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AB-461 Student safety: fentanyl test strips. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 461

CHAPTER 525

An act to amend Section 67384 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 461, Ramos. Student safety: fentanyl test strips.

Existing law requires the governing board of each community college district and the Trustees of the California State University, in collaboration with campus-based and community-based recovery advocacy organizations, to provide, as part of established campus orientations, educational and preventive information provided by the State Department of Public Health about opioid overdose and the use and location of opioid overdose reversal medication to students at all campuses of their respective segments. Existing law requires the governing board of each community college district and the Trustees of the California State University to require that each campus health center apply to use the statewide standing order issued by the State Public Health Officer to distribute dosages of a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication, and apply to participate in the Naloxone Distribution Project administered by the State Department of Health Care Services. Existing law requires a campus health center, upon approval for use of the statewide standing order and participation in the Naloxone Distribution Project, to distribute a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication, as specified. Existing law requests that the Regents of the University of California comply with these requirements.

This bill would require the governing board of each community college district and the Trustees of the California State University to provide information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips as part of established campus orientations and to notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips. The bill would require the governing board of each community college district and the Trustees of the California State University to require that each campus health center stock and distribute fentanyl test strips, as specified. By imposing new duties on community college districts, the bill would constitute a state-mandated local program. The bill would request that the Regents of the University of California comply with these requirements.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 67384 of the Education Code is amended to read:

67384. (a) The governing board of each community college district and the Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, do both of the following:

(1) In collaboration with campus-based and community-based recovery advocacy organizations, provide, as part of established campus orientations, educational and preventive information provided by the State Department of Public Health about opioid overdose and information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips and opioid overdose reversal medication to students at all campuses of their respective segments.

(2) Notify students of the presence and location of fentanyl test strips through a method such as email.

(b) The governing board of each community college district and the Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, require that each campus health center located on a campus within their respective segments do all of the following:

(1) Apply to use the statewide standing order issued by the State Public Health Officer to distribute dosages of a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication, and to participate in the Naloxone Distribution Project administered by the State Department of Health Care Services.

(2) Upon approval for use of the statewide standing order and participation in the Naloxone Distribution Project, distribute a federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication obtained through the Naloxone Distribution Project in accordance with its terms and conditions.

(3) Stock fentanyl test strips in the campus health center and distribute the fentanyl test strips through the campus health center. Written instructions on how to properly use the fentanyl test strips shall be distributed together with the fentanyl test strips.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.