
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 528 (Jones) - Juveniles: health information summary: psychotropic medication

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Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 4 - 0, HEALTH
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Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: May 20, 2021

Consultant: Karen French

Bill Summary: This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to create an electronic health care portal, through which health care providers will be able to access health information included in a foster child or youth's health and education summary, as provided. The portal must also include completed and approved forms developed by the Judicial Council relating to the administration of psychotropic medication for specified dependent children and wards of the juvenile court.

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

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

Fiscal Impact:

- CDSS reports a cost range for year of implementation of \$5 to \$15 million General Fund with ongoing annual costs of \$5 million General Fund. (For details Staff Comments below)
- Judicial Council unknown costs develop forms.
- Juvenile Dependency Court—Unknown, potential workload cost pressures to the courts. While the superior courts are not funded on a workload basis, an increase in workload could result in delayed court services and would put pressure on the General Fund to increase the amount appropriated to backfill for trial court operations. For illustrative purposes, the Governor's proposed 2021-2022 budget would appropriate \$118.3 million from the General Fund to backfill continued reduction in fine and fee revenue for trial court operations. (General Fund-Trial Court Trust Fund)
- CWS County caseworkers, public health nurses, physicians and other staff to complete forms and enter them into the system. Following 2011 realignment, state-mandated local costs are not reimbursable, but instead must be funded by the state pursuant to Proposition 30

Author Amendments: Amend to extend timelines for public health nurses to input the foster youth's data from 3 to 5 days.

Committee Amendments: Amend to make contingent on an appropriation.

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