

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2141**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones**

February 21, 2006

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An act to add Section 14504.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to family planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2141, as introduced, Jones. Family planning: Parent-Child Communication Assistance Program.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits.

Under existing law, specified family planning services, administered by the Office of Family Planning within the department, are provided to Medi-Cal recipients and certain other persons.

This bill would establish the Parent-Child Communication Assistance Program within the Office of Family Planning, with the goal of decreasing teenage pregnancies through programs that equip parents with the knowledge, understanding, and communication skills necessary to talk to their children about making responsible decisions regarding at-risk behavior. The bill would require that the program focus on parents of minor children at risk of becoming pregnant or impregnating someone, and would specify the funding priorities under the program. It would provide for the program to be implemented to the extent that an appropriation for that purpose is made from state or federal funds.

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 14504.5 is added to the Welfare and  
2 Institutions Code, to read:  
3 14504.5. (a) The Parent-Child Communication Assistance  
4 Program shall be a continuing program within the Office of  
5 Family Planning, with the goal of decreasing teenage pregnancies  
6 through programs that equip parents with the knowledge,  
7 understanding, and communication skills necessary to talk to  
8 their children about making responsible decisions regarding  
9 at-risk behavior.  
10 (b) The program shall focus on parents of minor children at  
11 risk of becoming pregnant or impregnating someone, in an effort  
12 to provide the parents or guardians with effective tools for  
13 communicating with their children regarding responsible  
14 behavior.  
15 (c) Priority for funding under the program shall be given to the  
16 following:  
17 (1) Programs that target parents and guardians of at-risk youth.  
18 (2) Programs designed to increase youths' understanding of,  
19 and ability to act responsibly regarding, their own sexuality and  
20 the social pressures affecting them.  
21 (d) Grants shall be made available to qualified public or  
22 private nonprofit providers.  
23 (e) This section shall be implemented to the extent that an  
24 appropriation for that purpose is made from funds made available  
25 by the federal government or the state, or by both.

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