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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
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### AB 91 (Harabedian) - State and local agencies: demographic data

**Version:** June 17, 2025

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 29, 2025

**Policy Vote:** G.O. 15 - 0, JUD. 13 - 0

**Mandate:** Yes

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**Bill Summary:** AB 91 requires state and local agencies that collect demographic data on Californians to use separate collection categories and tabulations for major Eastern and North African (MENA) groups in any provided form that offers respondents the options of selecting one or more ethnic or racial designations or languages, as specified.

### \*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE \*\*\*\*\*

The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025

#### Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown potentially significant one-time costs, totaling in the millions of dollars, for state agencies to update demographic data collection policies and to collect and report on this data (General Fund and various special funds). Actual costs to each impacted agency or department will depend on, among other things, the extent they may absorb this workload or other IT expenses within existing resources.
- Unknown potentially significant reimbursable mandate costs for local agencies to update their demographic data collection policies (General Fund). Actual costs to local agencies will depend on, among other things, the extent they are already collecting and tracking this information, and if they would need any IT resources to use separate collection categories for MENA groups. To the extent the Commission on State Mandates determines that any of the provisions of this bill create a new program or impose a higher level of service on local agencies, local agencies could claim reimbursement of those costs.

#### Author Amendments:

- Further delay implementation by one year, from January 1, 2027 to January 1, 2028, and make conforming changes for data reporting.
- Specify the bill does not apply to the California State University or the University of California.

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