

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1979

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 9, 2006

An act to amend Section 1522.03 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to community care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1979, as introduced, Bass. Community care facilities: criminal record information: fees.

Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of community care facilities by the State Department of Social Services.

Existing law requires that, before issuing any of specified documents allowing for the operation or management of a community care facility, the department or other approving authority secure from an appropriate law enforcement agency a criminal record with respect to the applicant or certain other persons, except as specified. Existing law requires the submission of the fingerprints of an applicant or other person who is not otherwise exempted from fingerprinting to the Department of Justice for the purpose of providing criminal record information, and requires the Department of Justice to provide notice of the criminal record information within 14 days of receiving the fingerprints. Existing law allows the Department of Justice to charge a fee sufficient to cover the cost of providing these services.

This bill would prohibit the Department of Justice from charging a fee for these services to any nonprofit organization that is approved by the state, or by a city or county, to provide mentoring services for children in foster care.

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 1522.03 of the Health and Safety Code
2 is amended to read:
3 1522.03. The Department of Justice may charge a fee
4 sufficient to cover its cost in providing services in accordance
5 with Section 1522 to comply with the 14-day requirement for
6 provision to the department of the criminal record information, as
7 contained in subdivision (c) of Section 1522. *However, the*
8 *Department of Justice shall not charge a fee for these services to*
9 *any nonprofit organization that is approved by the state, or by a*
10 *city, county, or city and county, to provide mentoring services for*
11 *children in foster care.*

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