Department of Finance

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#### **Legal Title**

Technical Assistance Fund

## **Legal Citation/Authority**

Chapter 307, Statutes of 1995

Health and Safety Code section 1523.2

### **Fund Classification**

**GAAP Basis** 

Governmental/Special Revenue Funds

## **Fund Classification**

**Legal Basis** 

Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

#### **Purpose**

The money in the Technical Assistance Fund (TAF) will be expended by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to fund administrative and other activities in support of the licensing program. Revenue received by the department from payment of civil penalties imposed on licensed facilities shall be expended exclusively for the technical assistance, training, and education of licensees.

# **Administering Agency/Organization Code**

Department of Social Services/Org 5180

#### **Major Revenue Source**

Various fees received from licensees and revenue from civil penalty payments.

## **Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)**

Pursuant to Government Code section 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

## **Appropriation Authority**

The money in this fund is available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

#### **State Appropriations Limit**

Excluded-Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to provide direct services or products to the payers.

## **Comments/Historical Information**

Chapter 709, Statutes of 1992 provides that fees in excess of administrative costs and \$6 million would be expended by DSS to create and maintain new licensing staff.

Chapter 225, Statutes of 2003 increased the existing licensing fees.

Chapter 229, Statutes of 2004 increased licensing fees, added various other fees, and eliminated the prior limits on how much of the revenues would be deposited into the TAF, so that now all of the licensing fee revenue will go into the TAF to support the licensing program.

Chapter 291, Statutes of 2008 added "fees...collected shall be deposited into the TAF created pursuant to subdivision (a) and shall be" to Health and Safety Code Section 1523.2 (b). Subdivision (c) added "revenue...from payment of civil penalties imposed on licensed facilities shall be deposited into the

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Chapter 4, Statutes of 2009 (AB 4), Section 4, amended Health and Safety Code Section 1523.1 (a) by increasing annual fees and application fees for all facilities by 10 percent.

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