

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 563

Introduced by Assembly Member Lopez

February 24, 2015

An act to add and repeal Section 4648.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 563, as introduced, Lopez. Developmental services.

The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act requires the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. Under existing law, the regional centers purchase needed services for individuals with developmental disabilities through approved service providers or arrange for those services through other publicly funded agencies. The services and supports to be provided to a regional center consumer are contained in an individual program plan or individualized family service plan, developed in accordance with prescribed requirements.

This bill would require the State Department of Developmental Services and the California Department of Aging develop guidelines and protocols establishing best practices for providing services and supports to aging consumers with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The bill would require the State Department of Developmental Services to conduct a two-year pilot program that implements those guidelines and protocols in three regional centers and, by January 1, 2020, submit a report evaluating the pilot program to the Legislature. These provisions would be repealed January 1, 2021.

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. Section 4648.7 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 4648.7. (a) By January 1, 2017, the department and the
- 4 California Department of Aging shall develop guidelines and
- 5 protocols establishing best practices for providing services and
- 6 supports to aging consumers with developmental and intellectual
- 7 disabilities.
- 8 (b) The department shall conduct a two-year pilot program that
- 9 implements the guidelines and protocols developed pursuant to
- 10 subdivision (a) in three regional centers.
- 11 (c) (1) The department shall submit a report to the Legislature
- 12 evaluating the pilot program conducted pursuant to subdivision
- 13 (b) by January 1, 2020.
- 14 (2) The report required by this subdivision shall be submitted
- 15 in accordance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.
- 16 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2021,
- 17 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
- 18 is enacted before January 1, 2021, deletes or extends that date.