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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2522

Introduced by ~~Assembly Member~~ *Assembly Members Saldana and Davis*
(Coauthor: *Assembly Member Norby*)

February 19, 2010

An act to add Section 16321 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2522, as amended, Saldana. Professional sports teams: public funding prohibition.

Under existing law, the state is authorized to appropriate funds and resources to various businesses for economic development purposes.

This bill would, except in specified circumstances, prohibit a professional sports team or franchise whose home ~~stadium~~ *venue* is located in this state from being eligible to receive state public ~~funds~~ *financial assistance, as defined*, in the fiscal year following any fiscal year in which a broadcast of any home sporting event of that professional team or franchise is blacked out for any reason.

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 16321 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:

3 16321. (a) Subject to subdivision (b), if a broadcast of any
4 home sporting event of a professional sports team or franchise
5 whose home ~~stadium~~ *venue* is located in this state is blacked out
6 for any reason, including, but not limited to, the blackout rules of
7 the professional league to which the professional team or franchise
8 is a member, the professional sports team or franchise shall not be
9 eligible to receive any state public ~~funds~~ *financial assistance* in
10 the following fiscal year.

11 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any of the
12 following:

13 (1) Public ~~funds~~ *financial assistance* appropriated to a
14 professional sports team or franchise prior to January 1, 2011.

15 (2) Revenues from taxes imposed for the support of a
16 professional sports team or franchise that are in effect prior to
17 January 1, 2011.

18 (3) Public ~~funds~~ *financial assistance* that must be appropriated
19 or allocated to a professional sports team or franchise pursuant to
20 a contract if failure to appropriate or allocate the funds would
21 constitute a breach of the contract.

22 (c) *For purposes of this section, the term “public financial*
23 *assistance” shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:*

24 (1) *Bonds or other forms of indebtedness.*

25 (2) *Loans, grants, subsidies, guaranties, or payments.*

26 (3) *Below-market leasing or licensing of real property.*

27 (4) *Below-market sale or conveyance of real property.*

28 (5) *Acquisition of real property.*

29 (6) *Tax incentives, exemptions, credits, rebates, reductions, or*
30 *moratoria.*

31 (7) *Reimbursement or forgiveness of fees.*

32 (8) *Tax exempt financing.*

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