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SENATE BILL

No. 158

**Introduced by Senator Correa
(Coauthor: Senator Beall)**

February 1, 2013

An act to add and repeal Section 4639.8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to autism services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 158, as amended, Correa. Autism services: demonstration program.

The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act ~~authorizes~~ *requires* the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide services and support to individuals with developmental disabilities, including autism.

This bill would ~~establish~~ *authorize*, until January 1, 2019, *the establishment of* a demonstration program that would be known as the Regional Center Excellence in Community Autism Partnerships (RECAP) program to ~~implement measures in underserved communities to promote awareness and reduce the stigma associated with autism or pervasive developmental spectrum disorders, improve the early screening, diagnosis, and assessment of those disorders, and increase access to evidence-based interventions and treatments, as specified~~ *provide improved services, supports, interventions, and other resources to assist individuals with autism spectrum disorders, and their families, who are regional center consumers and who reside in underserved communities, as specified*. The bill would ~~require~~ *authorize* the department to contract with a University of California or California

State University campus to serve as ~~the~~ *a* coordinating center ~~for to~~ *develop* the program. The bill would ~~also require the department to define the responsibilities of the coordinating center and to establish criteria for participation in, and guidelines for the implementation of, the program. The bill would require, on or before January 1, 2018, the center, or its designee, to provide information to the appropriate committees of the Legislature, the department, the Governor's office, and participating regional centers information regarding the efficacy and outcomes of the RE CAP program.~~ *authorize the coordinating center to establish guidelines by which regional centers participating in the program would implement measures in underserved communities, in a linguistically and culturally competent manner; to promote awareness and reduce the stigma associated with autism, improve the early screening, diagnosis, and assessment of autism, and increase access to evidence-based interventions and treatments for autism, as specified.*

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 4639.8 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 4639.8. (a) A demonstration program, that shall *be known as*
4 *the Regional Center Excellence in Community Autism Partnerships*
5 *(RE CAP), may be established pursuant to this section. If RE CAP*
6 *is established, it shall* provide improved services, supports,
7 interventions, and other resources to assist individuals with autism
8 spectrum disorders (ASD), and their families, who are regional
9 center consumers and who reside in underserved ~~communities~~ *is*
10 ~~hereby established pursuant to this section.~~ *communities.*
11 ~~(b) The demonstration program shall be known as the Regional~~
12 ~~Center Excellence in Community Autism Partnerships (RE CAP)~~
13 ~~program.~~
14 (e)
15 (b) The department ~~shall~~ *may* contract with a University of
16 California or California State University campus ~~that shall~~ *to* serve
17 as a coordinating center to ~~implement~~ *develop* the RE CAP
18 program. ~~In collaboration with the participating regional centers,~~

1 the coordinating center shall identify and coordinate the activities
2 and resources of other participating entities and organizations.

3 (d) The department shall do all of the following:

4 (1) Define the responsibilities of the coordinating center.

5 (2) Establish appropriate criteria and parameters by which
6 regional centers may participate in the RE CAP program.

7 (3) Establish criteria and parameters by which specific
8 geographic areas in catchment areas of participating regional
9 centers shall be designated as underserved communities.

10 (4) Establish

11 (c) *The coordinating center may establish guidelines, best*
12 *practices, and technical assistance by which regional centers*
13 *participating in the RE CAP program shall implement measures*
14 *in underserved communities to accomplish any of the following*
15 *goals and objectives in a linguistically and culturally competent*
16 *manner:*

17 (A) Promote awareness and reduce the stigma associated with
18 ASD.

19 (B) Improve the early screening for ASD.

20 (C) Improve the diagnosis and assessment of ASD.

21 (D) Increase access to evidence-based interventions and
22 treatments for ASD.

23 (5) ~~Establish indicators and outcome measures that may be~~
24 ~~utilized to evaluate the efficacy of the RE CAP program.~~

25 (e)

26 (d) Participation of the regional centers shall be on a voluntary
27 basis ~~or as deemed necessary by the department.~~

28 (f) (1)

29 (e) Funding for the RE CAP program shall be from existing
30 regional center resources in combination with additional resources
31 provided by foundations, federal funding, and other sources and
32 as allocated by the coordinating center for each of the RE CAP
33 programs. No additional state funds shall be allocated *to the*
34 *coordinating center or the regional centers* for these purposes.

35 (2) ~~The coordinating center shall implement the demonstration~~
36 ~~project described in this section only to the extent that adequate~~
37 ~~funding and resources are made available for the project.~~

38 (g) ~~On or before January 1, 2018, the coordinating center, or its~~
39 ~~designee, shall provide information to the appropriate committees~~
40 ~~of the Legislature, the department, the Governor's office, and~~

1 participating regional centers regarding the efficacy and outcomes
2 of the RECAP program.

3 (h)

4 (f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2019,
5 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
6 is enacted before January 1, 2019, deletes or extends that date.