

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2483

Introduced by Assembly Member Chan

February 19, 2004

An act relating to substance abuse.

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AB 2483, as introduced, Chan. Adolescent alcohol and substance abuse care.

Existing law requires the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to implement programs related to the use of alcohol and drugs, including the licensure of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities serving adults.

This bill would state the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would require all counties to develop an annual plan to develop an evidence-based methodology, which meets specified requirements, to provide services to adolescents with alcohol and other drug-related problems.

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 that will require all counties to develop an annual plan
- 3 to ensure an evidence-based methodology to provide services to
- 4 adolescents with alcohol and other drug-related problems that
- 5 meets all of the following requirements:

- 1 (a) The plan outlines existing county services for adolescents
2 with alcohol and other drug-related problems, identifies service
3 gaps, and sets goals and identifies solutions to ensure that those
4 service gaps will be filled.
- 5 (b) The plan requires the county to establish a coalition, under
6 the direction and supervision of an adolescent substance abuse
7 expert appointed by the county’s board of supervisors, that is
8 vested with the authority to define the primary components
9 necessary for an effective continuum of care and services for
10 adolescents with alcohol and other drug-related problems.
- 11 (c) The plan requires the coalition to be comprised of
12 representatives from all entities that receive public funds for youth
13 services, including, but not limited to, mental health programs,
14 substance abuse programs, probation offices, school districts,
15 public health programs, substance abuse treatment providers,
16 social services programs, law enforcement agencies, and juvenile
17 justice judges.
- 18 (d) The plan is required to be approved annually by the county
19 board of supervisors.

