
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 1314 (Ahrens) - Transitional housing placement providers

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 4 - 0

Mandate: Yes

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Bill Summary: AB 1314 would require that county contracts with transitional housing providers serving foster youth follow, and not have requirements that are more stringent than, the requirements specified in state regulations.

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown potential General Fund costs for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for state administration.
- Unknown costs to counties for administration. To the extent the bill increases county costs already borne by a local agency for programs or levels of service mandated by the 2011 Realignment, the bill would apply to local agencies only to the extent that the state provides annual funding for the cost increases.

Background: The Transitional Housing Program (THP) provides foster youth and nonminor dependents additional supports they need to successfully transition to independence while reducing the risks of homelessness, unemployment, and instability after foster care. Counties may enter into contracts with THP providers to serve foster youth and nonminor dependents, subject to requirements in existing laws and CDSS rules/guidance.

Current law defines “transitional housing placement provider” to mean an organization licensed by the CDSS to provide supervised transitional housing services to foster children who are at least 16 years of age. In order to be licensed as a transitional housing placement provider, an applicant must obtain certification from the county specifying whether the facility will serve foster youth at least 16 years of age and not more than 18 years of age, nonminor dependents, or both, as follows:

- A program serving foster children at least 16 years of age and not more than 18 years of age must obtain a certification entitled “Transitional Housing Placement program for minor foster children.”
- A program serving nonminor dependents at least 18 years of age and not more than 21 years of age must obtain a certification entitled a “Transitional Housing Placement program for nonminor dependents.”

Current law requires CDSS to adopt regulations to govern transitional housing placement providers and that the regulations be age appropriate and recognize that nonminor dependents who are about to exit from the foster care system should be

subject to fewer restrictions than those who are foster children. At a minimum, the regulations must provide for all of the following:

- Require programs that serve both minor foster children and nonminor dependents to have separate rules and program design, as appropriate, for these two groups of youth.
- Allow nonminor dependents to have the greatest amount of freedom possible in order to prepare them for their transition to adulthood, as specified.
- Maintain a program staffing ratio for minor foster children of case manager to participant not to exceed 1 to 12, inclusive.
- Maintain a program staffing ratio for nonminor dependents of case manager to participant not to exceed a shared average caseload of 1 to 12, inclusive, with a designated lead case manager assigned to each youth.
- Allow a nonminor dependent participant to share a bedroom or unit in a transitional housing program with persons, as specified.
- Allow a minor participant to share a bedroom or unit in a transitional housing placement with persons, as specified.
- Any adult who is not a participant and who resides with a participant must obtain a criminal record clearance or exemption.
- All counties and program contracts must allow individual program participants and individuals specified to share bedrooms, bathrooms, and units together, regardless of gender identity. County program contracts must allow providers and participants to make best matches to allow for gender flexibility.

Proposed Law: Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Require that counties and THP program contracts must also ensure that decisions about sharing bedrooms, bathrooms, and units together are led by the program participant and agreed upon in collaboration with the provider and county partners.
- Require that all counties and THP program contracts follow, and not have requirements that are more stringent than, the requirements specified in state regulations.

Related Legislation: AB 534 (Schiavo) would impose requirements on the duration of county contracts with transitional housing providers serving current and former foster youth, as specified. The bill is scheduled to be heard August 18, 2025 in this committee.

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