

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: Original
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: AB 2199
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BILL SUMMARY: Sexual Deviation: Research

This bill would repeal Section 8050 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), which directs the Department of Mental Health (DMH), acting through the superintendent of the Langley Porter Clinic at the University of California, San Francisco, to conduct scientific research into the causes and cures of sexual deviation, including deviations conducive to sex crimes against children, and the causes and cures of homosexuality.

FISCAL SUMMARY

There are no costs associated with this bill.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral with regard to this bill because the DMH would not incur any costs related to repealing this provision of the WIC.

According to the author's office, this law was enacted during a 1950 special session dealing with sex crimes. At that time, the bill under consideration directed the former Department of Mental Hygiene to conduct scientific research into the causes and cures of homosexuality and to develop methods to identify potential sex offenders. A \$100,000 appropriation was provided for this purpose and the research and report have long since been completed. The statute was last amended in 1977 to change the name of the department however; the language itself was not amended despite the fact that the American Psychological Association (APA) removed homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) in 1973. The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the Welfare and Institutions Code appropriately reflects the current opinions of the scientific and medical communities regarding homosexuality and sexual offenses.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012			
	RV	98	FC	FC	FC	FC				
4440/Mental Hth	SO	No	----- No/Minor Fiscal Impact -----							0001

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