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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2568

Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 18986.89 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health and human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2568, as amended, Atkins. Integrated health and human services program.

Existing law authorizes the Counties of Humboldt, Mendocino, and ~~Alameda~~, *Alameda* to implement a program for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system, subject to certain limitations.

This bill would authorize the County of San Diego, upon approval of the county board of supervisors, to operate an integrated and comprehensive health and human services ~~system~~. *system, as specified.*

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 18986.89 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 18986.89. (a) Notwithstanding the dates provided in
- 4 subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 18986.87, the County of San

1 Diego may, upon approval of the county board of supervisors,
2 operate an integrated and comprehensive health and human services
3 system.

4 *(b) In providing services through an integrated system to*
5 *families and individuals, the system may, among other things, do*
6 *both of the following:*

7 *(1) Maintain and evaluate a system of administration that*
8 *integrates and coordinates the management and support of client*
9 *services.*

10 *(2) Maintain a system of reporting and accountability that*
11 *provides for the combined provision of services without the loss*
12 *of state or federal funds provided under current law.*

13 *(c) The integrated and comprehensive county health and human*
14 *services system may include, but not be limited to, any or all of*
15 *the following:*

16 *(1) Adoption services.*

17 *(2) Child abuse prevention services.*

18 *(3) Child welfare services.*

19 *(4) Delinquency prevention services.*

20 *(5) Drug and alcohol services.*

21 *(6) Mental health services.*

22 *(7) Eligibility determination.*

23 *(8) Employment and training services.*

24 *(9) Foster care services.*

25 *(10) Health services.*

26 *(11) Public health services.*

27 *(12) Housing services.*

28 *(13) Medically indigent program services.*

29 *(14) Veteran's services.*

30 *(15) Aging services.*

31 *(16) Any other related program as designated by the board of*
32 *supervisors.*

33 *(d) The county shall comply with all applicable state and federal*
34 *privacy laws that govern medical and social service information,*
35 *including, but not limited to, the Confidentiality of Medical*
36 *Information Act (Part 2.6 (commencing with Section 56) of Division*
37 *1 of the Civil Code), the federal Health Insurance Portability and*
38 *Accountability Act (HIPAA), and Sections 827, 5328, and 10850.*

39 *(e) Programs or services shall be included in the system only*
40 *to the extent that federal funding to either the state or the county*

1 will not be reduced as a result of the inclusion of the services in
2 the project.

3 (f) This chapter shall not authorize the county to discontinue
4 meeting its obligations under current law to provide services or
5 to reduce its accountability for the provision of these services.

6 (g) The county shall utilize any and all state general funds and
7 county funds that it is legally allocated or entitled to receive.
8 Through the creation of integrated health and social services
9 structures, the county shall maximize federal matching funds. This
10 integration shall not result in increased expenditures from the
11 General Fund.

12 (h) The appropriate state departments, as designated by the
13 Secretary of Health and Human Services, that are assisting,
14 participating, and cooperating in the program authorized by this
15 chapter shall have the authority to waive regulations, with the
16 concurrence of the county, regarding the method of providing
17 services and the method of reporting and accountability, as may
18 be required to meet the goals set forth in subdivision (b). However,
19 the departments shall not waive regulations pertaining to privacy
20 and confidentiality of records, civil service merit systems, or
21 collective bargaining. The departments shall not waive regulations
22 if the waiver results in a diminished amount or level of services
23 or benefits to eligible recipients as compared to the benefits and
24 services that would have been provided to recipients absent the
25 waiver.