
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 501 (Wieckowski) - Claims against public entities

Version: March 25, 2021
Urgency: No
Hearing Date: May 20, 2021

Policy Vote: JUD. 11 - 0
Mandate: Yes
Consultant: Shaun Naidu

Bill Summary: SB 501 would extend the circumstances under which certain injured parties who are minors or who are physically or mentally incapacitated are entitled to have their applications to file untimely claims against public entities granted.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 20, 2021

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown, potentially-significant costs to the state to the extent that applications for untimely claims that would be required to be approved under SB 501 that otherwise would have been denied under existing law lead to administrative claim payouts or awards of money judgements in court actions that would not have occurred under existing law. Actual costs would depend on many unknown factors, including the severity of the alleged injury, damage, or loss and how many applications for untimely claims would fall within the circumstances of the expansion proposed by this measure. (General Fund)
- The Department of General Services, Judicial Council, University of California, and California State University all indicate minor to unknown costs to comply with this measure. (General Fund)

Author Amendments: Align provision of law related to petitioning the court with the existing provisions of this measure.

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