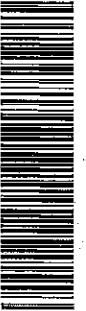


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An act relating to continuum of care.



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

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, contracts or grants identified in subdivision (b), necessary for the State Department of Social Services to implement or evaluate the continuum of care reform as provided by Chapter 773 of the Statutes of 2015, Chapter 612 of the Statutes of 2016, Chapter 732 of the Statutes of 2017, and Chapter 910 of the Statutes of 2018, are exempt from all of the following:

(1) The personal services contracting requirements of Article 4 (commencing with Section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(2) The Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual.

(3) Review by either the Department of General Services or the Department of Technology.

(b) This section applies to contracts or grants that do any of the following:

(1) Provide workforce training and certification to state or county staff on the use of a Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool and the use of this assessment tool within a child and family team.

(2) Develop or provide training and technical assistance to foster care providers, including short-term residential therapeutic program providers, foster family agencies, and their staff, related to continuum of care reform requirements and core program competencies.

(3) Develop or provide training and technical assistance to county child welfare and probation departments related to the implementation of the continuum of care reform.

(4) Perform an evaluation of the level of care rate setting methodology, as required by Section 11461.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(5) Consult with the Praed Foundation to evaluate the use of a CANS assessment tool to inform the level of care rate setting system.

(6) Consult with the Praed Foundation and the Mental Health Data Alliance as necessary to inform the development of a CANS assessment tool functionalities within the child welfare services digital system.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2021, and, as of January 1, 2022, is repealed.



LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No. _____
as introduced, _____
General Subject: Continuum of Care Reform contracts.

Existing law, commonly known as Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), states the intent of the Legislature in adopting CCR to improve California's child welfare system and its outcomes by using comprehensive initial child assessments, increasing the use of home-based family care and the provision of services and supports to home-based family care, reducing the use of congregate care placement settings, and creating faster paths to permanency resulting in shorter durations of involvement in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

This bill would exempt certain contracts or grants, as described, necessary for the State Department of Social Services to implement or evaluate the continuum of care reform from various laws and procedures, including the Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual and review by either the Department of General Services or the Department of Technology.

This bill would make these provisions inoperative on July 1, 2021, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2022.

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

