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GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNS BILL THAT WILL INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE TO $15 AN HOUR BY 2022

Governor Brown, as expected signed in Los Angeles the landmark legislation that will raise the State's minimum wage to $15 an hour by 2022 for businesses with 26 employees or more, and one year later for businesses with 25 employees or less. The legislation- SB 3 by Senator Mark Leno (Democrat Sand Francisco) also provides for a phase in of three paid sick days for all In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers beginning July 1, 2018.

Governor Brown signed the bill surrounded by Democratic legislative leaders, labor leaders and union members at the Ronald Reagan State Office Building in Los Angeles.

Governor Brown said that "work is part of living in a moral community Economics is about dollars and justice. Justice is about giving people their due, it's about economic justice. It's about people, it's about putting a little tiny balance in a system that every day becomes more unbalanced. This is an important day! It's not the end of a struggle.

No one who works full time should live in poverty, said Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon (Democrat Los Angeles), one of the co-authors of the legislation at the signing ceremony calling the Governor "the best governor in the nation" thanking him for his leadership in signing the historic bill.

Senator Leno said that it was his honor to author SB 3 with his primary co-author Senator Connie Leyva, and said that the increase will lift millions of Californians the majority of them women, and thanked the Governor for framing the issue as "economic justice". The State Senate passed Sb 3 , later in the afternoon on march 31st after about two hours of floor debate by a vote of 26 to 12 with all democrats voting yes and all republicans present voting no. Under the plan contained in SB 3 announced March 28th by Governor Brow, Democratic legislative leaders and labor leaders the state minimum wage will rise to $10.50 per hour on January 1 2017 for businesses with 25 or more employees and then rises each year until reaching $15 per hour in 2022. The content of the agreement was amended into SB 3 on Monday, and the legislation passed

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today without any further amendments or changes. Governor Brown previously signed AB 10 by Assembly member Luis Alejo (Democrat) in September 2013 to raise California's minimum wage 25% from $8 to $10 per hour effective January 1 2016.

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STATE FINALIZING PLANS TO CLOSE CENTERS FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED

The final countdown has begun for the last of three large state-run institutions that care for the severely disabled: In less than six years, almost all of their residents are likely to be transferred to other settings.

The public comment period ended last week on a plan to move 776 patients currently housed at the three development centers into smaller community-based homes. The state expects the move to save it roughly $250 million a year.

The average cost of caring for those patients — who have conditions such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, brain injuries and severe autism — is $500,000 a year per person, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office in Sacramento. Following previous closures of sister institutions and the transfer of their residents to smaller local facilities, the average cost fell to about $180,000 per patient.

Shutting down facilities in Sonoma and Costa Mesa, and partially closing a third site in Porterville, will not only save money on patient care, it also will open up some prime real estate opportunities for the state-owned sites. What the state will do with the land and the many large buildings that sit on it is still being publicly debated.

The Porterville site will move roughly half of its patients. The rest, 211 developmentally disabled felons in the center's secure treatment area, can't be moved into the community and will remain where they are.

A much smaller state-run residential facility, Canyon Springs in Cathedral City — near Palm Springs — will continue to house its 55 residents.

Also up for debate in the Capitol next week will be the amount of money earmarked by the state to finance the closures and patient transitions. A legislative budget hearing on March 16 will examine the cost of doing so.

A report released by the Legislative Analyst's Office raised concern about the potential loss of federal money during the roughly six years it will take to nearly empty the facilities.

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DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED HELPED BY PASSAGE OF STATE FUNDING BILLS

People with developmental disabilities scored a victory Monday when California lawmakers passed bills that save Medi-Cal and increase funding for agencies that serve 300,000 residents with cerebral palsy, autism and Down syndrome.

The bipartisan approval of the package means that a managed care organization (MCO) tax will secure $1.3 billion in Medi-Cal reimbursements from the federal government. Its companion bill, known as ABX2-1 and also passed with a bipartisan vote, will provide a 7.5 percent increase for direct care staff and a 5 percent increase for supported and independent living for people with developmental disabilities.

That means funding for developmental disability services will increase by about $307 million.

The bills passed with votes of 28-11 in the Senate and 61-16 in the Assembly, with several Republicans joining the Democratic majority in support.

The increase marks the end of several years of struggle by the developmental disabilities community to shore up funding lost even before the recession, said Anne Struthers, president of the Association of Regional Center Agencies. She praised the bipartisan support by the Legislature to pass the bills, which await the signature of Gov. Jerry Brown. The MCO tax bill must also be approved by the Obama administration.

"This is an historic step for over 300,000 Californians with developmental disabilities, their families, and their service providers," Struthers said.

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