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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017—18 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 572

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva

February 14, 2017

An act to add and repeal Section 11834.015 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 572, as amended, Quirk-Silva. Alcoholism or drug abuse treatment facilities: Orange County pilot program.

Existing law provides that the State Department of Health Care Services has the sole authority in state government to license adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, as defined. Existing law authorizes the department to conduct announced or unannounced site visits to licensed facilities to review compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to establish a pilot program to locate an investigator within a participating county to investigate complaints against licensed adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities within the county. The participating county would be the County of Orange if the Orange County Board of Supervisors elects to participate in the pilot program. The bill would require the department to implement the pilot program by executing a contract with the County of Orange providing that the department will assign an investigator and the county will reimburse the department for *the costs associated with the pilot program, including, but not limited to, the administrative costs and the*

investigator's compensation and benefits. The bill would require the pilot program to be completed no later than December 31, 2019, and would require the county to submit a report of the results of the pilot program, as specified, to the Legislature no later than July 1, 2020. The provisions of this bill would be repealed on January 1, 2021.

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. Section 11834.015 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:
3 11834.015. (a) (1) The State Department of Health Care
4 Services shall establish a pilot program to locate a Substance Use
5 Disorder Compliance Division investigator within a participating
6 county to investigate licensed adult alcoholism or drug abuse
7 recovery or treatment facilities within that county. The participating
8 county shall be the County of Orange, if the Orange County Board
9 of Supervisors adopts an ordinance or resolution electing to
10 participate in the pilot program.
11 (2) The department shall implement the pilot program by
12 executing a contract with the County of Orange that provides for
13 all of the following:
14 (A) The department shall assign a Substance Use Disorder
15 Compliance Division investigator to investigate complaints against
16 licensed adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment
17 facilities within the County of Orange.
18 (B) The County of Orange shall reimburse the department for
19 *the costs associated with the pilot program, including, but not*
20 *limited to, the administrative costs and the investigator's*
21 *compensation and benefits.*
22 (C) The County of Orange shall provide office space and
23 amenities to the investigator.
24 (b) The pilot program established pursuant to subdivision (a)
25 shall be completed no later than December 31, 2019.
26 (c) If the County of Orange participates in the pilot program
27 authorized by subdivision (a), it shall, no later than July 1, 2020,
28 submit a report of the results of the pilot program to the Legislature,
29 in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code, that
30 includes both of the following:

- 1 (1) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot program.
- 2 (2) Recommendations for subsequent actions.
- 3 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2021,
- 4 and as of that date is repealed.

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