

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1733

Introduced by Assembly Member Hill

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An act to add Section 12019.5 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1733, as introduced, Hill. Director of California Biotechnology Retention and Recruitment: duties.

Existing law authorizes the Governor to appoint and fix the salaries of assistants and other personnel as the Governor deems necessary for his or her office.

This bill would require the Governor to create, within the Office of the Governor, the position of Director of California Biotechnology Retention and Recruitment, as specified. The bill would make the director responsible for serving as an informational resource for biotechnology, life science, and medical companies, as specified.

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. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:

1 (a) California is home to over 2,700 biotechnology companies
2 employing over 260,000 people throughout the state.

3 (b) California biotechnology companies are responsible for
4 1,200 approved treatments, and another 210 treatments are in the
5 process of being approved.

6 (c) California companies will invest fifty billion dollars
7 (\$50,000,000,000) in manufacturing equipment, jobs, and facilities
8 to bring these 210 treatments to fruition.

9 (d) There are more products in later-stage clinical trials in this
10 state than anywhere else in the world.

11 (e) It takes an average of 14 years and one billion two hundred
12 million dollars (\$1,200,000,000) to create a treatment.

13 (f) A series of hearings conducted by the Assembly Select
14 Committee on Biotechnology during 2009 and 2010 revealed that
15 California biotechnology companies need assistance with
16 complying with regulatory requirements imposed by state and
17 local governments.

18 (g) The hearings also revealed that California biotechnology
19 companies are locating satellite facilities and manufacturing
20 facilities outside of California because other states are providing
21 incentives and assistance that California does not provide.

22 SEC. 2. Section 12019.5 is added to the Government Code, to
23 read:

24 12019.5. (a) The Governor shall create within the Office of
25 the Governor, using existing resources, the position of Director of
26 California Biotechnology Retention and Recruitment. The director
27 shall be appointed by, report directly to, and serve at the pleasure
28 of, the Governor.

29 (b) The director shall be responsible for both of the following:

30 (1) Serving as an informational resource for biotechnology, life
31 science, and medical companies in this state by helping them
32 comply with state and local regulatory requirements.

33 (2) Serving as an informational resource for biotechnology, life
34 science, and medical companies located outside of this state that
35 are interested in relocating within this state.