

**Introduced by Senator Brulte**

February 24, 2000

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An act to add Section 16146.5 to, and to add Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 15800) to Part 3 of Division 9 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to human services, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1830, as amended, Brulte. Maternity care.

Existing law provides for the provision of maternity care for unmarried persons under 18 years of age, in certain circumstances.

This bill would provide that persons who are over 18 years of age and who remain eligible for AFDC-FC benefits shall be eligible to receive maternity care.

This bill would also establish a maternity care program for persons who are over 18 years of age and who are unmarried, addicted to drugs or alcohol, or who allege to be a victim of actual or threatened domestic violence and are currently living separately from and escaping the assailant, and would provide appropriate maternity care services to eligible individuals at the same level as those provided persons who are under 18 years of age.

*The bill would require the State Department of Social Services annually to conduct a designated review of admissions to licensed maternity homes and submit by June*

30, 2002, to the appropriate committees of the Legislature a report on the results of the first annual reviews.

Existing law authorizes the ~~State Department of Social Services~~ department to require the county to administer the maternity care program, including contracting with maternity homes for reasonable costs of providing maternity care services.

By extending the scope of the maternity care program, this bill would expand the duties of the counties, and would result in a state-mandated local program.

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, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

The bill would appropriate \$6,000,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Social Services for the implementation of the maternity care programs.

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 14 (commencing with Section  
2 15800) is added to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and  
3 Institutions Code, to read:

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CHAPTER 14. MATERNITY CARE

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7 15800. Any person, other than a person who is eligible  
8 for benefits under Part 4 (commencing with Section  
9 16000), who is one of the following shall be eligible for  
10 benefits under this chapter:

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- (a) An unmarried person.



1 (b) A person who is addicted to drugs or alcohol.

2 (c) A person who alleges to be a victim of actual or  
3 threatened domestic violence and who is currently living  
4 separately from and escaping the alleged assailant.

5 15801. Any person who is eligible for benefits under  
6 this chapter shall receive the same level of appropriate  
7 services as those provided under Chapter 2.4  
8 (commencing with Section 16145) of Part 4.

9 15802. From any funds appropriated therefor, the  
10 state shall reimburse nonprofit maternity homes licensed  
11 pursuant to state law for costs of care and services  
12 provided under this chapter for eligible individuals who  
13 are domiciled in this state.

14 15803. Maternity home providers shall be subject to  
15 the same requirements and shall have the same rights as  
16 those specified in Chapter 2.4 (commencing with Section  
17 16145) of Part 4.

18 15804. *At least annually, the department shall review  
19 admissions to licensed maternity homes to ensure that the  
20 assessed needs of persons accepted for services are  
21 appropriately matched with services offered by the  
22 homes. By June 30, 2002, the department shall submit a  
23 report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature  
24 on the results of its reviews to date, including information  
25 on:*

26 (a) *The use of income eligibility criteria for licensed  
27 maternity homes that serve adults over the age of 18  
28 years.*

29 (b) *The certification of licensed maternity homes by  
30 the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to  
31 ensure a program to prevent pregnancy complications  
32 from drugs and alcohol abuse.*

33 (c) *The number of licensed maternity homes that  
34 receive consultation of the Domestic Violence Unit in the  
35 State Department of Health Services or local domestic  
36 violence shelters, which are funded by the State  
37 Department of Health Services and the Office of  
38 Criminal Justice Planning, to ensure assistance and  
39 anonymity for victims of violence through security and  
40 protection measures.*

1 (d) *The number of clients served to ensure that there*  
2 *is a demand for the maternity care services for those over*  
3 *the age of 18.*

4 (e) *Outreach activities by the licensed maternity*  
5 *home and the State Department of Health Services to*  
6 *ensure that eligible persons are informed of the*  
7 *availability of maternity care services provided under this*  
8 *program.*

9 15805. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
10 code, the state may require the county to administer the  
11 provisions of this chapter, including contracting with  
12 maternity homes for reasonable costs of providing the  
13 services under this chapter.

14 SEC. 2. Section 16146.5 is added to the Welfare and  
15 Institutions Code, to read:

16 16146.5. Any child over 18 years of age who remains  
17 eligible for AFDC-FC benefits shall be eligible to receive  
18 benefits under this chapter.

19 SEC. 3. The sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) is  
20 appropriated from the General Fund to the State  
21 Department of Social Services for allocation according to  
22 the following schedule:

23 (a) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be  
24 allocated for implementation of Chapter 2.4  
25 (commencing with Section 16145) of Part 4 of Division 9  
26 of the Welfare an Institutions Code.

27 (b) Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be  
28 allocated for implementation of Chapter 14  
29 (commencing with Section 15800) of Part 3 of Division 9  
30 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

31 SEC. 4. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the  
32 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates  
33 determines that this act contains costs mandated by the  
34 state, reimbursement to local agencies and school  
35 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7  
36 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title  
37 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the  
38 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million



1 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from  
2 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

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