

Introduced by Senator Beall

February 17, 2016

An act relating to pupil health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1113, as introduced, Beall. Pupil health: mental health services: funding.

Existing law requires each special education local plan area submitting a local plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to ensure that its policies, procedures, and programs are consistent with state and federal laws governing, among other things, free appropriate public education and individualized education programs, and requires the local plan to contain specified information, including an annual budget plan.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. Existing law provides that Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) for any individual under 21 years of age is covered under Medi-Cal, consistent with the requirements of federal law.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to mental health services in schools that would require counties to enter into agreements with special education local plan areas to allow access to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) funding through the county mental health programs by providing EPSDT mental health services.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation relating to mental health services in schools that would
3 require counties to enter into agreements with special education
4 local plan areas to allow the special education local plan areas and
5 the local educational agencies to access Early and Periodic
6 Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) funding through
7 the county mental health programs by providing EPSDT mental
8 health services.

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