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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1915

Introduced by Assembly Member Santiago

February 11, 2016

An act to add and repeal Section 11760.7 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to ~~housing~~, public social services, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1915, as amended, Santiago. ~~Homelessness: affordable housing. Alcohol and drug programs: facility expansion.~~

Under existing law, the State Department of Health Care Services is responsible for administering state alcohol and drug programs by, among other things, providing funds to counties for the planning and implementation of local programs to alleviate problems related to alcohol and other drug use and reviewing and executing contracts for drug and alcohol services submitted for state or federal funds allocated or administered by the department.

This bill would, until December 31, 2018, authorize the department to establish a program for the purpose of making grants or loans to residential treatment centers that are expanding services or to substance use disorder treatment service facilities that are expanding to provide residential treatment services, as specified. The bill would establish the Residential Treatment Facility Expansion Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, as specified, and would transfer \$120,000,000 from the General Fund to the Residential Treatment Facility Expansion Fund for the purpose of implementing the program. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations. By creating a continuously

appropriated fund and authorizing its expenditure, the bill would make an appropriation.

~~Under existing law, there are programs providing assistance for, among other things, emergency housing, multifamily housing, farmworker housing, veteran housing, home ownership for very low and low-income households, and downpayment assistance for first-time homebuyers.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would reduce homelessness and increase the availability of affordable housing.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: ~~no~~-yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) *The Legislature finds and declares the*
- 2 *following:*
- 3 (1) *There are not enough available residential treatment*
- 4 *facilities throughout the state to meet the needs of persons suffering*
- 5 *from substance use disorders.*
- 6 (2) *The state has an interest in increasing the availability of*
- 7 *residential treatment services to help ensure the state is making*
- 8 *progress in meeting the goals and terms of the Drug Medi-Cal*
- 9 *Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) demonstration waiver.*
- 10 (3) *Staffing models and other requirements and the facility costs*
- 11 *of providing residential treatment services present challenges for*
- 12 *expanding capacity to deliver this level of care in the state.*
- 13 (4) *Funds for capital investments in facility infrastructure and*
- 14 *equipment, including the purchase, implementation, and*
- 15 *maintenance of electronic health records systems, would enable*
- 16 *facilities to increase the number of residential treatment beds*
- 17 *within existing licensed and certified Drug Medi-Cal Treatment*
- 18 *Program facilities or for new residential treatment facilities.*
- 19 (b) *It is the intent of the Legislature to help ensure that an*
- 20 *adequate substance abuse treatment provider network is available*
- 21 *to eligible beneficiaries for residential treatment services provided*
- 22 *under the Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program as set forth in*
- 23 *Section 14021.35 and Article 3.2 (commencing with Section*
- 24 *14124.20) of Chapter 7 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and*
- 25 *Institutions Code.*

1 SEC. 2. Section 11760.7 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 11760.7. (a) The department shall establish a program for the
4 purpose of making grants or loans to residential treatment centers
5 that are expanding services or to substance use disorder treatment
6 facilities that are expanding to provide residential treatment
7 services. A loan or grant made pursuant to this section shall be
8 made only to a county or a private nonprofit organization that
9 operates a residential treatment center or a substance use disorder
10 treatment facility.

11 (b) The Residential Treatment Facility Expansion Fund is hereby
12 established in the State Treasury for the purpose of making grants
13 and loans pursuant to subdivision (a). Notwithstanding Section
14 13340 of the Government Code, all moneys in the fund are
15 continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for the
16 purpose of carrying out the purposes of this section. All loan
17 payments received from previous loans and all future collections
18 shall be deposited in the Residential Treatment Facility Expansion
19 Fund. The Residential Treatment Facility Expansion Fund shall
20 be invested in the Pooled Money Investment Account. Interest
21 earned shall accrue to the Residential Treatment Facility
22 Expansion Fund and may be made available for future residential
23 treatment facility expansion loans or grants.

24 (c) The department may adopt regulations as are necessary to
25 implement this section.

26 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019,
27 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
28 is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.

29 SEC. 3. The sum of one hundred twenty million dollars
30 (\$120,000,000) is hereby transferred from the General Fund in
31 the State Treasury to the Residential Treatment Facility Expansion
32 Fund for the purpose of implementing Section 2 of this act.

33 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
34 ~~legislation that would reduce homelessness and increase the~~
35 ~~availability of affordable housing.~~