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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 367**

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**Introduced by Senator Block**

February 20, 2013

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An act to amend Section 4622 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 367, as amended, Block. Developmental services: regional centers: cultural and linguistic competency.

Under existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the State Department of Developmental Services is required to contract with regional centers to provide support and services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Existing law requires the governing board of the regional center to satisfy specified requirements, including annually reviewing the performance of the director of the regional center, and providing necessary training and support to board members.

This bill would require that this training and support include issues relating to linguistic and cultural competency, and would require each regional center to post on its Internet Web site information regarding the training and support provided. The bill would require the ~~performance review of the director to include an evaluation of the director's performance in providing regional center services that are linguistically and culturally appropriate.~~ *governing board to annually*

*review the performance of the regional center in providing services that are linguistically and culturally appropriate and would authorize the governing board to provide recommendations to the director of the regional center based on the results of that review.*

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 4622 of the Welfare and Institutions Code  
2 is amended to read:  
3 4622. The state shall contract only with agencies, the governing  
4 boards of which conform to all of the following criteria:  
5 (a) The governing board shall be composed of individuals with  
6 demonstrated interest in, or knowledge of, developmental  
7 disabilities.  
8 (b) The membership of the governing board shall include  
9 persons with legal, management, public relations, and  
10 developmental disability program skills.  
11 (c) The membership of the governing board shall include  
12 representatives of the various categories of disability to be served  
13 by the regional center.  
14 (d) The governing board shall reflect the geographic and ethnic  
15 characteristics of the area to be served by the regional center.  
16 (e) A minimum of 50 percent of the members of the governing  
17 board shall be persons with developmental disabilities or their  
18 parents or legal guardians. No less than 25 percent of the members  
19 of the governing board shall be persons with developmental  
20 disabilities.  
21 (f) Members of the governing board shall not be permitted to  
22 serve more than seven years within each eight-year period.  
23 (g) (1) The regional center shall provide necessary training and  
24 support to these board members to facilitate their understanding  
25 and participation, including issues relating to linguistic and cultural  
26 competency.  
27 (2) As part of its monitoring responsibility, the department shall  
28 review and approve the method by which training and support are  
29 provided to board members to ensure maximum understanding  
30 and participation by board members.

1 (3) Each regional center shall post on its Internet Web site  
2 information regarding the training and support provided to board  
3 members.

4 (h) The governing board may appoint a consumers' advisory  
5 committee composed of persons with developmental disabilities  
6 representing the various categories of disability served by the  
7 regional center.

8 (i) The governing board shall appoint an advisory committee  
9 composed of a wide variety of persons representing the various  
10 categories of providers from which the regional center purchases  
11 client services. The advisory committee shall provide advice,  
12 guidance, recommendations, and technical assistance to the  
13 regional center board in order to assist the regional center in  
14 carrying out its mandated functions. The advisory committee shall  
15 designate one of its members to serve as a member of the regional  
16 center board.

17 (j) (1) The governing board shall annually review the  
18 performance of the director of the regional center.—This  
19 performance review shall include an evaluation of the director's  
20 performance in providing regional center services that are  
21 linguistically and culturally appropriate.

22 (2) *The governing board shall annually review the performance*  
23 *of the regional center in providing services that are linguistically*  
24 *and culturally appropriate and may provide recommendations to*  
25 *the director of the regional center based on the results of that*  
26 *review.*

27 (k) No member of the board who is an employee or member of  
28 the governing board of a provider from which the regional center  
29 purchases client services shall do any of the following:

- 30 (1) Serve as an officer of the board.
- 31 (2) Vote on any fiscal matter affecting the purchase of services  
32 from any regional center provider.
- 33 (3) Vote on any issue other than as described in paragraph (2),  
34 in which the member has a financial interest, as defined in Section  
35 87103 of the Government Code, and determined by the regional  
36 center board. The member shall provide a list of his or her financial  
37 interests, as defined in Section 87103, to the regional center board.

- 1 Nothing in this section shall prevent the appointment to a
- 2 regional center governing board of a person who meets the criteria
- 3 for more than one of the categories listed above.

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