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SENATE BILL

No. 1297

Introduced by Senator Hueso

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 128767 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1297, as amended, Hueso. Hospital Safety and Transparency Act of 2014.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, including hospitals, by the State Department of Public Health. Existing law requires a hospital, as defined, to report summary financial and utilization data, as specified, to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development within 45 days of the end of ~~the~~ every calendar quarter.

This bill would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to publish on its Internet Web site historical and current information collected by state and federal regulators about hospitals. The bill would also make related findings and declarations.

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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 Hospital Safety and Transparency Act of 2014.

1 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (1) The state and federal government play an important oversight
4 role in ensuring minimum safety standards are met by health
5 facilities and that public funds are properly used.

6 (2) The findings of these reviews are dispersed across multiple
7 state entities, often in multiple locations and varying in formats.
8 As a result, consumers and other interested members of the public
9 do not have access to a comprehensive profile of a hospital's status
10 and performance on quality and compliance with state and federal
11 laws.

12 (3) Despite the state's existing efforts to collect and publish
13 individual hospital facility data reported to the state, the state could
14 improve upon its efforts to consolidate findings from its reviews
15 and sanctions of individual hospital providers alongside already
16 reported data on hospitals.

17 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Statewide
18 Health Planning and Development expand on its current hospital
19 reporting functions as set forth in Part 5 (commencing with Section
20 128675) of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code.

21 SEC. 3. Section 128767 is added to the Health and Safety Code,
22 to read:

23 128767. ~~From records in its possession, the~~*The* office shall
24 publish on its Internet Web site historical and current information
25 collected by state and federal regulators about hospitals, including,
26 but not limited to, information regarding Medi-Cal ~~program~~
27 ~~withholds payment suspensions~~ pursuant to Section 14107.11 of
28 the Welfare and Institutions Code, and provider preventable
29 conditions pursuant to Parts 434, 438, and 447 of Title 42 of the
30 Code of Federal Regulations.