

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1502

Introduced by Assembly Member Brown

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 53760.9 to the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1502, as introduced, Brown. State government assistance to cities.

Existing law authorizes a local public entity, defined as any county, city, district, public authority, public agency, or other entity, without limitation, that is a municipality as defined under federal bankruptcy law, to file a petition and exercise powers pursuant to federal bankruptcy law, if it either participates in a neutral evaluation process or declares a fiscal emergency and adopts a resolution by a majority vote of its governing board, as specified.

This bill would require a state agency or department, within 30 days of a request, to provide any assistance, information, data, and services to a city participating in a neutral evaluation process or a bankruptcy proceeding. This bill would require any refusal to comply, or to comply within 30 days of the request, to be made in writing, transmitted to the city official or employee who made the request, and to set forth the names and titles or positions of each person in the state agency or department responsible for the refusal to comply.

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 53760.9 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 53760.9. (a) A state agency or department shall provide any
4 assistance, information, data, and services, including, but not
5 limited to, responding to inquires and providing quotes for
6 performing future services, upon the request of a city participating
7 in a neutral evaluation process pursuant to Section 53760.3 or a
8 bankruptcy proceeding under Chapter 9.

9 (b) A state agency or department shall respond to the city with
10 the requested assistance, data, information, and services within 30
11 days of the request. Any refusal to comply, or to comply within
12 30 days of the request, shall be made in writing, transmitted to the
13 city official or employee who made the request, and set forth the
14 names and titles or positions of each person in the state agency or
15 department responsible for the refusal to comply.