

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1485

Introduced by Assembly Member Patterson

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 4620 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1485, as introduced, Patterson. Developmental services: regional centers.

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the State Department of Developmental Services to enter into contracts with private nonprofit corporations to operate regional centers to provide community services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that the design and activities of regional centers reflect, among other things, a strong commitment to the delivery of direct service coordination to persons with disabilities and their families.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4620 of the Welfare and Institutions Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 4620. (a) In order for the state to carry out ~~many~~ of its
- 4 responsibilities as established in this division, the state shall

1 contract with appropriate agencies to provide fixed points of
2 contact in the community for persons with developmental
3 disabilities and their families, to the end that these persons may
4 have access to the services and supports best suited to them
5 throughout their lifetime. It is the intent of the Legislature in
6 enacting this division that the network of regional centers for
7 persons with developmental disabilities and their families be
8 accessible to every family in need of regional center services. It
9 is the further intent of the Legislature that the design and activities
10 of regional centers reflect a strong commitment to the delivery of
11 direct service—~~coordination~~ *coordination*, and that all other
12 operational expenditures of regional centers are necessary to
13 support and enhance the delivery of direct service coordination
14 and services and supports identified in individual program plans.

15 (b) The Legislature finds that the service provided to individuals
16 and their families by regional centers is of such a special and
17 unique nature that it cannot be satisfactorily provided by state
18 agencies. Therefore, private nonprofit community agencies shall
19 be utilized by the state for the purpose of operating regional centers.