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DIVISION 10.5. ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS [11750 - 11975] (*Heading of Division 10.5 amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 22, Sec. 18.)*

PART 2. STATE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND OTHER DRUG USE [11760 - 11872] (*Heading of Part 2 amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 862, Sec. 43.)*

CHAPTER 3.5. Resources and Information [11788 - 11794.1] (*Chapter 3.5 added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 862, Sec. 61.)*

11788. The department, with the approval of the Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency, may contract with any public or private agency for the performance of any of the functions vested in the department by this chapter. Any department of the state is authorized to enter into such a contract.

(*Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 862, Sec. 61. Effective January 1, 2005.*)

11789. (a) The department shall be a central information resource on alcohol and other drug use prevention and treatment programs and on research projects with respect to alcohol and other drug use.

(b) The department shall collect, and act as an information exchange for, information on research and service projects completed or in progress relating to alcohol and other drug use, provide, to any person, institution, or public agency proposing any research or service project on that subject, information with respect to the areas in which research is needed, and evaluate programs of research, treatment, and education with respect to alcohol and other drug use.

(c) A state agency shall not conduct a research or service project on alcohol and other drug problems, including substance use disorders, until it has provided the department with a description of its proposed project and until the department has responded with a written description of how the research or service project relates with other completed, concurrently operating, or pending research or service projects. If the department fails to provide the agency with the written description within 60 days from the date of receipt of the proposed project, the state agency may proceed to conduct the research or service project as described in the agency's proposal.

(*Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 847, Sec. 16. (AB 2995) Effective January 1, 2025.*)

11790. The department, at the request of the county alcohol and drug program administrator, may assist local community organizations in initiating effective programs to prevent and treat alcohol and other drug use. The department may charge a fee for this assistance.

(*Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 847, Sec. 17. (AB 2995) Effective January 1, 2025.*)

11791. The department may develop and implement a mass media alcohol and other drug education program involving newspapers, radio, and television in order to provide community education, develop public awareness, and motivate community action in alcohol and other drug use prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

(*Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 847, Sec. 18. (AB 2995) Effective January 1, 2025.*)

11792. (a) The department, in consultation with the State Department of Public Health, shall distribute informational materials on the care and treatment of infants under the age of six months who have been exposed to alcohol and other drugs. The informational materials shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The signs and symptoms of an infant who has been exposed to alcohol and other drugs.

(2) The health problems of infants who have been exposed to alcohol and other drugs.

(3) The special feeding needs of infants who have been exposed to alcohol and other drugs.

(4) The special care needs of infants who have been exposed to alcohol and other drugs, such as not overstimulating those infants who have been exposed to cocaine.

(b) The informational materials developed pursuant to subdivision (a) may be distributed through hospitals, public health nurses, child protective services, alcohol and other drug facilities, educational networks, foster parent groups, medical professional offices, Medi-Cal programs, and county interagency task force groups, as well as any other agency that the department selects.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 36, Sec. 22. (SB 1014) Effective June 27, 2012. Operative July 1, 2012, by Sec. 83 of Ch. 36.)

11793. The department may develop an objective program evaluation device or methodology and evaluate state-supported alcohol and other drug use prevention and treatment programs.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 847, Sec. 19. (AB 2995) Effective January 1, 2025.)

11794. The department shall, in consultation with the State Department of Education, screen and evaluate books, pamphlets, literature, movies, and other audiovisual aids related to the misuse of substances, including substance use disorders, and may prepare and disseminate lists of recommended materials to schools, public libraries, alcohol and other drug information centers, and other public and private agencies. The department may charge a fee, not exceeding actual costs, for providing the materials.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 847, Sec. 20. (AB 2995) Effective January 1, 2025.)

11794.1. It is the intent of the Legislature that the department, in collaboration with the State Department of Public Health and stakeholders in the medical and treatment provider communities, work to identify methods for better informing medical doctors and other health professionals of the benefits of diagnosing and treating alcohol misuse and substance use among their patient population, including, but not limited to, improved outreach efforts at the state and local levels and the use of information dissemination strategies, where appropriate.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 36, Sec. 23. (SB 1014) Effective June 27, 2012. Operative July 1, 2012, by Sec. 83 of Ch. 36.)