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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC

DIVISION 2.1. CHILDREN'S CAMPS [1796.90 - 1796.91] (Division 2.1 added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 341, Sec. 1.)

1796.90. (a) (1) Subject to an appropriation by the Legislature for this purpose, the State Department of Social Services shall prepare a report, informed by consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders, regarding approaches for children's camp health and safety regulation and oversight, as described in Section 1796.91.

(2) In preparing the report, the State Department of Social Services shall consult with a range of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) The State Department of Public Health.

(B) The State Department of Education.

(C) The Department of Industrial Relations.

(D) The Department of Parks and Recreation.

(E) The Office of the State Fire Marshal.

(F) Local city, county, and special district parks departments, in consultation with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(G) Local health departments, and local environmental health departments, in consultation with the State Department of Public Health.

(H) Parent advocates.

(b) The State Department of Social Services may contract for consultation services and the preparation of the report described in this section.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, for purposes of this division, all contracts shall be exempt from the personal services contracting requirements of Article 4 (commencing with section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the Public Contract Code, and the State Contracting Manual, and shall not be subject to the approval of the Department of Technology or the Department of General Services.

(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 341, Sec. 1. (AB 262) Effective January 1, 2025.)

1796.91. (a) No later than 24 months after the date funds have been appropriated to the department for this purpose, the State Department of Social Services shall submit the report created under Section 1796.90 to the Legislature. At a minimum, the report shall include recommendations for all of the following:

(1) The definition of a children's camp.

(2) The government agency or agencies necessary to adopt and enforce regulations or written directives until regulations are adopted, including for approaches that may include a licensing program, relating to children's camps.

(3) Minimum health and safety requirements to protect children attending children's camps pursuant to this section's requirements.

(b) The report shall include cost estimates and a cost and benefits analysis for implementation of each of the approaches detailed in subdivision (a).

(c) A report submitted pursuant to this section shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 341, Sec. 1. (AB 262) Effective January 1, 2025.)