



CALIFORNIA
 SENATOR TONY MENDOZA
 Senate District 32



SB 433 (Mendoza)

As Proposed to be amended

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES: DATA EXCHANGE

Fact Sheet

SUMMARY

SB 433 will help improve employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) by allowing a more comprehensive stream of information to formulate effective strategies.

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the regional center system support about 252,200 working-age people with developmental disabilities (DD), including intellectual disabilities (ID).

According to the most recent DDS annual report, only 12.5% of working-age people with developmental disabilities are employed in California. This compares with 73.8% of the general population.

In 1969, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act allowed people with developmental disabilities the right to services and support to enable them to live a more independent and typical life. Overtime, several laws and regulations have authorized a variety of service delivery models and funding sources to provide adequate support.

California’s Employment First Policy directs the state to make opportunities for integrated, competitive employment a clear priority. It also directs the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to form a standing Employment First Committee to oversee effective Employment First policies in the California.

SB 433 will help ensure this mandate is being properly carried out by providing the relevant state agencies with more detailed information about people with I/DD who are working, and information about their wages. By obtaining better data, the Employment First Committee can analyze progress and develop more effective strategies to improve employment opportunities for Californians with I/DD.

CURRENT LAW

Under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4869 (a)(1), the Employment First Policy states that “opportunities for integrated, competitive employment shall be given the highest priority for working age individuals with developmental disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.”

THIS BILL

This bill will facilitate a more detailed flow of information. Specifically, SB 433 will:

- Authorize the Employment Development Department (EDD) to disclose specified information to assist DDS in the implementation of the Employment First Policy.

STATUS

- Senate Human Services Committee

SUPPORT

- State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Sponsor)

OPPOSITION

- None

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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