An act to add Section 4870.2 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.



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

SECTION 1. Section 4870.2 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

- 4870.2. (a) In addition to the program described in Section 4870, subject to an appropriation in the Budget Act for this purpose, the department shall establish, by December 31, 2022, a three-year pilot program that focuses on career readiness for individuals with developmental disabilities exiting work activity programs or secondary education in order to explore inclusive options, including, but not limited to, paid internships, competitive integrated employment, and college-to-career programs.
- (b) The pilot program established pursuant to subdivision (a) shall satisfy all of the following requirements:
- (1) Be developed in consultation with stakeholders, including, but not limited to, individuals with disabilities, including those who will be served by the program, family members, provider association representatives, consumer advocates, regional centers, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the State Department of Education, and the Department of Rehabilitation. The consultation described in this paragraph shall commence no later than August 31, 2022.
- (2) Provide person-centered and time-limited services focused on preparing individuals for career pathways.
- (3) Require service providers participating in the pilot program to report on defined outcome measures, as determined by the department.
- (c) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may implement, interpret, or make specific this section by means of written directives or similar instructions, without taking any regulatory action.



## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.				
as introduced,				
General Subject: Development	opmental	services:	employ	ment

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 and their families. Under existing law, the regional centers purchase needed services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities through approved service providers, or arrange for their provision through other publicly funded agencies. The services and supports to be provided to a regional center consumer are contained in an individual program plan (IPP), developed in accordance with prescribed requirements.

Existing law requires the department to establish guidelines and oversee a program to increase paid internship opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities that produce outcomes consistent with the IPP.

This bill would require, in addition to that program, and subject to an appropriation in the Budget Act for this purpose, the department to establish a 3-year pilot program that focuses on career readiness for individuals with developmental disabilities exiting work activity programs or secondary education. The bill would require the pilot program to satisfy specified requirements, including that it be developed in consultation with stakeholders. The bill would require that consultation to commence no later than August 31, 2022, and would require the pilot program to be established by December 31, 2022. The bill would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific these provisions by means of written directives or similar instructions, without taking any regulatory action.

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

