

GENERAL GOVERNMENT TRAILER BILL SUMMARY – AB 127

Please note, the below summary only highlights items anticipated to be of interest to local health departments.

Community Resilience Centers

- Authorizes Strategic Growth Council to provide advance payments on a grant awarded under the existing Community Resilience Center funding in accordance with existing provisions governing advance grant payments.

Youth Empowerment Commission

- Establishes until January 1, 2030, the Youth Empowerment Commission within the Office of Planning & Research.
- Requires the Commission to conduct full commission meetings at least every other month with the first meeting on or before August 2023.
- Requires the commission to publish an annual report on or before May 30, 2025, and annually thereafter to the Legislature, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Governor.

Racial Equity Commission

- Establishes until January 1, 2030, the Racial Equity Commission within the Office of Planning & Research.
- Specifies membership of the commission to consist of 11 California residents appointed by the Governor (seven members), the Senate Committee on Rules (two members), and Speaker of the Assembly (two members).
- Requires appointed members to have demonstrated expertise in a variety of areas, including, but not limited to climate change, food insecurity, housing, immigration, environment, public health, health care, wealth, policing, criminal justice, transportation, youth leadership, and more.
- Grants the commission powers and authority to hold hearings, make and sign agreements, engage with advisers or advisory committees, and accept any federal funds or gifts, donations, or bequests.
- Requires the commission to develop resources, best practices, and tools for advancing racial equity by:
 - Developing a statewide Racial Equity Framework subject to final approval by the commission and submitted to the Governor and Legislature on or after December 1, 2024, but no later than April 1, 2025;
 - Requires the framework to include methodologies and tools to be used to advance racial equity and address structural racism in California, budget methodologies that entities can use to analyze how budget allocations benefit or burden communities of color, processes for collecting and analyzing demographic data, and input and feedback from stakeholder engagements.
 - Provide technical assistance on implementing strategies for racial equity consistent with the Racial Equity Framework;
 - Engage stakeholders and community members, including by convening quarterly stakeholder meetings, to seek input on the commission's work;
 - Engage, collaborate, and consult with policy experts in order to conduct analyses and develop tools;
 - Promote ongoing, equitable delivery of benefits and opportunities by providing technical assistance to local government entities engaging in racial equity programming and encouraging the formation and implementation of racial equity initiatives in local governments.
- Requires the commission to prepare an annual report summarizing feedback from public engagement with communities of color, providing data on racial inequities and disparities, and recommending best practices on tools, methodologies, and opportunities to advance racial equity.