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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1466**

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**Introduced by Senator Mitchell**

February 19, 2016

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An act to add Section 14132.19 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1466, as amended, Mitchell. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program: trauma screening.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services, including early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment for any individual under 21 years of age who is covered under Medi-Cal consistent with the requirements under federal law. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions.

Existing federal law provides that EPSDT services include periodic screening services, vision services, dental services, hearing services, and other necessary services to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not the services are covered under the state plan. In addition

to the required periodic screening services, existing federal law provides that Medicaid-eligible children are entitled to interperiodic screenings in order to identify a suspected illness or condition not present or discovered during the periodic examination.

The bill would require, consistent with federal law, that screening services under the EPSDT program include screening for trauma, as defined by the bill. ~~The bill would require that any child who is removed from the custody or care of his or her parent or legal guardian, as specified, be assessed by the county mental health plan for specialty mental health services.~~ *bill and as specified.* The bill also would require the department, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services, Services and others, to adopt, employ, and develop, as appropriate, tools and protocols for screening children for trauma and further would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific the screening tools and protocols by means of all-county letters, plan letters, or plan or provider bulletins, 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. Section 14132.19 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 14132.19. (a) Consistent with federal law, screening services
- 4 provided under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and
- 5 Treatment (EPSDT) benefit pursuant to subdivision (v) of Section
- 6 14132 shall include screening for trauma ~~at all screenings.~~
- 7 *consistent with the protocols the department develops pursuant to*
- 8 *subdivision (c).*
- 9 ~~(b) A child who is removed from the custody or care of his or~~
- 10 ~~her parent or legal guardian pursuant to Section 300 and following,~~
- 11 ~~or Section 727, shall be assessed by the county mental health plan~~
- 12 ~~for specialty mental health services.~~
- 13 (e)
- 14 (b) “Trauma,” as used in this section, ~~is defined as any~~
- 15 ~~physiological response to~~ *means the result of* an event, series of
- 16 events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual
- 17 as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that
- 18 has lasting adverse effects on the individual’s ~~functional and~~

1 ~~mental~~, *functioning and* physical, social, emotional, or spiritual  
2 well-being.

3 ~~(d)~~

4 (c) (1) The department, in consultation with the State  
5 Department of Social Services, behavioral health experts, child  
6 welfare experts, and stakeholders, shall adopt, employ, and  
7 develop, as appropriate, tools and protocols for the screening of  
8 children for trauma, consistent with existing law and this section.

9 (2) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section  
10 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code,  
11 the department may implement, interpret, or make specific this  
12 subdivision by means of all-county letters, plan letters, plan or  
13 provider bulletins, or similar instructions, without taking regulatory  
14 action.

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