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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1245**

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**Introduced by Senator Kamlager**

**(Coauthors: Senators Gonzalez, Hertzberg, and Stern)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Carrillo, Friedman, Cristina Garcia,  
and ~~Jones-Sawyer~~) *Jones-Sawyer, and Santiago*)

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An act to add Article 7 (commencing with Section 123641) to Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to abortion.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1245, as amended, Kamlager. Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program.

Existing law, the Reproductive Privacy Act, provides that every individual possesses a fundamental right of privacy with respect to their personal reproductive decisions, including the fundamental right to choose to bear a child or to choose and to obtain an abortion.

This bill would establish, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program for the purpose of expanding and improving access to reproductive and sexual health care, including abortion, in the County of Los Angeles. The bill would require any funds allocated for the Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program to be used by the County of Los Angeles to administer a pilot project to support innovative approaches and patient-centered collaborations to ~~safeguard patient~~

~~access to abortions, regardless of residency.~~ *expand and improve access to sexual and reproductive health care and to maintain a financial reporting system.* The bill would authorize the funds to be used for implementing recommendations from the County of Los Angeles, including building secure infrastructure, among other things. *The bill would require the County of Los Angeles to provide an annual report to the Legislature on the projects and collaborations funded by the program.*

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:
- 3 (a) Abortion care is a constitutional right and an integral part
- 4 of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care.
- 5 (b) In May 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a
- 6 Proclamation on Reproductive Freedom reaffirming California’s
- 7 commitment to ensuring access to reproductive health care services,
- 8 including abortion.
- 9 (c) If the United States Supreme Court overturns the protections
- 10 under *Roe v. Wade* or allows a previability ban to remain in place,
- 11 people in over one-half of the states in this country, over
- 12 36,000,000 women and other people who may become pregnant,
- 13 will lose access to abortion care.
- 14 (d) California is committed to building upon existing protections
- 15 to the right to abortion and implementing innovative and bold
- 16 programs and policies to truly be a reproductive freedom state.
- 17 (e) The County of Los Angeles accounts for over one-third of
- 18 all abortions in California and is home to 28 percent of the state’s
- 19 population.
- 20 (f) The County of Los Angeles has made a commitment to health
- 21 equity and is preparing to become a haven for reproductive health
- 22 care access.
- 23 (g) The State of California should create a pilot project in the
- 24 County of Los Angeles for the purpose of advancing reproductive
- 25 and sexual health care, specifically abortion, in the county.
- 26 (h) On January 25, 2022, the Board of Supervisors of the County
- 27 of Los Angeles unanimously passed a motion by Supervisors Holly

1 J. Mitchell and Sheila Kuehl to ensure women’s access to quality  
2 reproductive health care services. Specifically, the board instructed  
3 specified county departments, in coordination with reproductive  
4 health advocates, to report back with recommendations on actions  
5 that should be taken to enable the county and its partners to provide  
6 the full array of sexual and reproductive health services, including  
7 abortion, to all county residents who need them, and to ensure that  
8 the county continues to lead in its commitment of protecting  
9 reproductive rights for all who come to the county for these  
10 services.

11 SEC. 2. Article 7 (commencing with Section 123641) is added  
12 to Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety  
13 Code, to read:

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15 Article 7. Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven  
16 Pilot Program  
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18 123641. (a) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the  
19 Los Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program  
20 is hereby established for the purpose of expanding and improving  
21 access to the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care,  
22 including abortion, in the County of Los Angeles.

23 (b) Funds allocated to the County of Los Angeles for the Los  
24 Angeles County Abortion Access Safe Haven Pilot Program shall  
25 be used to administer a pilot project to support innovative  
26 approaches and patient-centered collaborations to ~~safeguard~~ *expand*  
27 *and improve access to sexual and reproductive health care,*  
28 *including safeguarding* patient access to abortions, regardless of  
29 residency. Funds may be used for the purpose of implementing  
30 recommendations from the County of ~~Los Angeles,~~ *Angeles*  
31 *pertaining to sexual and reproductive health care,* including, but  
32 not limited to, any of the following, as designated by the county:

- 33 (1) Providing medically accurate education and training tools  
34 to the community.
- 35 (2) Providing training to health care workers and abortion  
36 providers.
- 37 (3) Building secure infrastructure.
- 38 (4) Countering misinformation campaigns and providing  
39 medically accurate information to health care providers and  
40 patients.

1 (5) Coordinating care and patient support services.

2 (6) Advancing and improving access to abortion.

3 (c) *The County of Los Angeles shall use funds allocated under*  
4 *this section to maintain a system of financial reporting on all*  
5 *aspects of the fund. The financial reporting shall include*  
6 *information on expenditures and activities using the funds*  
7 *associated with this section to ensure the use of the funds are*  
8 *consistent with the purposes of this section.*

9 (d) *The County of Los Angeles shall provide an annual report*  
10 *to the Legislature summarizing the projects and collaborations*  
11 *funded under this section. The report shall also include data on*  
12 *the balances of funds available under this division for expenditures*  
13 *in that fiscal year and future fiscal years. The first annual report*  
14 *shall be submitted on or before January 1, 2025, and shall cover*  
15 *the period of July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2024, inclusive. Each*  
16 *subsequent annual report shall be submitted on or before January*  
17 *1, and shall cover the previous fiscal year. The report shall be*  
18 *submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*  
19 *Code.*