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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025–26 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1130**

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**Introduced by ~~Assembly Member Berman~~ Assembly Members  
Berman and Blanca Rubio**  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Umberg)

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An act to add Article 10 (commencing with Section 1980) to Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts; amend Section 84513 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1130, as amended, Berman. ~~Dentistry: outreach and support program.~~ Political Reform Act of 1974: campaign disclosures.

Existing law, the Political Reform Act of 1974, requires a person paid by a committee to post content supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure on an internet website, web application, or digital application to include a disclaimer stating that they were paid by the committee in connection with the post, except as specified. Existing law requires the committee to notify the person paid to post the content of this requirement. Existing law authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to seek injunctive relief to compel compliance with this disclaimer requirement. Existing law exempts a person who violates the disclaimer requirement from administrative, civil, and criminal penalties established by the act.

*This bill would remove the exemption for administrative, civil, and criminal penalties and instead provide that if the required disclaimer is not included, the person paid to post the content and the committee who paid them are jointly and severally liable for any administrative or civil penalties incurred for the violation. The bill would require the committee to inform the person that failure to include the disclaimer may result in penalties under the Political Reform Act of 1974. The bill would also require the committee to include a statement on their campaign report, as specified, that the payment was provided for a paid thirty party post.*

*A violation of the Political Reform Act of 1974 is punishable as a misdemeanor. By creating a new crime under the act, the bill would establish a state-mandated local program.*

*The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

*This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.*

*The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes upon a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house of the Legislature and compliance with specified procedural requirements.*

*This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.*

~~Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, establishes the Dental Board of California in the Department of Consumer Affairs to license and regulate the practice of dentistry.~~

~~This bill would require the board to develop, implement, and maintain an outreach and support program to recruit students from underserved communities in the state to pursue education and licensure in the field of dentistry. The bill would establish duties the board would be required to carry out in that regard, including conducting at least 2 outreach activities per year focused on students from underserved communities. The bill would require the board to provide a summary of actions taken pursuant to the bill's provisions as part of its report to the Legislature through the sunset review process.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~ $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 84513 of the Government Code is*  
2 *amended to read:*

3     84513. (a) (1) If a committee pays a person to post content  
4 on an internet website, web application, or digital application for  
5 the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate for elective  
6 office or a ballot measure, the person shall concurrently include a  
7 disclaimer with that content stating that the person was paid by  
8 the committee in connection with the posting.

9     (2) The disclaimer required by this subdivision shall be readily  
10 legible to an average viewer or, if the content is in audio format,  
11 shall be clearly audible. A disclaimer that states, or is substantially  
12 similar to, the following satisfies the requirement in this  
13 subdivision: “The author was paid by [name of committee and  
14 committee identification number] in connection with this posting.”

15     (3) This subdivision does not apply to the following:

16     (A) Content requiring a disclosure pursuant to Section 84504.3  
17 or subdivision (c) of Section 84511.

18     (B) Content posted on the committee’s own website, profile, or  
19 landing page by a person compensated by the committee to post  
20 such content.

21     (C) Content posted by a compensated employee of a committee  
22 on the employee’s own social media page or account where the  
23 only expense or cost of the communication is compensated staff  
24 time. This exception shall not apply if the compensated employee  
25 of the committee’s principal duties are to post content on their own  
26 social media page or account.

27     (b) A committee described in subdivision (a) shall notify the  
28 person paid to post the content of the requirement to include a  
29 ~~disclaimer.~~ *disclaimer and that failure to include the disclaimer*  
30 *may result in penalties under the Political Reform Act of 1974.*

31     ~~(e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a person~~  
32 ~~in violation of subdivision (a) is not subject to administrative, civil,~~  
33 ~~or criminal penalties under this title.~~

34     *(c) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, if a person accepts*  
35 *payment from a committee to post content that is subject to*  
36 *subdivision (a), and does not include the required disclaimer, that*  
37 *person and the committee shall be jointly and severally liable for*  
38 *any civil or administrative penalties incurred for the violation.*

1 (2) If a person violates subdivision (a), the Commission may  
 2 seek injunctive relief to compel compliance pursuant to Section  
 3 90009 after the person is notified of the requirement in subdivision  
 4 (a).

5 (d) *If a committee pays a person as described in subdivision (a)*  
 6 *and that payment is required to be reported on a campaign report*  
 7 *pursuant to subdivision (k) of Section 84211 of the Government*  
 8 *Code, the committee shall include on the campaign report a*  
 9 *statement that the payment was provided for a paid third party*  
 10 *post.*

11 *SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*  
 12 *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*  
 13 *the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school*  
 14 *district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or*  
 15 *infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty*  
 16 *for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of*  
 17 *the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within*  
 18 *the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*  
 19 *Constitution.*

20 *SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers*  
 21 *the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the meaning*  
 22 *of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government Code.*

23 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~  
 24 ~~following:~~

25 ~~(a) There continues to be a recognized shortage of dental care~~  
 26 ~~professionals in underserved communities throughout the state,~~  
 27 ~~and increasing access to dental education and professional licensure~~  
 28 ~~for individuals from these communities is essential to ensuring~~  
 29 ~~equitable access to oral health care.~~

30 ~~(b) According to the California Future Health Workforce~~  
 31 ~~Commission, the state is projected to face challenges in ensuring~~  
 32 ~~adequate access to dental care by 2030, not due to a lack of dentists~~  
 33 ~~overall, but because of a maldistribution of the dental workforce.~~

34 ~~(c) Without targeted efforts to improve workforce distribution~~  
 35 ~~and address systemic barriers such as reimbursement rates and~~  
 36 ~~regional workforce shortages, underserved areas will continue to~~  
 37 ~~experience limited access to dental providers.~~

38 ~~(d) The federal Health Resources and Services Administration~~  
 39 ~~has designated over 570 Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas~~

1 in California, where millions of residents lack adequate access to  
2 dental care providers.

3 (e) ~~Less than 10 percent the state's dentists are identified as~~  
4 ~~Latino or Black, despite those groups comprising approximately~~  
5 ~~45 percent of the state's population, resulting in significant barriers~~  
6 ~~to accessing culturally and linguistically competent care for~~  
7 ~~patients.~~

8 (f) ~~The cost and complexity of applying to dental school and~~  
9 ~~obtaining licensure are significant barriers for students from~~  
10 ~~underserved communities, especially those who are first-generation~~  
11 ~~college students.~~

12 (g) ~~Expanding awareness of existing state programs, such as~~  
13 ~~the California Dental Corps Loan Repayment Program, and~~  
14 ~~offering application guidance can help more qualified candidates~~  
15 ~~from underserved areas enter the dental profession and serve in~~  
16 ~~high-need regions.~~

17 SEC. 2. ~~Article 10 (commencing with Section 1980) is added~~  
18 ~~to Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code,~~  
19 ~~to read:~~

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21 ~~Article 10. Outreach and Support Program~~

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23 1980. (a) ~~For purposes of this section, the following definitions~~  
24 ~~apply:~~

25 (1) ~~“Board” means the Dental Board of California.~~

26 (2) ~~“Underserved community” means a geographic area or~~  
27 ~~population group identified in a database compiled by the federal~~  
28 ~~Health Resources and Services Administration, or a medically~~  
29 ~~underserved population, as defined in Section 128552 of the Health~~  
30 ~~and Safety Code.~~

31 (b) ~~The board shall develop, implement, and maintain an~~  
32 ~~outreach and support program to recruit students from underserved~~  
33 ~~communities in the state to pursue education and licensure in the~~  
34 ~~field of dentistry.~~

35 (c) ~~As part of the program, the board shall do all of the~~  
36 ~~following:~~

37 (1) ~~Coordinate with public high schools, community colleges,~~  
38 ~~universities, dental schools, and community-based organizations~~  
39 ~~to identify and engage students from underserved communities~~  
40 ~~with an interest in oral health care professions.~~

- 1     ~~(2) Provide accessible information to interested students~~  
2 ~~regarding the educational pathway to becoming a licensed dentist~~  
3 ~~in California, including undergraduate requirements, dental school~~  
4 ~~admissions, licensure examinations, and application procedures.~~  
5     ~~(3) Offer guidance, directly or through partnerships, on preparing~~  
6 ~~for and applying to accredited dental schools, including information~~  
7 ~~on prerequisite coursework, application timelines, personal~~  
8 ~~statement writing, and interview preparation.~~  
9     ~~(4) Provide assistance and information regarding the California~~  
10 ~~Dental Corps Loan Repayment Program established pursuant to~~  
11 ~~Section 1970 and other available financial aid or scholarship~~  
12 ~~opportunities for students pursuing dental education or entering~~  
13 ~~the dental workforce in underserved communities.~~  
14     ~~(5) Conduct at least two outreach activities per year, such as~~  
15 ~~webinars, in-person presentations, or resource fairs, focused on~~  
16 ~~students from underserved communities.~~  
17     ~~(6) Develop and maintain a publicly available webpage~~  
18 ~~containing all of the information required under this section in a~~  
19 ~~clear and comprehensible format in both English and Spanish.~~  
20     ~~(d) The board may collaborate with relevant state and federal~~  
21 ~~agencies, health professional organizations, and accredited~~  
22 ~~educational institutions to carry out the duties described in this~~  
23 ~~section.~~  
24     ~~(e) The board shall provide a summary of actions taken pursuant~~  
25 ~~to this section as part of its report to the Legislature through the~~  
26 ~~sunset review process.~~