



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 371                      File No. 420                      Cal. No. 467

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES OPERATED  
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES."**

1        Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3        "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
4 provision of the general statutes, on and before January 1, 2009, no  
5 state agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of Children  
6 and Families, may close a residential facility operated by the  
7 Department of Children and Families without obtaining prior  
8 legislative approval of a plan to close the facility in accordance with  
9 this section. In developing such plan, if any, the relevant state agency  
10 shall consult with the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint  
11 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
12 matters relating to the judiciary, appropriations and human services,  
13 and the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
14 of matters relating to children.

15 (b) To obtain such legislative approval, the state agency shall file a  
16 plan with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate.  
17 The plan shall include details about (1) the proposed closure and any  
18 proposed new facility for residents displaced by the closure; (2) the  
19 number of residents and staff affected by the proposed closure and the  
20 number of potential residents of any proposed new facility; (3) the  
21 associated costs of the proposed closure and any proposed new  
22 facility; (4) statutory changes necessary to implement the closure or  
23 construction of a proposed new facility; and (5) the planned use, if any,  
24 of the facility's land and buildings after the closure.

25 (c) Not later than five days after receiving the plan, the clerks of the  
26 House of Representatives and the Senate shall refer the plan to the  
27 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
28 of matters relating to the judiciary, appropriations and human  
29 services. Not later than thirty days after receiving the plan, the  
30 committees shall hold a joint public hearing on the plan. The  
31 committees shall seek input from other committees or members of the  
32 General Assembly. Not later than five days after the hearing, (1) the  
33 committees shall each hold a roll-call vote to approve or reject the plan,  
34 in whole, and (2) report the plan and a record of each committee's vote  
35 to the General Assembly.

36 (d) The General Assembly may approve or reject the plan, in whole,  
37 by a majority vote of each house. If the plan is submitted when the  
38 General Assembly is not in session, the plan shall be deemed rejected if  
39 the General Assembly fails to convene to consider the plan not later  
40 than thirty days after it receives the plan from the committees.

41 (e) If the plan is approved pursuant to subsection (d) of this section,  
42 the state agency may implement the plan, provided any required  
43 amendments to the general statutes are enacted prior to  
44 implementation. If the plan is rejected pursuant to subsection (d) of  
45 this section, the state agency may submit an amended plan for  
46 approval in accordance with subsection (b) of this section."