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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1303

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 1254.3 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1303, as amended, Hall. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital: reopening plan: working group.

Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to inspect and license health facilities, as defined, including hospitals.

This bill would require the department to convene a working group of stakeholders to assist in the implementation of the plan to reopen the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, in the Watts/Willowbrook area of south Los Angeles County. The bill would specify the membership of the working group, and the issues to be considered by the group. The bill would require the working group to prepare a report of its findings and recommendations pursuant to the bill. *The bill would prohibit the use of General Fund moneys for the administration or operations of the working group, or for the preparation of the report.*

The bill would also state the findings and declarations of the Legislature concerning the need for special legislation.

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 1254.3 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 1254.3. (a) The department shall convene a working group of
4 stakeholders, to assist in the implementation of the plan to reopen
5 the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, located in the
6 Watts/Willowbrook area of south Los Angeles County.

7 (b) The working group shall include, but not be limited to,
8 representatives of the department, the Los Angeles County Board
9 of Supervisors, the Regents of the University of California, with
10 the regents' consent, and any other parties that the department
11 deems necessary to facilitate the reopening plan.

12 (c) The working group shall review and examine issues relating
13 to the hospital reopening, including, but not limited to, all of the
14 following:

15 (1) Clarification of the respective roles of the county and the
16 regents.

17 (2) Selection of a suitable nonprofit entity to undertake the daily
18 operation of the hospital, pursuant to a contract with the University
19 of California and the county.

20 (3) Securing appropriate funding, including making
21 recommendations to the Legislature for necessary statutory
22 changes.

23 (4) Development of the hospital's teaching component.

24 (d) The working group shall prepare a report of its findings and
25 recommendations made pursuant to this section.

26 (e) *No General Fund moneys shall be used to support the*
27 *administration or operations of the working group, or for the*
28 *preparation of the required report.*

29 SEC. 2. Due to the unique circumstances concerning the Martin
30 Luther King, Jr. Hospital within Los Angeles County, the
31 Legislature finds and declares that a general statute cannot be made
32 applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the
33 California Constitution. Therefore, this act is necessarily applicable
34 only to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.