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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 294**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Lackey and Steinorth**  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Olsen and Wilk)*  
*(Coauthor: Senator Vidak)*

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 amended, 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~~ *received approval of* an operational state plan ~~to~~ *by* a federal agency, or that has applied and has been approved for a waiver from a federal law or regulation, to make the *approved* plan or ~~approved~~ waiver application available to the public by publishing *a hyperlink to* 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.~~ *site.*

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~~ *received approval of* an operational  
10 state plan ~~to~~ *by* a federal agency, or has applied and has been  
11 approved for a waiver from a federal law or regulation, the  
12 department shall make the *approved* plan or ~~approved~~ waiver  
13 application available to the public by publishing *a hyperlink to*  
14 that information on the first page of the department’s Internet Web  
15 site ~~that relates to the same subject matter as the plan or approved~~  
16 ~~waiver application.~~ *at the time the department is otherwise updating*  
17 *its Internet Web site.*

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

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21 DIVISION 3.5. CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN  
22 SERVICES AGENCY DEPARTMENTS: PUBLIC NOTICE  
23 REQUIREMENTS

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25 3500. If a department within the California Health and Human  
26 Services Agency has ~~submitted~~ *received approval of* an operational  
27 state plan ~~to~~ *by* a federal agency, or has applied and has been  
28 approved for a waiver from a federal law or regulation, the  
29 department shall make the *approved* plan or ~~approved~~ waiver  
30 application available to the public by publishing *a hyperlink to*  
31 that information on the first page of the department’s Internet Web  
32 site ~~that relates to the same subject matter as the plan or approved~~  
33 ~~waiver application.~~ *at the time the department is otherwise updating*  
34 *its Internet Web site.*

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