

BILL NUMBER: AB 2514 INTRODUCED BILL TEXT

INTRODUCED BY Assembly Member Bates

FEBRUARY 21, 2002

An act to add Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 18998) to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to substance abuse.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2514, as introduced, Bates. Substance abuse review committee. Under existing law, the State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs administer various programs, including for the benefit of individuals and families participating in public social services programs.

This bill would establish a joint committee, with specified membership, to study issues relating to substance abuse in families in child welfare programs. The bill would require the committee to develop a plan to address these issues, and to submit that plan to the Legislature and the Governor no later than January 1, 2004.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16 (commencing with Section 18998) is added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 16. SUBSTANCE ABUSE REVIEW COMMITTEE

18998. (a) The State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, shall establish a joint committee to study issues relating to substance abuse in families in child welfare programs.

(b) (1) The committee shall be cochaired by the Director of the State Department of Social Services and the Director of Alcohol and Drug Programs, or their designees.

(2) Members of the committee shall be appointed by the cochairpersons, and shall include all of the following:

(A) A representative of the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA).

(B) A representative of the County Alcohol and Drug Program

Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC).

(C) A representative of the University of California, Berkeley Child Welfare Research Center.

(D) A representative of the University of California, Los Angeles Drug Abuse Research Center.

(E) A representative of the Judicial Council of California.

(F) A representative of consumers of substance abuse services.

(G) A representative of any other entity the committee deems advisable.

(c) The committee shall develop a plan that includes measurable milestones to address issues of substance abuse facing families in child welfare programs.

(d) The committee shall submit the plan prepared pursuant to subdivision (c) to the Legislature and the Governor no later than January 1, 2004.