

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2870

Introduced by Assembly Member Thurmond

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Section 4465 of the Government Code, relating to disability access.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2870, as introduced, Thurmond. Disability access and education.

The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the California Building Standards Code require that specified buildings, structures, and facilities be accessible to, and usable by, persons with disabilities. Existing law establishes a Disability Access and Education Revolving Fund within the Division of the State Architect for purposes of increasing disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements and developing educational resources for businesses to facilitate compliance with federal and state disability laws, as specified.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4465 of the Government Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 4465. (a) There is hereby established in the Division of the
- 4 State Architect a Disability Access and Education Revolving Fund,
- 5 as set forth in Section 4470, for the purpose of increasing disability

1 access and compliance with construction-related accessibility
2 requirements by the following means:

3 (1) Increasing the number of private and public certified access
4 specialists available to assist building owners and tenants to
5 understand and comply with construction-related accessibility
6 requirements by using some of the funds to moderate some of the
7 costs of certification and testing.

8 (2) Establishing and maintaining oversight of the certified access
9 specialist program, including, but not limited to, adopting best
10 practices guidelines for certified access specialists, providing
11 continuing education on construction-related accessibility
12 requirements, and performing its audit and discipline functions
13 under Sections 4459.7 and 4459.8.

14 (3) Increasing outreach efforts and developing educational
15 resources for persons with disabilities and businesses to facilitate
16 compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of
17 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), the Unruh Civil Rights Act
18 (Section 51 of the Civil Code), and Title 24 of the California Code
19 of Regulations, as they relate to providing full and equal access to
20 public facilities for persons with disabilities.

21 (b) In developing educational resources with this fund, emphasis
22 shall be placed on the development and dissemination of
23 educational materials, such as *modules*, toolkits, ~~modules~~, and
24 checklists, as appropriate, to facilitate a commercial property
25 owner’s or tenant’s understanding of, and compliance with, the
26 construction-related accessibility requirements.

27 (c) In developing and disseminating educational resources with
28 this fund, the Division of the State Architect shall consult and work
29 with the Department of Rehabilitation and the California
30 Commission on Disability Access, and may contract with those
31 agencies to develop educational resources. It is the intent of the
32 Legislature that any development or dissemination of educational
33 resources under this section shall be coordinated with educational
34 efforts by other state agencies so as to expand the reach and
35 effectiveness of each effort or the combined efforts.

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