

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 26, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1432

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonta

February 27, 2015

An act to ~~amend~~ *add* Section ~~11750~~ of *11775.5* to the Health and Safety Code, relating to human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1432, as amended, Bonta. Drug and alcohol abuse programs.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Care Services to administer all statewide service programs related to alcohol and drug abuse. Existing law authorizes the department to receive federal funds to implement programs that provide services to alleviate the problems related to alcohol and other drug use.

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to a provision related to drug and alcohol abuse programs.~~

This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to submit an application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver to implement a demonstration project to accomplish specified goals, including furthering the delivery of high-quality and cost-efficient care for communities and consumers with substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders, and ensuring the long-term viability of the delivery system following the expansion of Medi-Cal eligibility under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The bill would require the department to submit an implementation plan to the Legislature prior to implementing an approved waiver.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 11775.5 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:
3 11775.5. (a) The State Department of Health Care Services
4 shall submit an application to the federal Centers for Medicare
5 and Medicaid Services for a waiver to implement a demonstration
6 project to accomplish all of the following:
7 (1) Further the delivery of high-quality and cost-efficient care
8 for communities and consumers with substance use disorders and
9 co-occurring disorders.
10 (2) Ensure the long-term viability of the delivery system
11 following the expansion of Medi-Cal eligibility under the federal
12 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
13 (3) Continue California’s momentum and successes in
14 innovation achieved under the 2010 “Bridge to Reform” Waiver.
15 (b) In developing the waiver application, the department shall
16 consult with interested stakeholders and the Legislature.
17 (c) The department shall submit an implementation plan to the
18 Legislature prior to implementing the demonstration project
19 authorized pursuant to an approved waiver.
20 SECTION 1. ~~Section 11750 of the Health and Safety Code is~~
21 ~~amended to read:~~
22 11750. (a) ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that the~~
23 ~~administrative and programmatic functions of the State Department~~
24 ~~of Alcohol and Drug Programs be transferred to the State~~
25 ~~Department of Health Care Services and the State Department of~~
26 ~~Public Health effective July 1, 2013. It is further the intent of the~~
27 ~~Legislature that this transfer happen efficiently and effectively,~~
28 ~~with no interruptions in service delivery. This transfer is designed~~
29 ~~to do all of the following:~~
30 (1) ~~Consolidate within a single state department, the State~~
31 ~~Department of Health Care Services, all substance use disorder~~
32 ~~functions and programs from the State Department of Alcohol and~~
33 ~~Drug Programs.~~

1 ~~(2) Align with federal and county partners by consolidating~~
2 ~~substance use disorder and community mental health functions~~
3 ~~and programs within one department.~~

4 ~~(3) Promote opportunities for the improvement of health care~~
5 ~~delivery by integrating the state-level administration of substance~~
6 ~~use disorders, community mental health, and physical health to~~
7 ~~the benefit of communities and consumers with substance use~~
8 ~~disorders and cooccurring disorders.~~

9 ~~(4) Ensure appropriate state oversight by consolidating the two~~
10 ~~key public funding sources, the Substance Abuse Prevention and~~
11 ~~Treatment Block Grant and the Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program,~~
12 ~~for the substance use disorder system in one state department.~~

13 ~~(5) Provide effective state leadership on substance use disorder~~
14 ~~issues by positioning the State Department of Health Care Services~~
15 ~~to serve as a unified, strong voice to advocate, at both the state~~
16 ~~and federal levels, on behalf of the needs of communities, county~~
17 ~~partners, and consumers with substance use disorders.~~

18 ~~(b) Effective July 1, 2013, the administrative and programmatic~~
19 ~~functions that were previously performed by the State Department~~
20 ~~of Alcohol and Drug Programs are transferred to the State~~
21 ~~Department of Health Care Services and the State Department of~~
22 ~~Public Health in accordance with the act that added this section.~~
23 ~~Further, except as provided in Section 131055.2, any reference in~~
24 ~~state statute or regulation to the State Department of Alcohol and~~
25 ~~Drug Programs or the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse~~
26 ~~shall refer to the State Department of Health Care Services.~~