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AB-434 State Web accessibility: standard and reports. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Bill No. 434

CHAPTER 780

An act to add Section 11546.7 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 434, Baker. State Web accessibility: standard and reports.

Existing law establishes, within the Government Operations Agency, the Department of Technology under the supervision of the Director of Technology, who also serves as the State Chief Information Officer. Existing law provides that the department is generally responsible for the approval and oversight of information technology projects. Existing law requires the heads of state agencies and entities to appoint chief information officers, requires state agencies and entities to report certain information to the department, and further requires state agencies to take all necessary steps to achieve the targets set forth by the department in its information technology performance management framework and report their progress to the department on a quarterly basis.

This bill, before July 1, 2019, and before July 1 biennially thereafter, would require the director of each state agency or entity and the chief information officer of that state agency or entity to post on the home page of the agency's or entity's Internet Web site a signed certification that the agency's or entity's Internet Web site is in compliance with specified accessibility standards. The bill would require the director to create a standard form that each state agency's or state entity's chief information officer would be required to use to determine whether the state agency's or state entity's Internet Web site is in compliance with the specified accessibility standards.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 11546.7 is added to the Government Code, to read:

11546.7. (a) Before July 1, 2019, and before July 1 biennially thereafter, the director of each state agency or state entity, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 11546.1, and each chief information officer appointed under Section 11546.1, shall post on the home page of the state agency's or state entity's Internet Web site a signed certification from the state agency's or state entity's director and chief information officer that they have determined that the Internet Web site is in compliance with Sections 7405 and 11135, and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0, or a subsequent version, published by the Web Accessibility Initiative of the World Wide Web Consortium at a minimum Level AA success criteria.

(b) The Director of Technology shall create a standard form that each state agency's or state entity's chief information officer shall use to determine whether the state agency's or state entity's Internet Web site is in compliance with the accessibility standards specified in subdivision (a).

