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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1487

**Introduced by Assembly ~~Member~~ Members Addis and
Mark González**
(Coauthor: Senator Durazo)

February 21, 2025

An act to amend Section 150900 of the Health and Safety Code,
relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1487, as amended, Addis. Public health: the Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex Wellness and Equity Fund.

Existing law establishes the Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex Wellness and Equity Fund under the administration of the State Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity, for purposes of funding grants, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to create programs, or funding existing programs, focused on coordinating trans-inclusive health care for individuals who identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex (TGI). Existing law makes the grants available to TGI-serving organizations, as specified. Existing law defines terms, including “health care” and “gender nonconforming,” for purposes of these provisions.

This bill would rename the fund as the Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (2TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund. The bill would expand the availability of grant funds to 2TGI-serving organizations for purposes of providing workforce development training for 2TGI individuals, resettlement and social

integration programs for 2TGI asylees and immigrants, and diversion programs for, and outreach to, transitional-age 2TGI youth. The bill would revise the definition of “health care” to include mental health services and define “Two-Spirit” for purposes of these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 150900 of the Health and Safety Code
2 is amended to read:
3 150900. (a) The Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender
4 Nonconforming, and Intersex (2TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund
5 is established in the State Treasury.
6 (b) The State Department of Public Health’s Office of Health
7 Equity shall administer the 2TGI Wellness and Equity Fund for
8 purposes of funding grants to create programs, or funding existing
9 programs, focused on coordinating ~~trans-inclusive~~ *transinclusive*
10 health care for individuals who identify as Two-Spirit, transgender,
11 gender nonconforming, or intersex.
12 (c) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the 2TGI
13 Wellness and Equity Fund may be used to fund grants for the
14 following purposes:
15 (1) The grants shall be available to 2TGI-serving organizations
16 for the purpose of increasing the capacity of health care
17 professionals to effectively provide 2TGI health care and institute
18 2TGI-inclusive best practices. This includes cultural competency
19 training, the creation of educational materials, ~~and~~ *or* the
20 facilitation of capacity-building trainings.
21 (2) The grants shall be available to 2TGI-serving organizations
22 for the purpose of facilitating therapeutic arts programs, such as
23 dancing, painting, or writing.
24 (3) The grants shall be available to 2TGI-serving organizations
25 for purposes of assisting, identifying, and referring 2TGI people
26 to access supportive housing. This includes case management
27 opportunities, financial assistance, and assisting 2TGI people in
28 receiving and utilizing housing vouchers. If a 2TGI-serving
29 organization has already implemented a 2TGI-specific housing
30 program, funding may be utilized to maintain or expand existing
31 housing programs.

(4) The grants shall be available to a hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that currently provides gender-affirming health care services, such as hormone therapy or gender reassignment surgery, to continue providing those services, or to a hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that will establish a program that offers gender-affirming health care services and has an established relationship with a 2TGI-serving organization that will lead in establishing the program.

(5) The grants shall be available to 2TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of providing workforce development training for 2TGI individuals.

(6) The grants shall be available to 2TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of providing resettlement and social integration programs for 2TGI asylees and immigrants.

(7) The grants shall be available to 2TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of providing diversion programs for, and outreach to, transitional-age 2TGI youth.

(d) A hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that applies for a grant must apply in partnership with a 2TGI-serving organization and consult with the 2TGI-serving organization throughout the process of creating and implementing its ~~trans-inclusive~~ *transinclusive* health care program.

(e) This section does not limit or impact payer coverage requirements of health care or other social services.

(f) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) “Health care” means all of the following:

(A) Medical, behavioral, and spiritual care, which includes, but is not limited to, guided meditation and nondenominational therapy.

(B) Therapeutic arts programs, which includes, but is not limited to, dancing, painting, and writing classes.

(C) Services related to substance use disorder or substance abuse.

(D) Supportive housing as a mechanism to support 2TGI-identified individuals in accessing other social services.

(E) Mental health services.

(2) A “2TGI-serving organization” means either of the following:

(A) A public or nonprofit organization with a mission statement that centers around serving Two-Spirit, transgender, gender

1 nonconforming, and intersex people, and where at least 65 percent
2 of the clients of the organization are 2TGI.
3 (B) A nonprofit that serves as the fiscal agent or sponsor for an
4 organization described in subparagraph (A). A nonprofit that is
5 serving as a fiscal agent or sponsor shall pass all funding to the
6 organization, but may charge a reasonable or industry standard fee
7 for administrative costs of not more than 16 percent.
8 (3) “Transgender” is broad and inclusive of all gender identities
9 different from the gender a person was assigned at birth.
10 (4) “Gender nonconforming” is an inclusive term used to
11 describe individuals who may experience a gender that is neither
12 exclusively male nor female or is in between or beyond both of
13 those genders, including, but not limited to, nonbinary, gender
14 fluid, agender or without gender, third gender, genderqueer, gender
15 variant, Hijra, Kathoey, Mak nyah, Muxe, Waria, Māhū, and
16 Fa’afafine.
17 (5) “Intersex” is an umbrella term referring to people whose
18 anatomy, hormones, or chromosomes fall outside the strict male
19 and female binary.
20 (6) “Two-Spirit” is a term referring to unique indigenous cultural
21 roles that intersect with diverse sexual orientations and gender
22 embodiments.

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25 REVISIONS: _____
26 Heading—Lines 1 and 2.
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