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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1348**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Irwin**

February 27, 2015

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An act to ~~amend Section 12096.3 of~~ *add Section 65040.11.5* to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1348, as amended, Irwin. ~~Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.~~ *State Clearinghouse.*

~~The Economic Revitalization Act establishes the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, also known as "GO-Biz," to serve the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth. The act authorizes GO-Biz to perform numerous functions in this regard, including, among others, coordinating the development of policies and criteria to ensure that federal grants administered or directly expended by state government advance statewide economic goals and objectives.~~

*Existing law establishes the State Clearinghouse as the office designated by the Governor as the clearinghouse for information from the federal Office of Management and Budget in accordance with federal law.*

~~This bill would additionally authorize the office to establish a federal grant administrator administrator, within the State Clearinghouse, who serves is designated by the Governor and authorized to serve as a single~~

~~point-of-contact~~ *primary point of contact* for information on federal grants related to ~~business development, private sector investment, economic growth, and local government,~~ *community, economic, and local development,* and ~~provides coordinating functions~~ *serve as a coordinator* to manage and maximize federal grant opportunities within the state, as provided. ~~This~~ *The* bill would further authorize the ~~office~~ *federal grant administrator* to maintain information on ~~its~~ *the Office of Planning and Research's* Internet Web site relating to federal ~~grants and other grant opportunities.~~ *grants.* The bill would require the federal grant administrator to, on or before January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, to prepare a summary of federal grant funding to the state that includes, among other performance metrics, the total federal dollars received by the state through federal grants during the report year.

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 65040.11.5 is added to the Government
- 2     Code, to read:
- 3     65040.11.5. (a) There is in state government, within the State
- 4     Clearinghouse, the federal grant administrator who is an individual
- 5     designated by the Governor to serve as the state's primary point
- 6     of contact for information on federal grants related to community,
- 7     economic, and local development.
- 8     (b) The federal grant administrator may to do any of the
- 9     following:
- 10    (1) Work with representatives from state and local government,
- 11    nonprofit organizations, foundations, institutions of higher
- 12    learning, and other interested parties on applying for and
- 13    managing federal grants.
- 14    (2) Identify employees within state government with expertise
- 15    in federal grant management.
- 16    (3) Support the establishment of a statewide network of
- 17    individuals who serve as point of contact for federal grant
- 18    opportunities, including, but not limited to, individuals in local
- 19    governments, special districts, institutions of higher education,
- 20    nonprofit organizations, and foundations.

1 (4) Provide or facilitate the provision of in-person and online  
2 training to encourage and improve the ability to pursue and  
3 manage federal grants.

4 (5) Develop and maintain information on the Office of Planning  
5 and Research's Internet Web Site related to new federal grant  
6 opportunities, grant management best practices, and other  
7 resources to support the ability of state and local governments  
8 and nonprofit organizations to apply and manage federal grants.

9 (c) On or before January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the  
10 federal grant administrator shall prepare a summary of federal  
11 grant funding to the state that includes, but is not limited to, all of  
12 the following performance metrics:

13 (1) Number of federal grants awarded to the state during the  
14 three years prior to the establishment of the federal grant  
15 administrator and during the report year.

16 (2) Number of completed federal grant applications submitted  
17 by the state during the report year.

18 (3) Total federal dollars received by the state through federal  
19 grants during the report year.

20 (4) Total federal grant dollars expended by the state during the  
21 report year.

22 (5) Total federal grant dollars received in the state by school  
23 districts and local governments during the report year.

24 (6) Number of training sessions hosted by the federal grant  
25 administrator and attendance at those events during the report  
26 year.

27 (7) Other relevant information regarding federal grant activities  
28 within the state during the report year, as determined by the federal  
29 grant administrator.

30 ~~SECTION 1. Section 12096.3 of the Government Code is~~  
31 ~~amended to read:~~

32 ~~12096.3. The office shall serve the Governor as the lead entity~~  
33 ~~for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues~~  
34 ~~relating to business development, private sector investment, and~~  
35 ~~economic growth. In this capacity, the office may do any of the~~  
36 ~~following:~~

37 ~~(a) Recommend to the Governor and the Legislature new state~~  
38 ~~policies, programs, and actions, or amendments to existing~~  
39 ~~programs, advance statewide economic goals and respond to~~  
40 ~~emerging economic problems and opportunities, and ensure that~~

- 1 all state policies and programs conform to the adopted state  
2 economic and business development goals:
- 3 (b) ~~Coordinate the development of policies and criteria to ensure~~  
4 ~~that federal grants administered or directly expended by state~~  
5 ~~government advance statewide economic goals and objectives.~~
- 6 (c) ~~Market the business and investment opportunities available~~  
7 ~~in California by working in partnership with local, regional, federal,~~  
8 ~~and other state public and private institutions to encourage business~~  
9 ~~development and investment in the state.~~
- 10 (d) ~~Provide, including, but not limited to, all of the following:~~
- 11 (1) ~~Economic and demographic data.~~
- 12 (2) ~~Financial information to help link businesses with state and~~  
13 ~~local public and private programs.~~
- 14 (3) ~~Workforce information, including, but not limited to, labor~~  
15 ~~availability, training, and education programs.~~
- 16 (4) ~~Transportation and infrastructure information.~~
- 17 (5) ~~Assistance in obtaining state and local permits.~~
- 18 (6) ~~Information on tax credits and other incentives.~~
- 19 (7) ~~Permitting, siting, and other regulatory information pertinent~~  
20 ~~to business operations in the state.~~
- 21 (e) ~~Establish a well-advertised telephone number, an interactive~~  
22 ~~Internet Web site, and an administrative structure that effectively~~  
23 ~~supports the facilitation of business development and investment~~  
24 ~~in the state.~~
- 25 (f) ~~Encourage collaboration among research institutions, startup~~  
26 ~~companies, local governments, venture capitalists, and economic~~  
27 ~~development agencies to promote innovation.~~
- 28 (g) ~~In cooperation with the federal government, foster~~  
29 ~~relationships with overseas entities to improve the state's image~~  
30 ~~as a destination for business investment and expansion.~~
- 31 (h) ~~Conduct research on the state's business climate, including,~~  
32 ~~but not limited to, research on how the state can remain on the~~  
33 ~~leading edge of innovation and emerging sectors.~~
- 34 (i) ~~Support small businesses by providing information about~~  
35 ~~accessing capital, complying with regulations, and supporting state~~  
36 ~~initiatives that support small business.~~
- 37 (j) (1) ~~Establish a federal grant administrator who serves as a~~  
38 ~~single point-of-contact for information on federal grants related~~  
39 ~~to business development, private sector investment, economic~~  
40 ~~growth, and local government, and provides coordinating functions~~

1 to manage and maximize federal grant opportunities. A federal  
2 grant administrator may do any of the following:

3 (A) Establish a statewide network of individuals who serve as  
4 a point-of-contact for federal grant opportunities in their respective  
5 state agencies and departments, local governments, institutions of  
6 higher education, and foundations.

7 (B) Provide in-person and online training for individuals who  
8 serve as a point-of-contact to encourage and improve the pursuit  
9 of federal grant opportunities.

10 (C) Identify employees within state government with expertise  
11 in federal grant management and knowledge of state government  
12 structure and responsibilities.

13 (D) On or before January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, create  
14 and post on the office's Internet Web site a report that tracks annual  
15 federal grant funding to the state that includes, but is not limited  
16 to, all of the following performance metrics:

17 (i) Number of federal grants awarded to the state.

18 (ii) Number of completed applications.

19 (iii) Total dollars received by the state.

20 (iv) Total dollars received in the state by schools and local  
21 governments.

22 (v) Number of training sessions hosted by the federal grant  
23 administrator and attendance at those events.

24 (vi) The extent to which individuals in the statewide network  
25 who serve as a point-of-contact have met and coordinated efforts.

26 (2) Maintain information on the office's Internet Web site  
27 relating to federal grant information, including, but not limited to,  
28 relevant information from the federal government, [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov),  
29 or a successor Internet Web site operated by the federal  
30 government, subgrants, state grants, local grants, and foundation  
31 grants.