

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 40

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino

December 4, 2006

An act relating to umbilical cord blood banking.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 40, as introduced, Portantino. Umbilical cord blood banking: advisory council.

Existing law contains provisions governing the licensure of blood banks and health facilities. Effective July 1, 2007, these provisions shall be administered by the State Department of Public Health.

This bill would require that department to establish an advisory council on umbilical cord blood donation that would make recommendations to the Legislature about how best to achieve specified objectives as set forth in the bill, including to increase the amount of umbilical cord blood donated for public use. The bill would require for council members to be appointed by the Governor, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the Assembly.

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. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall
- 2 establish an advisory council on umbilical cord blood donation.
- 3 The advisory council shall be comprised of members of a variety
- 4 of backgrounds, and shall be appointed by the Governor, the
- 5 President pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

1 Assembly. Council members shall serve without compensation,
2 except that members shall be reimbursed for authorized travel
3 costs and expenses.

4 (b) The council shall make recommendations to the Legislature
5 on how best to achieve all of the following:

6 (1) An increase the number of public blood banks in California.
7 The Legislature intends to accomplish this objective by using state
8 funds and matching private and federal funds. The council shall
9 make these recommendations to the Legislature no later than
10 January 1, 2010.

11 (2) An increase umbilical cord blood donation for public use,
12 particularly among undersupplied ethnic minorities. The council
13 shall make these recommendations to the Legislature no later than
14 January 1, 2010.

15 (3) Ensuring that all general acute care hospitals licensed in the
16 state offer women the option to donate or collect umbilical cord
17 blood. The council shall make these recommendations to the
18 Legislature no later than January 1, 2011.