

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: July 5, 2011
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: AB 862
AUTHOR: J. Silva
RELATED BILLS: Chapter 9, Statutes of 2011

BILL SUMMARY: Developmental Services: Regional Center Records Act

This bill would add to the specified information a regional center is required to include on its Internet website for the purpose of promoting transparency and access to public information related to the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) contracts with regional centers. These contracts enable support and services to be provided to individuals with developmental disabilities.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill likely would result in minor and absorbable costs to the state.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill as it would not result in additional state costs.

Recent reports by the California State Auditors revealed that operations and expenditures at some of the regional centers could be more cost effective.

According to the author's office, regional centers have used their non-profit status to deny requests of information that typically would be covered under the California Records Act.

Related to Chapter 9, Statutes of 2011 (SB 74, one of the 2011 Budget Trailer Bills), which seeks to provide transparency and accountability in the regional center contracts and operations, this bill additionally would require the following key data to be included in the public disclosure on Internet websites:

- The actual rates paid to each vendor, updated semiannually, except consumers or family members.
- Any regional center purchase of services or operations funds provided to a nonprofit housing organization outside the request for proposals process.
- The owner or owners, and business contact information of all vendors except consumers or family members of consumers.
- Conflict-of-interest disclosures.
- Any legal settlements that can be disclosed.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	
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