



## Legislative Update October 16, 2009

### **New LAWS:**

#### **AB1368 (Adams)- Family Child Care: First Aid- Chapter 528**

Requires small family child care homes to have a staff person with training in first aid and CPR in the home at all times which means that substitutes would need to have this training.

#### **AB1422 (Bass)- Healthy Families- Urgency clause- Chapter 157**

Imposes a tax on a specified rate of the gross premiums of an insurer. Imposes a tax (until Jan. 1, 2011) on the total operating revenue of the Medi-cal managed care plans. 38.41% of the tax will be used for Medi-cal and 61.59% will be used for the Healthy Families Program. Effective 11-1-09 it increases the family contribution to participation in the Healthy Families Program. Additionally the bill allows for the transfer of funds received from the California Children & Family Act of 1998 (First 5) to an unallocated account for Healthy Families.

#### **SB702 (DeSaulnier)- Ancillary Day Care- Chapter 199**

Effective January 1, 2011, defines a new category of child care programs as “ancillary” and relates to programs in athletic club, grocery stores or other business or group of businesses that provides a day care center that is ancillary to its principal business activity. It requires ancillary programs to use Trustline for their employees. **Network Position – Support.**

### **Governor Vetoed:**

#### **AB769 (Torres)- Preschool Priorities (Sponsored by LACOE)**

In addition to existing priorities, this bill would require priority for participation in state preschool programs also be given to children who have a biological parent who is, or who has been within the previous 6 months, under the jurisdiction of the delinquency or dependency court. Priority enrollment does not allow for the displacement of children already in care.

**Veto message:** This bill results in significant Proposition 98 General Fund costs pressures. Absent additional funding to support this policy shift, enacting this measure would result in denying access to state funded preschool programs to other low income families who are currently on waiting lists for subsidized care. Moreover, children of those under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court system already may access child care on a priority basis under current law, to the extent that they are at risk of abuse or neglect.

#### **AB627 (Brownley)- Child Care Nutrition**

Requires the SPI establish a pilot program of at least 12 months in duration, (funding permitting with non-General fund sources) which provides higher meal reimbursement for meeting higher nutritional and physical activity standards.

**Veto message:** I want California children to embrace healthy lifestyles because the individual and societal benefits of good nutrition and physical activity lead to life-long accomplishments. Reducing childhood obesity can lead to fewer adults with chronic health conditions and lower healthcare costs. Unfortunately, this bill would create pressure to add Proposition 98 General Fund resources to the Child and Adult Care Food program when funding for so many other education programs has been cut. It is simply not possible to initiate a new program in a fiscal environment such as this. I would ask the sponsors to work with the state Department of Education to include information regarding healthy nutrition and physical activity guidelines in existing newsletters to child care providers to the extent this can be accomplished within existing resources.

**Two-year Bills:**

**AB304 (Price)-** Direct Deposit Payments for Child Care Providers (Sponsored by the United Child Care Union)

**AB315 (DeLeon)-** Child Care Provider Payment Schedule (Sponsored by the United Child Care Union) **Network position- Monitor**

**AB325 (Beall)-** CalWORKs EITC outreach

**Network position- Monitor- support concept, but await report recommendations**

**AB434 (Block)-** After School Program: Matching Funds

**Network position- Monitor**

**AB495 (Davis)-** Preschool Data (Sponsored by LAUP)

**Network Position- Monitor**

**AB575 (Torres)-** Sex Offenders: Presence Around Children

**AB849 (Swanson)-** Family Medical Leave

**Network Position- Support**

**AB932 (Torlakson)-** Facility Loans (Sponsored by LIIF and CCDA)

**Network Position- Monitor and explore answer to questions related to restrictions related to federal OMB on allowable interest percentage.**

**AB983 (Skinner) –** School Programs: Weekend Care

**Network position- Monitor**

**AB997 (Krekorian)-** Sex Offenders: Licensed Facilities

**AB1000 (Ma)-** Paid Sick Days

**Network Position- Support**

**AB1124 (Yamada)-** Preschool: Special Education Hearings

**Network Position- Support**

**AB1195 (Brownley)-** New Federal Funds (Tentatively co-sponsored by CCCR&R Network, Child Care Law Center, Children Now and Preschool California)

**AB1349 (Torlakson)-** ASES program

**Network position- Monitor**

**SB129 (Huff)-** Heritage Schools

**SB244 (Wright)-** Child Care and Development: High Risk Children Priority

**Network Position: Monitor and work with sponsors and other statewide organizations**

**SB293 (Runner) –** Kindergarten Entrance Age

**SB379 (Huff)-** Heritage Schools license exemption

**Network Position – Oppose**

**SB798 (DeSaulnier)-** 21st Century Learning Centers

**Network position- Monitor**

SCR44 (Corbett)- Regional Market Rate Structure-

SCR47 (De Saulnier)- Child Care Funding: Workforce

**Dropped:**

SB3x 25 (Cox)- First 5 Abolishment- Urgency measure