

**REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**  
(Amended in Committee, 1/17/2024)

[Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Overdose Prevention Initiative - California Department of Public Health - Substance and Addiction Prevention Branch - Amendment to Annual Salary Ordinance - Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 - \$1,086,740.83]

**Ordinance retroactively authorizing the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,086,740.83 from the California Department of Public Health, Substance and Addiction Prevention Branch; and amending Ordinance No. 145-23 (Annual Salary Ordinance for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2023-2024 and 2024-2025) to provide for the addition of grant-funded Class 2403 Forensic Laboratory Analyst, Class 2456 Forensic Toxicologist, and Class 2457 Forensic Toxicologist Supervisor positions, as required, for the period beginning December 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.**

Existing Law

Currently, the Annual Salary Ordinance does not include the three positions in the Chief Medical Examiner's Office that would be funded by the subject grant.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would authorize the Chief Medical Examiner to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$1,086,740.83 from the California Department of Public Health to fund three positions through June 30, 2028. Those positions are a forensic laboratory analyst, a forensic toxicologist, and a forensic toxicologist supervisor.

Background Information

The purpose of the grant is to provide enhanced forensic toxicology services in order to monitor novel psychoactive substances prevalence and perform assessment studies with subsequent reporting to policymakers and stakeholders.

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