
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 1356 (Dixon) - Alcohol and other drug programs

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: HEALTH 11 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 1356 would require licensed adult residential alcohol or other drug recovery or treatment facilities to submit additional information to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in the event of a resident's death, as specified.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown ongoing General Fund costs, potentially in the tens of thousands to low hundreds of thousands, for the DHCS for state administration.

Background: Adult residential alcohol or other drug recovery or treatment facilities (RTFs) provide residential nonmedical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug misuse or addiction, and who need alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug recovery treatment or detoxification services. Current law grants sole authority to DHCS to license RTFs and authorizes the department to initiate a license suspension or revocation for licensing violations.

Current law requires the telephonic and written reports of resident deaths occurring in a licensed RTF that are required to be reported to DHCS must include, but not be limited to, a description of the event or incident, including the time, location, and nature of the event or incident, a list of immediate actions that were taken, including persons contacted, and a description of the follow-up action that is planned, including, but not limited to, steps taken to prevent a future death. The required telephonic report must be submitted to DHCS within one working day of the event or incident and the required written report must be submitted to DHCS within seven calendar days of the event or incident.

Proposed Law: Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Require a licensed RTF to submit to DHCS, within 30 days of the initial incident, any relevant information that was not known at the time of the initial incident.
- Require that if DHCS identifies violations during its investigation of a resident's death, the DHCS must issue a written notice of deficiency; and require DHCS to specify instructions in the notice of deficiency, including, but not limited to, the timeframe to respond to deficiencies.

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