

Introduced by Senator EggmanFebruary 16, 2022

An act to add Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 1323.2) to Chapter 2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health and care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1154, as introduced, Eggman. Facilities for mental health or substance use disorder crisis: database.

Existing law generally requires the State Department of Public Health to license, inspect, and regulate health facilities, defined to include, among other types of health facilities, an acute psychiatric hospital. Existing law generally requires the State Department of Social Services to license, inspect, and regulate various types of care facilities, including, among others, a community crisis home. Existing law requires the State Department of Health Care Services to license and regulate facilities that provide residential nonmedical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug misuse or abuse, and who need alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug recovery treatment or detoxification services.

This bill would require, by January 1, 2024, the State Department of Public Health, in consultation with the State Department of Health Care Services and the State Department of Social Services, and by conferring with specified stakeholders, to develop a real-time, internet-based database to collect, aggregate, and display information about beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities, and licensed residential alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities in order to facilitate the identification and designation of facilities for the temporary treatment

of individuals in mental health or substance use disorder crisis. The bill would require the database to include a minimum of specific information, including the contact information for a facility’s designated employee, and have the capacity to, among other things, enable searches to identify beds that are appropriate for the treatment of individuals in a mental health or substance use disorder crisis.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 1323.2)
2 is added to Chapter 2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code,
3 to read:

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5 Article 7.1. Availability of Inpatient Care for Mental Health or
6 Substance Use Disorder Crisis
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8 1323.2. (a) The State Department of Public Health, in
9 consultation with the State Department of Health Care Services
10 and the State Department of Social Services, shall develop a
11 real-time, internet-based database to collect, aggregate, and display
12 information about beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis
13 stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities,
14 and licensed residential alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or
15 treatment facilities in order to facilitate the identification and
16 designation of facilities for the temporary treatment of individuals
17 in mental health or substance use disorder crisis. The database
18 shall be operational by January 1, 2024.

19 (b) (1) Except as described in paragraph (3), the database
20 created pursuant to subdivision (a) shall include, at a minimum,
21 all of the following:

22 (A) The contact information for the facility’s designated
23 employee.

24 (B) The facility’s license type.

25 (C) Whether the facility provides substance use disorder, mental
26 health, or medical treatment.

27 (D) Whether the bed is secure for the treatment of a person who,
28 as a result of a mental health disorder, is a danger to others, or to
29 themselves, or gravely disabled, pursuant to Part 1 (commencing

1 with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions
2 Code.

3 (E) The types of diagnoses for which the bed is appropriate.

4 (F) The age ranges for which the bed is appropriate.

5 (G) Whether the bed is available.

6 (2) The database created pursuant to subdivision (a) shall have
7 the capacity to do both of the following:

8 (A) Collect data.

9 (B) Enable searches to identify beds that are appropriate for the
10 treatment of individuals in a mental health or substance use disorder
11 crisis.

12 (3) The database shall not include any information relating to
13 state hospitals under the jurisdiction of the State Department of
14 State Hospitals.

15 (c) The department shall confer with stakeholders to inform the
16 development of the database. Stakeholders represented in this
17 process shall include, but not be limited to, the State Department
18 of Health Care Services, State Department of Social Services,
19 County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California,
20 and organizations that have experience providing inpatient
21 psychiatric care, organizations that have experience providing
22 psychiatric crisis stabilization, organizations that have experience
23 providing residential community mental health services, and
24 organizations that have experience providing residential alcoholism
25 or drug abuse recovery or treatment services. The department and
26 stakeholders shall consider strategies for facility use of the
27 database.

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