

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1487**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Addis**

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

1 health care services, such as hormone therapy or gender  
2 reassignment surgery, to continue providing those services, or to  
3 a hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that will  
4 establish a program that offers gender-affirming health care  
5 services and has an established relationship with a ~~TGI-serving~~  
6 *2TGI-serving* organization that will lead in establishing the  
7 program.

8 (5) *The grants shall be available to 2TGI-serving organizations*  
9 *for the purpose of providing workforce development training for*  
10 *2TGI individuals.*

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

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

17 (d) A hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that  
18 applies for a grant must apply in partnership with a ~~TGI-serving~~  
19 *2TGI-serving* organization and consult with the ~~TGI-serving~~  
20 *2TGI-serving* organization throughout the process of creating and  
21 implementing its trans-inclusive health care program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (E) *Mental health services.*

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

38 (A) A public or nonprofit organization with a mission statement  
39 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 ~~TGI~~ *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, ~~Two-Spirit~~, Hijra, Kathoey, Mak nyah, Muxe, Waria,  
16 Māhū, and 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*  
21 *cultural roles that intersect with diverse sexual orientations and*  
22 *gender embodiments.*