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SENATE BILL

No. 1846

Introduced by Senator Leslie
(*Coauthor: Assembly Member Bates*)

February 22, 1996

An act to add *Section 18987.47 to, and to add* and repeal Chapter 12.96 (commencing with Section 18986.60) of Part 6 of Division 9 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1846, as amended, Leslie. Human services: Placer County: pilot program.

Existing law provides for various health and social services for eligible individuals.

This bill would require the State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Health Services to implement a pilot program in Placer County, upon approval by that county, for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system.

This bill would make its provisions inoperative on July 1, 2001, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2002.

Existing law provides for a youth pilot program under which various funds in selected counties are combined into a county child and family services fund for comprehensive, integrated services for high risk, low-income multiproblem children and families.

This bill would also permit these selected counties to implement the human services program prescribed by this bill in lieu of the youth pilot program.

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
- 2 the following:
- 3 (a) Health and social services are currently provided
- 4 through separate and uncoordinated programs
- 5 established in response to narrow categorical funding,
- 6 reporting, and reimbursement requirements and
- 7 regulations.
- 8 (b) The current service delivery system for health and
- 9 social services is based on a multitude of narrow,
- 10 uncoordinated, separately funded, categorical programs
- 11 that emphasize short-term crisis management over
- 12 prevention, and the system typically fails to improve
- 13 conditions and outcomes for service beneficiaries.
- 14 (c) The regulations imposed on California counties in
- 15 the delivery of vital health and social services impede
- 16 counties from designing and implementing
- 17 comprehensive and integrated delivery systems that
- 18 would improve service outcomes and reduce duplicative
- 19 accountabilities and administrative costs.
- 20 (d) The design of these integrated delivery systems is
- 21 in the best interest of the state.
- 22 (e) A pilot county should be designated to design and
- 23 implement this system, with the results of the pilot
- 24 program being able to serve as a test and model of this
- 25 concept.
- 26 (f) In order to determine whether counties can
- 27 improve client outcomes by integrating health and social



1 services, the pilot program should test the feasibility of
2 allowing counties to do all of the following:

3 (1) Make decisions locally regarding the best use of
4 county, state, and federal funds in an integrated health
5 and social services delivery system.

6 (2) Increase the efficiency of administering health and
7 social services.

8 (3) Ensure accountability through measurable
9 outcomes.

10 (4) Simplify and consolidate financial and statistical
11 reporting requirements into a single structure.

12 (5) Simplify case records and reduce duplicative case
13 reporting on the same client.

14 (6) Develop an automated case management client
15 information system that will facilitate and coordinate
16 multiple and comprehensive service provisions.

17 (g) By passage of this act, the Legislature will
18 authorize a pilot program in Placer County and will
19 authorize the appropriate state agencies to cooperate and
20 assist the County of Placer in the design and
21 implementation of the pilot.

22 (h) Placer County is in the process of restructuring the
23 health and social services delivery system in a manner
24 that will be most responsive to the needs of clients and
25 consumers and that provides necessary services in the
26 most comprehensive and efficient manner.

27 (i) Because the current service system does not
28 adequately delineate services or funding between
29 children and adult services, this act is relevant to the
30 restructuring of services and financing for children,
31 families, and adult systems of care.

32 SEC. 2. Chapter 12.96 (commencing with Section
33 18986.60) is added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare
34 and Institutions Code, to read:

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36 CHAPTER 12.96. PLACER COUNTY INTEGRATED HEALTH
37 AND HUMAN SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM

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39 18986.60. (a) The State Department of Social
40 Services and the State Department of Health Services



1 shall implement a pilot program in Placer County, upon
2 approval of that county, for the funding and delivery of
3 services and benefits through an integrated and
4 comprehensive county health and human services
5 system.

6 (b) The Placer County pilot project shall, in providing
7 services through an integrated system to families and
8 individuals, among other things, do all of the following:

9 (1) Implement and evaluate a system of universal
10 intake for those seeking services.

11 (2) Implement and evaluate a system whereby a
12 family or individual eligible for more than one service
13 may be provided those services by as few as a single
14 county employee, through an integrated, coordinated
15 service plan.

16 (3) Implement and evaluate a system of
17 administration that centralizes the management and
18 support of client services.

19 (4) Implement and evaluate a system of reporting and
20 accountability that provides for the combined provision
21 of services as provided for in paragraph (2), without the
22 loss of state or federal funds provided under current law.

23 (c) The integrated system may include, but need not
24 be limited to, any or all of the following:

25 (1) Adoption services.

26 (2) Child abuse prevention services.

27 (3) Child welfare services.

28 (4) Delinquency prevention services.

29 (5) Drug and alcohol services.

30 (6) Mental health services.

31 (7) Eligibility determination.

32 (8) Employment and training services.

33 (9) Foster care services.

34 (10) Health services.

35 (11) Public health services.

36 (12) Housing services.

37 (13) Medically indigent program services.

38 (14) All other appropriately identified and targeted
39 services.



1 (d) Programs or services shall be included in the pilot
2 project only to the extent that federal funding to either
3 the state or the county will not be reduced as a result of
4 the inclusion of the services in the project.

5 (e) The county and the appropriate state departments
6 shall jointly seek federal approval of the pilot project, as
7 may be needed to ensure its funding and allow for the
8 integrated provision of services.

9 (f) This chapter shall not authorize Placer County to
10 discontinue meeting its obligations under current law to
11 provide services or to reduce its accountability for the
12 provision of these services.

13 (g) This chapter shall not authorize Placer County to
14 reduce Placer County's eligibility under current law for
15 state funding for the services included in the pilot project.

16 (h) Placer County shall utilize any and all state general
17 and county funds that it is legally allocated or entitled to
18 receive. Through the creation of integrated health and
19 social services structures, the county shall maximize
20 federal matching funds.

21 18986.61. The county department of health and
22 human services of Placer County, the State Department
23 of Social Services, and the State Department of Health
24 Services shall evaluate the pilot program and shall
25 prepare a final evaluation and submit the final evaluation
26 not later than six months following the third year of the
27 implementation of the pilot program.

28 The county and the appropriate state departments
29 shall seek private funding to provide for the evaluation of
30 the pilot program.

31 18986.62. This chapter shall become inoperative on
32 July 1, 2001, and, as of January 1, 2002, is repealed, unless
33 a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or
34 before January 1, 2002, deletes or extends the dates on
35 which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

36 *SEC. 3. Section 18987.47 is added to the Welfare and*
37 *Institutions Code, to read:*

38 *18987.47. Any county selected to participate in the*
39 *program prescribed by this chapter may implement the*
40 *integrated health and human services pilot program*

1 *prescribed by Chapter 12.96 (commencing with Section*
2 *18986.60) in lieu of the program prescribed by this*
3 *chapter.*

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