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An act to amend Sections 4690.5 and 4870 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.



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

SECTION 1. Section 4690.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

4690.5. Notwithstanding any other law or regulation, commencing July 1, 2016, and to the extent funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act for this purpose, the rate for family member-provided respite services authorized by the department and in operation effect on June 30, 2016, and the rates for out-of-home respite services in effect on June 30, 2016, shall be increased by 5 percent. The increase shall be applied as a percentage, and the percentage shall be the same for all providers.

SEC. 2. Section 4870 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

4870. (a) To encourage competitive integrated employment opportunities statewide for individuals with developmental disabilities, the department shall establish guidelines and oversee a program, to the extent funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act for this purpose, to increase paid internship opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities that produce outcomes consistent with the individual program plan. The department shall consult with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, regional centers, employers, supported employment provider organizations, and clients' rights advocates, to establish a program that shall be administered by community service providers and that meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Payments for internships shall not exceed ten thousand four hundred dollars (\$10,400) per year for each individual placed in an internship.
- (2) Placements shall be made into competitive, integrated work environments.



(3) Placements shall be made into internships that develop skills that will facilitate paid employment opportunities in the future.

(4) Regional centers shall increase awareness of these internships to consumers outside of current employment programs through outreach to consumers once the program is implemented, as well as during the individual program plan process.

(b) The department shall require annual reporting by regional centers and vendors that ensures program accountability and achievement of program goals. This shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(1) The number of interns placed who might not otherwise have achieved the placement absent this internship program.

(2) Types of employment in which interns are placed.

(3) Length of internships.

(4) Demographic information of interns.

(5) Amount of each intern placement payment.

(6) Employment-related supports provided by another agency or individual to the intern.

(7) Number of interns who subsequently entered paid employment, including salary and benefit information.

(8) Any additional information, as determined by the department.

(c) The department shall include in its annual May Revision fiscal estimate a description of the implementation of the program, including, but not limited to, a description of the stakeholder consultation, the data described in subdivision (b), aggregated by regional center and statewide, and any recommendations for program



changes that may be necessary or desirable to maximize program effectiveness and accountability.

(d) Consistent with the individual program plan, the program shall increase sustained and appropriate competitive integrated employment placements by ~~providers of supported employment services, as defined in subdivision (p) of Section 4851,~~ regional center service providers, as follows:

(1) A payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the ~~supported employment services~~ regional center service provider for initial placements made on or after July 1, 2016, in competitive integrated employment, as defined in subdivision (o) of Section 4851 and subdivision (d) of Section 4868.

(2) An additional payment of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250) to the ~~supported employment services~~ regional center service provider for an individual described in paragraph (1) who remains in competitive integrated employment for six consecutive months.

(3) An additional payment of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to the ~~supported employment services~~ regional center service provider for an individual described in paragraphs (1) and (2) who remains in competitive integrated employment for 12 consecutive months.

(e) Regional centers shall annually report to the department the payments for placements pursuant to subdivision (d). The information shall be reported in a format determined by the department, and shall include the number of individuals placed in internships or other employment as described in this section each year.



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(f) The payments made pursuant to this section shall not be in addition to the placement payments made pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 4860.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Developmental services.

Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the State Department of Developmental Services to contract with regional centers to provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities, including respite services and supported employment services. Existing law, effective June 9, 2016, and commencing July 1, 2016, requires the rate for family-member provided respite services authorized by the department and in operation on June 30, 2016, to be increased by 5%.

This bill would additionally require the rates for out-of-home respites services in effect on June 30, 2016, to be increased by 5%.

Existing law, effective June 9, 2016, requires the department to establish guidelines and oversee a program to increase paid internship opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities, and requires the program to increase



