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An act to add Section 14124.13 to the Welfare and Institutions Code,
relating to substance abuse.



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

SECTION 1. Section 14124.13 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, immediately following Section 14124.12, to read:

14124.13. (a) The department may enter into exclusive or nonexclusive contracts, or amend existing contracts, on a bid or negotiated basis for purpose of administering or implementing any federal grant awarded pursuant to the federal 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255), any subsequent amendments to that federal act, or any associated federal regulation or policy guidance.

(b) Contracts entered into or amended pursuant to this section shall be exempt from Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 14825) of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, Section 19130 of the Government Code, and Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, and shall be exempt from the review or approval of any division of the Department of General Services.



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, _____.

General Subject: Federal 21st Century Cures Act: grants.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Health Care Services within the California Health and Human Services Agency and sets forth the powers and duties of the department with regard to the administration and state oversight of all substance use disorder functions and programs in this state, including 2 key public funding sources for the substance use disorder system, the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and the Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program.

Existing federal law, the 21st Century Cures Act, authorizes the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to states for the purpose of addressing the opioid abuse crisis, as specified, and requires grants awarded to a state under this program, the Opioid Grant Program, to be used for carrying out activities that supplement activities pertaining to opioids undertaken by the state agency responsible for administering the substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant,



which may include public health-related activities including, implementing prevention activities, supporting access to health care services, and other public health-related activities, as the state determines appropriate, relating to addressing the opioid abuse crisis within the state.

This bill would authorize the State Department of Health Care Services to enter into exclusive or nonexclusive contracts, or to amend existing contracts, on a bid or negotiated basis for the purpose of administering or implementing any federal grant awarded pursuant to the federal 21st Century Cures Act, such as the Opioid Grant Program, as specified. The bill would exempt contracts entered into or amended under this authority from provisions governing the requirement of advertising in the California State Contracts Register, specified provisions governing personal services contracts, and specified provisions of the State Contract Act, and would require these contracts to be exempt from review or approval of any division of the Department of General Services.

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

