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DIVISION 1. ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH [135 - 1179.102] (*Division 1 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.*)

PART 6.3. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOND ACT OF 2018 [1179.81 - 1179.102] (*Part 6.3 added November 6, 2018, by initiative Proposition 4, Sec. 1.*)

CHAPTER 1. General Provisions [1179.81 - 1179.82] (*Chapter 1 added November 6, 2018, by initiative Proposition 4, Sec. 1.*)

1179.81. (a) This part shall be known, and may be cited, as the Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2018.

(b) California's network of regional children's hospitals provide vital health care services to children facing life-threatening illness or injury. Over one million times each year, children are cared for at these hospitals without regard to their family's ability to pay.

(c) Children's hospitals also provide specialized treatment and care that has increased the survival of children suffering from serious diseases and illnesses such as childhood leukemia, cancer, heart defects, diabetes, sickle cell anemia, and cystic fibrosis.

(d) Children's hospitals also provide essential training for pediatricians, pediatric specialists and others who treat children, and they conduct critically important medical research that benefits all of California's children.

(e) However, the burden of providing uncompensated care and the increasing costs of health care seriously impair our children's hospitals' ability to modernize and expand their facilities and to purchase the latest medical technologies and special medical equipment necessary to take care of sick children.

(f) Therefore, the people desire to provide a steady and ready source of funds for capital improvement programs for children's hospitals to improve the health, welfare, and safety of California's children.

(*Added November 6, 2018, by initiative Proposition 4, Sec. 1. Effective December 19, 2018.*)

1179.82. As used in this part, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Authority" means the California Health Facilities Financing Authority established pursuant to Section 15431 of the Government Code.

(b) "Children's hospital" means either of the following:

(1) A University of California general acute care hospital described below:

(A) University of California, Davis Children's Hospital.

(B) Mattel Children's Hospital at University of California, Los Angeles.

(C) University Children's Hospital at University of California, Irvine.

(D) University of California, San Francisco Children's Hospital.

(E) University of California, San Diego Children's Hospital.

(2) A general acute care hospital that is, or is an operating entity of, a California nonprofit corporation that received a grant or grants pursuant to Part 6 (commencing with Section 1179.10) or Part 6.1 (commencing with Section 1179.50) that provides comprehensive pediatric services to a high volume of children eligible for governmental programs and to children with special health care needs eligible for the California Children's Services Program.

(c) "Committee" means the Children's Hospital Bond Act Finance Committee created pursuant to Section 1179.91.

(d) "Fund" means the Children's Hospital Bond Act Fund created pursuant to Section 1179.83.

(e) "Grant" means the distribution of money in the fund by the authority to children's hospitals for projects pursuant to this part or to an eligible hospital pursuant to this part.

(f) "Program" means the Children's Hospital Program established pursuant to this part.

(g) "Project" means constructing, expanding, remodeling, renovating, furnishing, equipping, financing, or refinancing of a children's hospital to be financed or refinanced with funds provided in whole or in part pursuant to this part. "Project" may include reimbursement for the costs of constructing, expanding, remodeling, renovating, furnishing, equipping, financing, or refinancing of a children's hospital where these costs are incurred after January 1, 2018. "Project" may include any combination of one or more of the foregoing undertaken jointly by two or more participating children's hospitals that qualify under this part.

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