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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 982**

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**Introduced by Senator McGuire**

February 10, 2016

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An act to add Section 4474.12 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 982, as amended, McGuire. State Department of Developmental Services: developmental centers.

Existing law vests in the State Department of Developmental Services jurisdiction over state hospitals referred to as developmental centers for the provision of residential care to individuals with developmental disabilities, including the Sonoma Developmental Center, the Fairview Developmental Center, and the Porterville Developmental Center, as specified. Existing law requires the department to comply with procedural requirements when closing a developmental center. Existing law required, on or before October 1, 2015, the State Department of Developmental Services to submit to the Legislature a plan or plans to close one or more developmental centers.

This bill would require the department to contract for a longitudinal study, commencing July 1, 2017, ~~to~~ *to, among other things*, assess the quality of life and outcomes of developmental center residents who relocate from the Sonoma Developmental Center, the Fairview Developmental Center, and the general treatment area of the Porterville Developmental Center as a result of the closure of those ~~centers~~. *centers*

*and to make specified recommendations.* The bill would specify the qualifications and duties of the contractor, as specified. The bill would require the department to submit interim reports to the Legislature regarding the study at the end of the first and second years of the study. The bill would require, upon the completion of the study, the department to submit the study to the Legislature, as specified.

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. *It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure the*  
2 *appropriate transition of consumers currently living in*  
3 *developmental centers from those centers to community living*  
4 *arrangements as a result of the closure of the Sonoma*  
5 *Developmental Center, the Fairview Developmental Center, and*  
6 *the general treatment area of the Porterville Developmental*  
7 *Center. It is the further intent of the Legislature to measure the*  
8 *unique needs of people transitioning from developmental centers,*  
9 *including providing information about the quality of life,*  
10 *satisfaction with services, the degree to which the individuals*  
11 *achieve their goals, and other measures as determined by the*  
12 *department.*

13     ~~SECTION 1.~~

14     SEC. 2. Section 4474.12 is added to the Welfare and Institutions  
15 Code, immediately following Section 4474.11, to read:

16     4474.12. (a) To ensure that persons with developmental  
17 disabilities who are moved from developmental centers to the  
18 community are receiving necessary services and supports, the  
19 department shall contract with an independent agency or  
20 organization for a longitudinal study, commencing July 1, 2017,  
21 to assess the quality of life and outcomes of developmental center  
22 residents who relocate from the Sonoma Developmental Center,  
23 the Fairview Developmental Center, and the general treatment  
24 area of the Porterville Developmental Center, as those institutions  
25 are identified in Sections 4440 and 4440.5, as a result of the closure  
26 of those centers. *The study shall supplement the quality assessment*  
27 *system established by Section 4571 and make recommendations*  
28 *regarding improving health and safety, choice, integration, and*  
29 *other similar factors based on the data collected. The study shall*

1 *be conducted each year concerning residents who move from the*  
2 *developmental centers until two years following the date the last*  
3 *resident moves from the developmental centers.*

4 (b) The contractor shall be experienced in all of the following:

5 (1) Designing valid tracking instruments.

6 (2) Tracking the quality of community programs, including  
7 outcome-based measures such as health and safety, quality of life,  
8 integration, choice, and consumer satisfaction.

9 (3) Tracking the quality and appropriateness of community  
10 placements for persons moving from large institutions into  
11 community settings.

12 (4) Developing data systems.

13 (5) Data analysis and report preparation.

14 (c) (1) The contractor shall measure consumer and family  
15 satisfaction with services provided, including case management  
16 and quality of life, including, but not limited to, health and safety,  
17 independence, productivity, integration, opportunities for choice,  
18 and delivery of needed services.

19 (2) The contractor shall meet with each person, and the person's  
20 family, or legal guardian or conservator, when appropriate, no less  
21 than once per year to discuss quality of life and observe the  
22 person's services and supports.

23 (3) In cases in which the consumer is not capable of  
24 communicating his or her responses, and in which a family  
25 member, or legal guardian or conservator, is not involved, the  
26 contractor shall meet with no fewer than two persons familiar with  
27 the consumer. Additionally, the contractor shall interview staff  
28 and friends who know the consumer best and review records, as  
29 ~~appropriate~~: *appropriate, and shall use any data concerning the*  
30 *consumer collected through the quality assurance instrument*  
31 *pursuant to Section 4571.*

32 (d) The contract may be satisfied by the same contractor used  
33 by the department to implement the quality assurance instrument  
34 pursuant to Section 4571, if appropriate.

35 (e) (1) For purposes of conducting the study, the department  
36 shall maintain and update the addresses of, and contact information  
37 for, former residents of the ~~center~~ *centers* who relocated as a result  
38 of the closure of the centers.

39 (2) The department shall ensure, to the extent permitted by law,  
40 that researchers conducting the study have access to data and other

1 information necessary to conduct the study, including the addresses  
2 of, and contact information for, former residents of the ~~center~~  
3 *centers* who relocated due to the closure of the ~~center~~ *centers*.

4 (f) The department shall submit interim reports to the Legislature  
5 regarding the study at the end of the first and second years of the  
6 study, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9795 of the  
7 Government Code. Upon the completion of the ~~study~~, *study as*  
8 *described in subdivision (a)*, the department shall submit the study  
9 to the Legislature, in accordance with the requirements of Section  
10 9795 of the Government Code.