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SENATE BILL

No. 208

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 8, 2013

An act to add Section 4648.11 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 208, as amended, Lara. Developmental services: request for proposals.

Under existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the State Department of Developmental Services ~~is authorized to contract~~ *contracts* with regional centers to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. The services and supports to be provided to a regional center consumer are contained in an individual program plan (IPP), developed in accordance with prescribed requirements. Existing law authorizes the regional center to, among other things, solicit an individual or agency, by requests for proposals (RFPs) or other means, to provide needed services or supports that are not available to achieve the stated objectives of a consumer's IPP.

This bill would ~~establish the Equity and Diversity in Developmental Services Act, and would~~ require a request for proposals that is prepared ~~by the department or by a regional center and that relates to~~ *for* consumer ~~programs or~~ services and supports to include a section on issues of equity and diversity, as specified.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares the
2 following:

3 (a) The State Department of Developmental Services and the
4 regional center system provide treatment, habilitation, and other
5 services to Californians with developmental disabilities so that
6 they may lead more independent, productive, and integrated lives.

7 (b) California, where diverse communities account for about
8 60 percent of the population, is now a “majority minority” state.

9 (c) The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act
10 requires that a person who receives services from a regional center
11 must have programs, services, and supports that are “person
12 centered” and that are based on the specific assessment and needs
13 of each consumer.

14 (d) Therefore, services provided to regional center consumers
15 should be provided in a linguistically and culturally competent
16 manner that promotes equity and diversity for all Californians.

17 SEC. 2. Section 4648.11 is added to the Welfare and
18 Institutions Code, to read:

19 ~~4648.11. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as~~
20 ~~the Equity and Diversity in Developmental Services Act.~~

21 ~~(b)~~

22 ~~4648.11. (a) A request for proposals that is prepared by the~~
23 ~~department or by a regional center and that relates to for consumer~~
24 ~~programs or services and supports shall include a section on issues~~
25 ~~of equity and diversity.~~

26 ~~(e)~~

27 (b) The section on equity and diversity shall request, but not be
28 limited to, all of the following *information*:

29 (1) A statement outlining the applicant’s plan to serve diverse
30 populations, *including, but not limited to, culturally and*
31 *linguistically diverse populations.*

32 (2) Examples of the applicant’s commitment to addressing the
33 needs of *those* diverse populations.

34 (3) Any additional information that the applicant deems relevant
35 to issues of equity and diversity, ~~including hiring bilingual staff,~~

1 ~~location of the program site, outreach strategies for underserved~~
2 ~~communities, and training and other materials in various languages~~
3 ~~and that are provided in a manner that is linguistically and~~
4 ~~culturally competent *diversity*.~~

5 ~~(4) Nothing in this~~

6 ~~(c) This section shall *not* alter contracts entered into ~~on or~~ before~~
7 ~~January 1, 2014.~~

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