New California Law Gives AG Funding to Write Privacy Regulations

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California's attorney general will receive funding to cover the cost of writing regulations to implement the state's new privacy law, under a new law signed by Gov. Jerry Brown. The funding bill, <u>S.B. 862</u>, gives Attorney General Xavier Becerra (D) \$700,000 and five new staffers to write regulations for companies to comply with the state's recently enacted online privacy law, <u>A.B. 375</u>.

Becerra had said his office lacked the funding to write the rules. The privacy law takes effect Jan. 1, 2020. Brown (D) signed the funding bill Sept. 17.

The privacy law, enacted in June, gives consumers the right to ask a company what information it holds on them, whether the data is sold to third parties, and to whom. A separate measure, <u>S.B. 1121</u>, would tweak California's privacy law and push the attorney general's deadline to write the interpreting regulations from June 2019 to June 2020. The measure also would delay the attorney general's enforcement of the law until July 1, 2020, or six months after publication of the final rules, whichever comes first. Lawmakers sent that bill to the governor's desk Aug. 31. Brown has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto it.