the local activities of the area boards.

13 ~~(h)~~

14 *(i)* Review and publicly comment on significant regulations
15 proposed to be promulgated by any state agency in the
16 implementation of this division.

17 ~~(i)~~

18 *(j)* Monitor the execution of this division and report directly to
19 the Governor and the Legislature any delay in the rapid execution
20 of this division.

21 ~~(j)~~

22 *(k)* Be responsible for monitoring and evaluating the
23 effectiveness of appeals procedures established in this division.

24 ~~(k)~~

25 *(l)* Provide testimony to legislative committees reviewing fiscal
26 or policy matters pertaining to persons with developmental
27 disabilities.

28 ~~(l)~~

29 *(m) (1)* Conduct, or cause to be conducted, investigations or
30 public hearings to resolve disagreements between state agencies,
31 or between state and regional or local agencies, or between persons
32 with developmental disabilities and agencies receiving state funds.
33 These investigations or public hearings shall be conducted at the
34 discretion of the state council only after all other appropriate
35 administrative procedures for appeal, as established in state and
36 federal law, have been fully utilized.

37 ~~Except~~

38 *(2)* *Except* as otherwise provided in this division, the state
39 council shall not engage in the administration of the day-to-day
40 operation of service programs identified in the state plan, nor in

1 the financial management and accounting of funds. These activities
2 shall be performed by appropriate agencies designated in the state
3 plan.

4 (m)

5 (n) To the greatest extent possible, area boards shall participate
6 in conducting the activities described in this section.

7 ~~SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation~~
8 ~~to amend Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 4500) of the~~
9 ~~Welfare and Institutions Code, as it pertains to the operations,~~
10 ~~structure, and responsibilities of the State Council on~~
11 ~~Developmental Disabilities. These changes will bring state law~~
12 ~~into full compliance with federal law in order to provide for the~~
13 ~~continued operation of the council.~~