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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 145**

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**Introduced by Senator Pan**

January 27, 2015

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An act to add *and repeal* Section 100235-~~to~~ of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 145, as amended, Pan. Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan.

Existing state law requires, for the 2015–16 fiscal year, the State Department of Health Care Services to provide a grant to a health benefit plan that is funded by contributions from agricultural employers, as specified, upon an appropriation of funds for this purpose. Under existing federal law, the Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan is a nonprofit voluntary employees beneficiary association that provides payments for health care and other benefits to its members.

This bill would ~~require~~ *require, until January 1, 2021*, the department to annually reimburse the Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan up to \$3,000,000 per year for claim payments that exceed \$70,000 made by the plan on behalf of an eligible employee or dependent for a single episode of care on or after September 1, 2016. The bill would require the department to make the reimbursement payment within 60 days after it receives specified claims data from the plan.

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 all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) The Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan is a  
4 joint labor-management health plan for farm workers organized  
5 under Section 302(c)(5) of the federal Labor Management Relations  
6 Act of 1947.

7 (b) This plan has been in existence for more than 45 years and  
8 has provided vital health services to farm workers and their  
9 families, enabling them to lead healthier lives, make better use of  
10 their available income, and achieve self-sufficiency.

11 (c) The plan has focused on primary and preventive care and  
12 has significantly alleviated the burden on publicly funded health  
13 resources in the plan’s coverage areas.

14 (d) The plan has saved the state significant sums of money that  
15 would have otherwise been expended to provide health care.

16 (e) The Legislature has determined that the plan is ~~the most~~ *an*  
17 *efficient and least expensive cost-effective* means to deliver health  
18 care services to farm workers and their families within the plan’s  
19 coverage areas. Thus, it is in the state’s interest to ~~expand~~ *maintain*  
20 the range of health care services provided by the plan without  
21 threatening the plan’s financial viability.

22 SEC. 2. Section 100235 is added to the Health and Safety Code,  
23 to read:

24 100235. (a) The department shall annually reimburse the  
25 Robert F. Kennedy Farm Workers Medical Plan for claim payments  
26 that exceed seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) made by the plan  
27 on behalf of an eligible employee or dependent for a single episode  
28 of care on or after September 1, 2016. This reimbursement shall  
29 not exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year.

30 (b) To seek reimbursement, commencing after September 1,  
31 2017, and annually thereafter, the plan shall submit to the  
32 department completed data, verified by an independent certified  
33 public accountant, for claims paid by the plan for services during  
34 the preceding year from September 1 to August 31, inclusive.

1 (c) (1) If the department receives claims data from the plan  
2 pursuant to subdivision (b), the department shall analyze that data  
3 to determine the aggregate amount of claims that exceed seventy  
4 thousand dollars (\$70,000) paid by the plan on behalf of an eligible  
5 employee or dependent for any ~~separate~~ *single* episode of care.

6 (2) No later than 60 days after the department receives claims  
7 data submitted by the plan, the department shall reimburse the plan  
8 the amount determined pursuant to paragraph (1), up to the amount  
9 of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year.

10 (d) *This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2021,*  
11 *and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that*  
12 *is enacted before January 1, 2021, deletes or extends that date.*