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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee
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SUBJECT: SB 440 (Pan)-Cognitive Impairment Safety Net System Task Force

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible direction on SB 440 (Pan), a bill that would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to study and assess the need for a cognitive impairment safety net for adults with cognitive impairment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SB 440 seeks to establish a collaborative task force across state and local agencies to study and assess the need for a safety net for adults with cognitive impairment and requires the task force to present its findings in a report with recommendations to the Legislature and Governor by January 1, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Existing law:

1. Establishes the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, which states that California is responsible for providing an array of services and supports sufficiently complete to meet the needs and choices of each person with developmental disabilities, regardless of age or degree of disability, and at each stage of life, and to support their integration into the mainstream life of the community.
2. Establishes a system of nonprofit Regional Centers, overseen by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), to provide fixed points of contact in the community for all persons with developmental disabilities and their families, to coordinate services and supports best suited to them throughout their lifetime.
3. Defines a “developmental disability” to mean a disability that originates before an individual attains 18 years of age which continues, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely and constitutes a substantial disability for that individual, including intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism and related conditions, but excluding other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.
4. Establishes an Individual Program Plan (IPP) as the process to ensure that services and supports are customized to meet the needs of consumers who are served by regional centers for the purpose of alleviating a developmental disability or toward the social, personal, physical, or economic habilitation or rehabilitation of an individual with a developmental disability, or toward the achievement and maintenance of independent, productive, and normal lives.
5. Establishes the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) for the purpose of operating comprehensive, coordinated, effective, efficient, and accountable programs of vocational rehabilitation and independent living that are designed to assess, plan, develop, and provide services for individuals with disabilities, particularly individuals with the most significant disabilities, as specified, so that these individuals may prepare for and engage in gainful employment and live more independently.
6. Defines “cognitive impairment” as the loss or deterioration of intellectual capacity characterized by impairments in short- or long-term memory, language, concentration and attention, orientation to people, place or time, visual-spatial abilities or executive functions, including but not limited to, mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer’s disease or other form of dementia, or brain injury.
7. Defines “acquired traumatic brain injury” as an injury that is sustained after birth from an external force to the brain or any of its parts, resulting in cognitive, psychological, neurological, or anatomical changes in brain functions.
8. Establishes the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund, funded by traffic penalties, to implement the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program.
9. Requires adult day health care to be a covered Medi-Cal benefit and authorizes adults who meet Medi-Cal eligibility to receive those benefits if they meet specified criteria, including having a cognitive impairment
10. Requires HHS to establish an Alzheimer’s disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee consisting of 14 members, as specified, and requires the committee to regularly review and update the recommendations of the California Alzheimer’s Disease Task Force Report.

SB 440 seeks to establish a collaborative taskforce across state and local agencies to study and assess the need for a safety net for adults with cognitive impairment and requires the task force to present its findings in a report with recommendations to the Legislature and Governor by January 1, 2021. Cognitive impairment is defined as including dementia, traumatic brain injury, and those diagnosed with a developmental disability after 18 years of age. The task force is charged with recommending short term and long term services needed by adults with cognitive impairments and options for expanding services or developing new services, including options for financing.

Rural County Representatives of California-No Position

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan