
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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SB 541 (Menjivar) - Sexual health: contraceptives: immunization

Version: March 30, 2023
Urgency: No
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Policy Vote: ED. 5 - 2, HEALTH 10 - 1
Mandate: Yes
Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires schools, on or before the start of the 2024-25 school year, to make internal and external condoms available for free to all students in grades 9 through 12. This bill also requires the existing Family Planning Access Care Treatment (PACT) program to provide coverage for immunization against human papilloma virus (HPV) to persons 18 years of age or younger.

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

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 18, 2023

Fiscal Impact:

- By requiring schools to provide condoms for free to students in grades 9 through 12, this bill could result in a reimbursable state mandate. The magnitude of the costs is unknown but could be in the high hundreds of thousands to low millions of dollars in Proposition 98 General Fund each year. To the extent that school districts elect not to file mandate claims for these activities, this could place additional cost pressure on the K-12 Mandate Block Grant.
- The bill's requirement to provide coverage for immunization against HPV could result in increased program costs potentially in the low tens of millions of dollars each year. A precise amount will largely depend on the actual take up rate of eligible Medi-Cal recipients.
- The Department of Public Health indicates that any costs to the department related to the bill's prohibition on retail establishments would be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

Author Amendments: Encourage schools to explore partnerships with local health jurisdictions, community health centers, nonprofit organizations, and the State Department of Public Health to comply with the bill's requirement to make condoms available; provide that the Family PACT will cover the HPV vaccine for minors 12 to 18 at Family PACT provider sites, as specified; make clarifying changes; and add coauthors.

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