

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1526**

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**Introduced by Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care (Assembly  
Members Brown (Chair), Gray, Levine, and Lopez)**

March 16, 2015

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An act to add Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 103950) to Part 2 of Division 102 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1526, as introduced, Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey: caregiver module.

Existing law creates the State Department of Public Health and requires it to carry out various duties related to public health programs.

This bill would require, beginning January 1, 2016, and until January 1, 2021, the State Department of Public Health to include the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Caregiver Module in the annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey, as specified.

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. The Legislature finds and declares that caregiving  
2     represents challenges for public health about which too little is  
3     known. California's informal caregivers form an integral and  
4     frequently unrecognized part of the health care system, providing  
5     billions of dollars' worth of unpaid care to individuals with  
6     disabilities and chronic diseases. There are both positive and

1 negative health outcomes and experiences associated with  
2 caregiving.

3 Public health staff, agencies, and researchers are working to  
4 understand caregivers and their health outcomes. They also seek  
5 to answer questions such as how many caregivers there are in  
6 California, what types of care they provide, and for how long they  
7 provide this care. Understanding caregiving across multiple levels  
8 allows us to understand the impact of caregiving, plan for services  
9 and other needs to support caregivers and care recipients, and  
10 deliver appropriate interventions to caregivers.

11 SEC. 2. Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 103950) is added  
12 to Part 2 of Division 102 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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14 CHAPTER 5. HEALTH CARE SURVEYS

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16 103950. The State Department of Public Health shall include  
17 the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Caregiver  
18 Module in the annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System  
19 survey beginning January 1, 2016, and until January 1, 2021, unless  
20 another act to extend the survey is enacted before January 1, 2021.