

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 294**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Lackey and Steinorth**

February 12, 2015

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An act to add Part 0.5 (commencing with Section 135) to Division 1 of the Health and Safety Code, and to add Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 3500) to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health and human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 294, as introduced, Lackey. Health and human services: state plans: federal waivers: public notice.

Existing law establishes the California Health and Human Services Agency, and includes within that agency, the State Department of Social Services, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Health Care Services, among other departments.

This bill would require a department within the agency that has submitted an operational state plan to a federal agency, or that has applied and has been approved for a waiver from a federal law or regulation, to make the plan or approved waiver application available to the public by publishing that information on the first page of the department's Internet Web site that relates to the same subject matter as the plan or approved waiver application.

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. Part 0.5 (commencing with Section 135) is added  
2 to Division 1 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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4 PART 0.5. CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
5 AGENCY DEPARTMENTS: PUBLIC NOTICE  
6 REQUIREMENTS  
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8 135. If a department within the California Health and Human  
9 Services Agency has submitted an operational state plan to a federal  
10 agency, or has applied and has been approved for a waiver from  
11 a federal law or regulation, the department shall make the plan or  
12 approved waiver application available to the public by publishing  
13 that information on the first page of the department’s Internet Web  
14 site that relates to the same subject matter as the plan or approved  
15 waiver application.

16 SEC. 2. Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 3500) is added  
17 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

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19 DIVISION 3.5. CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN  
20 SERVICES AGENCY DEPARTMENTS: PUBLIC NOTICE  
21 REQUIREMENTS  
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23 3500. If a department within the California Health and Human  
24 Services Agency has submitted an operational state plan to a federal  
25 agency, or has applied and has been approved for a waiver from  
26 a federal law or regulation, the department shall make the plan or  
27 approved waiver application available to the public by publishing  
28 that information on the first page of the department’s Internet Web  
29 site that relates to the same subject matter as the plan or approved  
30 waiver application.