

**Assembly Bill No. 1526**

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Passed the Assembly September 10, 2015

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*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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Passed the Senate September 9, 2015

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*Secretary of the Senate*

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This bill was received by the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M.

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*Private Secretary of the Governor*

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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, 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, by January 1, 2017, the State Department of Public Health to include the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Caregiver Module on at least one track in the annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey, as specified.

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that caregiving represents challenges for public health about which too little is known. California's informal caregivers form an integral and frequently unrecognized part of the health care system, providing billions of dollars' worth of unpaid care to individuals with disabilities and chronic diseases. There are both positive and negative health outcomes and experiences associated with caregiving.

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

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

CHAPTER 5. HEALTH CARE SURVEYS

103950. The State Department of Public Health shall include the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Caregiver Module in the annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey, on at least one track, by January 1, 2017.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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*Governor*