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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1487**

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

February 21, 2025

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

1 a-TGI-specific 2TGI-specific housing program, funding may be  
2 utilized to maintain or expand existing housing programs.

3 (4) The grants shall be available to a hospital, health care clinic,  
4 or other medical provider that currently provides gender-affirming  
5 health care services, such as hormone therapy or gender  
6 reassignment surgery, to continue providing those services, or to  
7 a hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that will  
8 establish a program that offers gender-affirming health care  
9 services and has an established relationship with a-TGI-serving  
10 2TGI-serving organization that will lead in establishing the  
11 program.

12 (5) *The grants shall be available to 2TGI-serving organizations*  
13 *for the purpose of providing workforce development training for*  
14 *2TGI individuals.*

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

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

21 (d) A hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that  
22 applies for a grant must apply in partnership with a-TGI-serving  
23 2TGI-serving organization and consult with the-TGI-serving  
24 2TGI-serving organization throughout the process of creating and  
25 implementing its trans-inclusive health care program.

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

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

29 (1) "Health care" means all of the following:

30 (A) Medical, ~~behavioral~~, *behavioral health*, and spiritual care,  
31 which includes, but is not limited to, guided meditation and  
32 nondenominational therapy.

33 (B) Evidence-based therapeutic arts programs.

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

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

39 (E) *Mental health services.*

(2) A ~~“TGI-serving~~ “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 nonconforming, and intersex people, and where at least 65 percent of the clients of the organization are ~~TGI~~ 2TGI.

(B) A nonprofit that serves as the fiscal agent or sponsor for an organization described in subparagraph (A). A nonprofit that is serving as a fiscal agent or sponsor shall pass all funding to the organization, but may charge a reasonable or industry standard fee for administrative costs of not more than 16 percent.

(3) “Transgender” is broad and inclusive of all gender identities different from the gender that a person was assigned at birth.

(4) “Gender nonconforming” is an inclusive term used to describe individuals who may experience a gender that is neither exclusively male nor female or is in between or beyond both of those genders, including, but not limited to, nonbinary, gender fluid, agender or without gender, third gender, genderqueer, gender variant, ~~Two-Spirit~~, Hijra, Kathoey, Mak nyah, Muxe, Waria, Māhū, and Fa’afafine.

(5) “Intersex” is an umbrella term referring to people whose anatomy, hormones, or chromosomes fall outside the strict male and female binary.

(6) “*Two-Spirit*” is a term referring to unique indigenous cultural roles that intersect with diverse sexual orientations and gender embodiments.

(7) “*Transitional-age 2TGI youth*” means youth between 16 to 26 years of age, inclusive, who are transgender, gender nonconforming, intersex, or *Two-Spirit*.

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~~(b) The State Department of Public Health’s Office of Health Equity shall administer the 2TGI Wellness and Equity Fund for purposes of funding grants to create programs, or funding existing programs, focused on coordinating transinclusive health care for individuals who identify as Two-Spirit, transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex.~~

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