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SENATE BILL

No. 994

Introduced by ~~Senator Hill~~ Senators *Hill and Allen*
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Hadley and Mullin)

February 10, 2016

An act to amend the heading of Article 2.6 (commencing with Section 1645) of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of, to amend the heading of Article 10 (commencing with Section 2190) of Chapter 5 of Division 2 of, and to add Sections 1645.5, 2197, 2454.6, and 2496.5 to, the Business and Professions Code, and to add Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 1223) of Chapter 1 of Division 2 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to antimicrobial stewardship; *add and repeal Sections 32132.9 and 32132.95 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care districts, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 994, as amended, Hill. ~~Antimicrobial stewardship policies.~~ *Health care districts: design-build.*

Existing law authorizes certain health care districts to use the design-build process when contracting for the construction of a building or improvements directly related to construction of a hospital or health facility building in those districts, as specified. Existing law sets forth the procurement process for design-build projects, as specified, and requires specified information submitted by design-build entities to be certified under penalty of perjury.

This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2022, the Beach Cities Health District and the Peninsula Health Care District to use the design-build process for the construction of facilities or other buildings in those districts, as specified. Because the bill would expand the application of the procurement process to additional design-build entities, the bill would expand the crime of perjury, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Beach Cities Health District and the Peninsula Health Care District.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

~~(1) Under the existing Dental Practice Act, the Dental Board of California licenses and regulates the practice of dentistry. The act provides that an applicant may obtain an initial 2-year license to practice dentistry and a 2-year renewal license. The act also makes certain conduct unprofessional conduct and authorizes the board to revoke or suspend a license or reprimand or place on probation a dentist for that unprofessional conduct.~~

~~Under the existing Medical Practice Act, the Medical Board of California, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, and the California Board of Podiatric Medicine establish requirements pursuant to which an applicant may obtain an initial 2-year license or subsequent 2-year renewal license to practice medicine as a podiatrist, as a physician and surgeon, osteopathic medicine as an osteopathic physician and surgeon, or podiatric medicine as a podiatrist, respectively. Under existing law, the Medical Board of California is required to adopt and administer standards for the continuing education of physicians and surgeons and each year audits a random sample of physicians and surgeons who have reported compliance with those requirements and requires a noncompliant licensee to make up the deficiency during the next renewal period. Under existing law, a licensee who fails to so comply is ineligible for a subsequent renewal license until he or she documents compliance to the board. Existing law provides for similar~~

continuing education requirements as a condition of obtaining a renewal license to practice osteopathic medicine and podiatric medicine. The act authorizes these boards to discipline a licensee for specified unprofessional conduct.

This bill would require a “covered licensee,” defined as a dentist, physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician and surgeon, or person licensed to practice podiatric medicine, who practices in a setting other than a clinic, general acute care hospital, or skilled nursing facility, to adopt and implement an antimicrobial stewardship policy consistent with specified guidelines or methods of intervention, as defined, before applying for a renewal license and, upon applying for a renewal license, to certify in writing, on a form prescribed by the respective licensing board, that he or she has both adopted an antimicrobial stewardship policy and is in compliance with that policy. The bill would require those licensing boards to audit, during each year, a random sample of covered licensees who have certified compliance with these requirements and would limit the audit of an individual covered licensee to once every 4 years. The bill would require a covered licensee who is selected for audit to submit to the board, on a form prescribed by the board, a copy of his or her antimicrobial stewardship policy. The bill would require the respective licensing board, that determines that its audited covered licensee has failed to comply with these requirements, to require that covered licensee to comply with these requirements during the following renewal period. The bill would provide that the failure of a covered licensee to comply with those requirements during the renewal period constitutes unprofessional conduct.

(2) Under existing law, health facilities, including, among others, general acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, primary care clinics, and specialty clinics, are licensed and regulated by the State Department of Public Health, and a violation of those provisions is a crime. Existing law requires that each general acute care hospital, on or before July 1, 2015, adopt and implement an antimicrobial stewardship policy in accordance with guidelines established by the federal government and professional organizations that includes a process to evaluate the judicious use of antibiotics, as specified. Existing law requires each skilled nursing facility, on or before January 1, 2017, to adopt and implement an antimicrobial stewardship policy consistent with guidelines developed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other specified entities.

~~This bill would, beginning January 1, 2018, require a clinic to adopt and implement an antimicrobial stewardship policy consistent with specified guidelines or methods of intervention, as defined. Because this bill would create new crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 32132.9 is added to the Health and Safety
 2 Code, to read:
 3 32132.9. (a) Notwithstanding Section 32132 or any other law,
 4 upon approval by the board of directors of the Beach Cities Health
 5 District, the design-build process described in Chapter 4
 6 (commencing with Section 22160) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the
 7 Public Contract Code may be used to assign contracts for the
 8 construction of facilities or other buildings in that district.
 9 (b) For purposes of this section, all references in Chapter 4
 10 (commencing with Section 22160) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the
 11 Public Contract Code to “local agency” shall mean the Beach
 12 Cities Health District and its board of directors.
 13 (c) To the extent that any project utilizing the design-build
 14 process authorized by subdivision (a) is otherwise required to
 15 comply with the standards and requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist
 16 Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 (Chapter 1
 17 (commencing with Section 129675) of Part 7 of Division 107), this
 18 section shall not be construed as an exemption from that act.
 19 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2022,
 20 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
 21 is enacted before January 1, 2022, deletes or extends that date.
 22 SEC. 2. Section 32132.95 is added to the Health and Safety
 23 Code, to read:
 24 32132.95. (a) Notwithstanding Section 32132 or any other
 25 law, upon approval by the board of directors of the Peninsula

1 *Health Care District, the design-build process described in Chapter*
2 *4 (commencing with Section 22160) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the*
3 *Public Contract Code may be used to assign contracts for the*
4 *construction of facilities or other buildings in that district.*

5 *(b) For purposes of this section, all references in Chapter 4*
6 *(commencing with Section 22160) of Part 3 of Division 2 of the*
7 *Public Contract Code to “local agency” shall mean the Peninsula*
8 *Health Care District and its board of directors.*

9 *(c) To the extent that any project utilizing the design-build*
10 *process authorized by subdivision (a) is otherwise required to*
11 *comply with the standards and requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist*
12 *Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 (Chapter 1*
13 *(commencing with Section 129675) of Part 7 of Division 107), this*
14 *section shall not be construed as an exemption from that act.*

15 *(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2022,*
16 *and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that*
17 *is enacted before January 1, 2022, deletes or extends that date.*

18 *SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law*
19 *is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable*
20 *within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California*
21 *Constitution because of the unique circumstances relating to the*
22 *Beach Cities Health District and the Peninsula Health Care*
23 *District.*

24 *SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*
25 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*
26 *the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school*
27 *district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or*
28 *infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty*
29 *for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of*
30 *the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within*
31 *the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*
32 *Constitution.*

33 *SEC. 5. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
34 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
35 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*
36 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

37 *In order for the Beach Cities Health District and the Peninsula*
38 *Health Care District to facilitate construction of facilities or other*
39 *buildings in those districts at the earliest possible time pursuant*
40 *to design-build authority, and to ensure the expedient provision*

1 *of health care services in those districts at the earliest possible*
2 *time, it is necessary that this act take immediate effect.*

3 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
4 ~~following:~~

5 ~~(a) The overuse and misuse of antibiotics can lead to the~~
6 ~~development of antibiotic-resistant infections, a major public health~~
7 ~~threat.~~

8 ~~(b) The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention~~
9 ~~(CDC) estimates that at least 2,000,000 Americans are infected~~
10 ~~with, and at least 23,000 Americans die as a result of,~~
11 ~~antibiotic-resistant infections every year, resulting in at least \$20~~
12 ~~billion in direct health care costs and at least \$35 billion in lost~~
13 ~~productivity in the United States.~~

14 ~~(c) Antibiotic resistance is a growing threat. A recent study~~
15 ~~commissioned by the United Kingdom determined that by 2050,~~
16 ~~worldwide, more people will die from antibiotic-resistant infections~~
17 ~~than from cancer.~~

18 ~~(d) The overuse and misuse of antibiotics in human medicine~~
19 ~~is a significant factor driving the development of antibiotic~~
20 ~~resistance, and a majority of antibiotics are prescribed in outpatient~~
21 ~~settings, including primary care physician offices, outpatient~~
22 ~~settings where physician assistants and nurse practitioners work,~~
23 ~~dentist offices, and other specialty health care providers.~~

24 ~~(e) According to the CDC, in one year, 262.5 million courses~~
25 ~~of antibiotics are written in outpatient settings. This equates to~~
26 ~~more than five prescriptions written each year for every six people~~
27 ~~in the United States. The CDC estimates that over one-half of the~~
28 ~~antibiotics prescribed in outpatient settings are unnecessary.~~

29 ~~(f) More than 10 million courses of antibiotics are prescribed~~
30 ~~each year for viral conditions that do not benefit from antibiotics.~~

31 ~~(g) Antibiotic stewardship programs, which are already required~~
32 ~~in general acute care hospitals and skilled nursing facilities in the~~
33 ~~state, but not in outpatient settings, are an effective way to reduce~~
34 ~~inappropriate antibiotic use and the prevalence of~~
35 ~~antibiotic-resistant infections.~~

36 ~~(h) The President's National Action Plan for Combating~~
37 ~~Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria calls for the establishment of~~
38 ~~antibiotic stewardship activities in all health care delivery settings,~~
39 ~~including outpatient settings, by 2020.~~

1 SEC. 2.—The heading of Article 2.6 (commencing with Section
2 1645) of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions
3 Code is amended to read:

4
5 Article 2.6. Continuing Education and Antimicrobial
6 Stewardship
7

8 SEC. 3.—Section 1645.5 is added to the Business and Professions
9 Code, to read:

10 1645.5. (a) For purposes of this section the following
11 definitions apply:

12 (1) “Antimicrobial stewardship policy” means efforts to promote
13 the appropriate prescribing of antimicrobials for patients, with the
14 goal of reducing antimicrobial overuse and misuse and minimizing
15 the development of antimicrobial resistant infections, that is
16 consistent with one of the following parameters:

17 (A) Antimicrobial stewardship guidelines published by the
18 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal
19 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Society for
20 Healthcare Epidemiology of America, the Infectious Diseases
21 Society of America, or similar recognized professional
22 organizations.

23 (B) Evidence-based methods. To the extent practicable,
24 antimicrobial stewardship policies based on proven, evidence-based
25 methods should include more than one intervention or component.

26 (2) A “covered licensee” means a dentist who practices dentistry
27 in a setting other than a clinic licensed pursuant to Section 1204
28 of the Health and Safety Code, a general acute care hospital as
29 defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety
30 Code, or a skilled nursing facility as defined in subdivision (c) of
31 Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.

32 (3) “Evidence-based methods” means antimicrobial prescribing
33 intervention methods that have been proven effective through
34 outcome evaluations or studies, including, but not limited to, audit
35 and feedback, academic detailing, clinical decision support, delayed
36 prescribing practices, poster-based interventions, accountable
37 justification, and peer comparison.

38 (b) A covered licensee shall adopt and implement an
39 antimicrobial stewardship policy before applying for a renewal
40 license.

1 ~~(e) Upon filing an application with the board for a renewal~~
2 ~~license, a covered licensee shall certify in writing, on a form~~
3 ~~prescribed by the board, that he or she has both adopted an~~
4 ~~antimicrobial stewardship policy pursuant to subdivision (b) and~~
5 ~~is in compliance with that policy.~~

6 ~~(d) (1) The board shall audit during each year a random sample~~
7 ~~of covered licensees who have certified compliance pursuant to~~
8 ~~subdivision (c). The board shall not audit an individual covered~~
9 ~~licensee more than once every four years.~~

10 ~~(2) A covered licensee who is selected for audit shall submit to~~
11 ~~the board, on a form prescribed by the board, a copy of his or her~~
12 ~~antimicrobial stewardship policy.~~

13 ~~(e) If the board determines that an audited covered licensee has~~
14 ~~failed to comply with subdivision (b), the board shall require that~~
15 ~~covered licensee to comply with subdivision (b) during the~~
16 ~~following renewal period. If the covered licensee fails to comply~~
17 ~~within that renewal period, that failure constitutes unprofessional~~
18 ~~conduct subject to discipline pursuant to Section 1670.~~

19 ~~SEC. 4. The heading of Article 10 (commencing with Section~~
20 ~~2190) of Chapter 5 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions~~
21 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

22
23 ~~Article 10. Continuing Medical Education and Antimicrobial~~
24 ~~Stewardship~~
25

26 ~~SEC. 5. Section 2197 is added to the Business and Professions~~
27 ~~Code, to read:~~

28 ~~2197. (a) For purposes of this section the following definitions~~
29 ~~apply:~~

30 ~~(1) “Antimicrobial stewardship policy” means efforts to promote~~
31 ~~the appropriate prescribing of antimicrobials for patients, with the~~
32 ~~goal of reducing antimicrobial overuse and misuse and minimizing~~
33 ~~the development of antimicrobial resistant infections, that is~~
34 ~~consistent with one of the following parameters:~~

35 ~~(A) Antimicrobial stewardship guidelines published by the~~
36 ~~federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal~~
37 ~~Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Society for~~
38 ~~Healthcare Epidemiology of America, the Infectious Diseases~~
39 ~~Society of America, or similar recognized professional~~
40 ~~organizations.~~

1 ~~(B) Evidence-based methods. To the extent practicable,~~
2 ~~antimicrobial stewardship policies based on proven, evidence-based~~
3 ~~methods should include more than one intervention or component.~~

4 ~~(2) A “covered licensee” means a physician and surgeon who~~
5 ~~practices medicine in a setting other than a clinic licensed pursuant~~
6 ~~to Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code, a general acute~~
7 ~~care hospital as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the~~
8 ~~Health and Safety Code, or a skilled nursing facility as defined in~~
9 ~~subdivision (e) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.~~

10 ~~(3) “Evidence-based methods” means antimicrobial prescribing~~
11 ~~intervention methods that have been proven effective through~~
12 ~~outcome evaluations or studies, including, but not limited to, audit~~
13 ~~and feedback, academic detailing, clinical decision support, delayed~~
14 ~~prescribing practices, poster-based interventions, accountable~~
15 ~~justification, and peer comparison.~~

16 ~~(b) A covered licensee shall adopt and implement an~~
17 ~~antimicrobial stewardship policy before applying for a renewal~~
18 ~~license.~~

19 ~~(c) Upon filing an application with the board for a renewal~~
20 ~~license, a covered licensee shall certify in writing, on a form~~
21 ~~prescribed by the board, that he or she has both adopted an~~
22 ~~antimicrobial stewardship policy pursuant to subdivision (b) and~~
23 ~~is in compliance with that policy.~~

24 ~~(d) (1) The board shall audit during each year a random sample~~
25 ~~of covered licensees who have certified compliance pursuant to~~
26 ~~subdivision (c). The board shall not audit an individual covered~~
27 ~~licensee more than once every four years.~~

28 ~~(2) A covered licensee who is selected for audit shall submit to~~
29 ~~the board, on a form prescribed by the board, a copy of his or her~~
30 ~~antimicrobial stewardship policy.~~

31 ~~(e) If the board determines that an audited covered licensee has~~
32 ~~failed to comply with subdivision (b), the board shall require that~~
33 ~~covered licensee to comply with subdivision (b) during the~~
34 ~~following renewal period. If the covered licensee fails to comply~~
35 ~~within that renewal period, that failure constitutes unprofessional~~
36 ~~conduct subject to discipline pursuant to Section 2234.~~

37 ~~SEC. 6. Section 2454.6 is added to the Business and Professions~~
38 ~~Code, to read:~~

39 ~~2454.6. (a) For purposes of this section the following~~
40 ~~definitions apply:~~

1 (1) “Antimicrobial stewardship policy” means efforts to promote
2 the appropriate prescribing of antimicrobials for patients, with the
3 goal of reducing antimicrobial overuse and misuse and minimizing
4 the development of antimicrobial resistant infections, that is
5 consistent with one of the following parameters:

6 (A) Antimicrobial stewardship guidelines published by the
7 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal
8 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Society for
9 Healthcare Epidemiology of America, the Infectious Diseases
10 Society of America, or similar recognized professional
11 organizations.

12 (B) Evidence-based methods. To the extent practicable,
13 antimicrobial stewardship policies based on proven, evidence-based
14 methods should include more than one intervention or component.

15 (2) A “covered licensee” means an osteopathic physician and
16 surgeon who practices osteopathic medicine in a setting other than
17 a clinic licensed pursuant to Section 1204 of the Health and Safety
18 Code, a general acute care hospital as defined in subdivision (a)
19 of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, or a skilled nursing
20 facility as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1250 of the Health
21 and Safety Code.

22 (3) “Evidence-based methods” has the same meaning as in
23 paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 2197.

24 (b) A covered licensee shall adopt and implement an
25 antimicrobial stewardship policy before applying for a renewal
26 license.

27 (c) Upon filing an application with the board for a renewal
28 license, a covered licensee shall certify in writing, on a form
29 prescribed by the board, that he or she has both adopted an
30 antimicrobial stewardship policy pursuant to subdivision (b) and
31 is in compliance with that policy.

32 (d) (1) The board shall audit during each year a random sample
33 of covered licensees who have certified compliance pursuant to
34 subdivision (c). The board shall not audit an individual covered
35 licensee more than once every four years.

36 (2) A covered licensee who is selected for audit shall submit to
37 the board, on a form prescribed by the board, a copy of his or her
38 antimicrobial stewardship policy.

39 (e) If the board determines that an audited covered licensee has
40 failed to comply with subdivision (b), the board shall require that

1 licensee to comply with subdivision (b) during the following
2 renewal period. If the covered licensee fails to comply within that
3 renewal period, that failure constitutes unprofessional conduct
4 subject to discipline pursuant to Section 2234.

5 SEC. 7. Section 2496.5 is added to the Business and Professions
6 Code, to read:

7 2496.5. (a) For purposes of this section the following
8 definitions apply:

9 (1) “Antimicrobial stewardship policy” means efforts to promote
10 the appropriate prescribing of antimicrobials for patients, with the
11 goal of reducing antimicrobial overuse and misuse and minimizing
12 the development of antimicrobial-resistant infections, that is
13 consistent with one of the following parameters:

14 (A) Antimicrobial stewardship guidelines published by the
15 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal
16 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Society for
17 Healthcare Epidemiology of America, the Infectious Diseases
18 Society of America, or similar recognized professional
19 organizations.

20 (B) Evidence-based methods. To the extent practicable,
21 antimicrobial stewardship policies based on proven, evidence-based
22 methods should include more than one intervention or component.

23 (2) A “covered licensee” means a podiatrist who practices
24 podiatric medicine in a setting other than a clinic licensed pursuant
25 to Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code, a general acute
26 care hospital as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the
27 Health and Safety Code, or a skilled nursing facility as defined in
28 subdivision (e) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code.

29 (3) “Evidence-based methods” has the same meaning as in
30 paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 2197.

31 (b) A covered licensee shall adopt and implement an
32 antimicrobial stewardship policy before applying for a renewal
33 license.

34 (c) Upon filing an application with the board for a renewal
35 license, a covered licensee shall certify in writing, on a form
36 prescribed by the board, that he or she has both adopted an
37 antimicrobial stewardship policy pursuant to subdivision (b) and
38 is in compliance with that policy.

39 (d) (1) The board shall audit during each year a random sample
40 of covered licensees who have certified compliance pursuant to

1 ~~subdivision (c). The board shall not audit an individual covered~~
2 ~~licensee more than once every four years.~~

3 ~~(2) A covered licensee who is selected for audit shall submit to~~
4 ~~the board, on a form prescribed by the board, a copy of his or her~~
5 ~~antimicrobial stewardship policy.~~

6 ~~(e) If the board determines that an audited covered licensee has~~
7 ~~failed to comply with subdivision (b), the board shall require that~~
8 ~~licensee to comply with subdivision (b) during the following~~
9 ~~renewal period. If the covered licensee fails to comply within that~~
10 ~~renewal period, that failure constitutes unprofessional conduct~~
11 ~~subject to discipline pursuant to Section 2234.~~

12 ~~SEC. 8.— Article 2.7 (commencing with Section 1223) is added~~
13 ~~to Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:~~

14
15 ~~Article 2.7. Antimicrobial Stewardship Guidelines~~

16
17 ~~1223. (a) For purposes of this article the following definitions~~
18 ~~apply.~~

19 ~~(1) “Antimicrobial stewardship policy” means efforts to promote~~
20 ~~the appropriate prescribing of antimicrobials for patients, with the~~
21 ~~goal of reducing antimicrobial overuse and misuse and minimizing~~
22 ~~the development of antimicrobial resistant infections.~~

23 ~~(2) “Evidence-based methods” means antimicrobial prescribing~~
24 ~~intervention methods that have been proven effective through~~
25 ~~outcome evaluations or studies, including, but not limited to, audit~~
26 ~~and feedback, academic detailing, clinical decision support, delayed~~
27 ~~prescribing practices, poster-based interventions, accountable~~
28 ~~justification, and peer comparison.~~

29 ~~(b) On or before January 1, 2018, a primary care clinic or~~
30 ~~specialty clinic, licensed pursuant to Section 1204, shall adopt and~~
31 ~~implement an antimicrobial stewardship policy that is consistent~~
32 ~~with one of the following parameters:~~

33 ~~(1) Antimicrobial stewardship guidelines published by the~~
34 ~~federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal~~
35 ~~Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Society for~~
36 ~~Healthcare Epidemiology of America, the Infectious Diseases~~
37 ~~Society of America, or similar recognized professional~~
38 ~~organizations.~~

1 ~~(2) Evidence-based methods. To the extent practicable,~~
2 ~~antimicrobial stewardship policies based on proven, evidence-based~~
3 ~~methods should include more than one intervention or component.~~

4 ~~SEC. 9. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to~~
5 ~~Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because~~
6 ~~the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school~~
7 ~~district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or~~
8 ~~infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty~~
9 ~~for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of~~
10 ~~the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within~~
11 ~~the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California~~
12 ~~Constitution.~~