



Legislative Update

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Child Care Resource & Referral:

AB 2463 (Brownley) – Child Care Resource & Referral

The intent of this legislation is to provide clarifying language in the education code related to child care resource & referral services. This bill would require a child care resource and referral program to provide training and workshops relating to child care services, community resource assistance, and to collaborate with and assist other community agencies in planning, coordinating, and improving child care. The bill would require a resource and referral program to provide basic child care referrals, as defined, at no cost. The bill clarifies the Child Care Initiative Project- Quality Plan and State Plan and would establish the Growing, Learning, Caring Project to foster and improve the quality of child care in all settings, including child care settings that are exempt from licensing requirements. It requires local child care R&R programs to provide data on child care supply and demand to the State Network for statewide data compilation. The bill would require resource and referral programs to review and process trustline applications for in-home or license-exempt home-based child care providers who are being paid through state-funded child care subsidies. The bill would delete provisions authorizing a resource and referral program to provide short-term respite care. **Status: Introduced. Network position- Sponsor**

Child Care Subsidy:

AB 315 (DeLeon)- Child Care Provider Payment Schedule (Sponsored by the United Child Care Union)

Requires the SDE to consider developing guidelines for Alternative Payment Programs on specific matters. In developing regulations, they shall consider, timeliness of payments, due process and complaint process, completion of attendance records, manner of issuing payments, timeliness of notification when a child is no longer eligible to receive subsidies and administrative recourse and penalties for late payments to providers. If a penalty is assessed against an AP, it can only use administrative and support service funds. **Status: Senate. Network position- Monitor**

SB 244 (Wright)- Child Care and Development: High Risk Children Priority

Requires the CDE to study (by December 31, 2010) the feasibility of providing priority enrollment in high quality child care programs for children 0-5 who are in foster care; were formerly in foster care; at risk of being neglected, abused or exploited, homeless, or have a parent who is in a correctional or residential treatment facility. **Status: Assembly Appropriations. Network Position: Monitor and work with sponsors and other statewide organizations**

***SB 1099 (Correa)- Foster Care: Child Care Funding**

Allows counties to use child care and development funds received from CDE as a match for foster care funds used to provide subsidized child care for children receiving protective services, foster children, or children at risk for abuse and neglect. **Status: Senate Human Services**

***SB 1225 (Yee) - San Francisco individualized county child care subsidy plan**

Extends the operation of San Francisco's individualized child care subsidy plan until June 30, 2016, and would require the city and county to phase out the plan by January 1, 2018. Requires the city and county to demonstrate an increase in earned child days of enrollment by the end of the first fiscal year of operation. Their plan must be submitted to and approved by the Child Development Division of the Department of Education. The bill would require the city and county, on or before December 31, 2016, to submit a final report to the Legislature that summarizes the impact of the plan. **Status: Education**

Community Care Licensing:

***AB 1979 (Adams) - Child day care centers: Inspections**

Requires the Department of Social Services- Community Care Licensing to make annual unannounced visits of all licensed child day care centers. **Status: Assembly Human Services 3/23**

***AB 2084 (Brownley) - Child day care facilities: Nutrition**

Requires a licensed child day care facility to follow specified guidelines relating to the provision of beverages (milk, juice & water). **Status: Assembly Human Services**

SB 892 (Alquist)- Community Care Facilities- Spot Bill

Makes technical, non-substantive change to the California Community Care Facilities Act. **Status: Introduced**

***SB 1116 (Huff)- Heritage Schools**

Defines heritage schools as programs that serve school age children that attend a full-day public or private school and educates children to speak a foreign language and learn about a foreign culture and customs. Heritage schools would be required to comply with fingerprinting and criminal record checks applicable to private schools and to file an affidavit with the Superintendent of Public Instruction. **Status: Senate Education**

SB 1159 (Maldonado) - Community care facilities – Spot Bill

Makes non-substantive, technical changes to Community Care Licensing. **Status: Introduced**

Preschool, Kindergarten & Early Learning:

AB 1683 (Torres) – Preschool Priority

Gives priority for state preschool to children who have a parent under the jurisdiction or who were under the jurisdiction of the dependency or delinquency court within the last six months. **Status: Assembly Education**

***AB 1967 (Mendoza) - Pupil admission: kindergarten and first grade**

Changes the required birthday for kindergarten and first grade admission to November 2 for the 2012-13 school year, October 2 for the 2013-14 school year, and September 2 for the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter. To compensate school districts for the loss in average daily attendance resulting from this change, the bill would increase funding to the schools. **Status: Assembly Education**

*AB 2252 (Torrico)- Universal Preschool- Spot Bill

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to provide universal preschool to all 3 and 4-year old children in California funded through an inheritance tax. **Status: Introduced**

AB 2553 (Brownley) - Child development services: school readiness

Requires CDE to collect data that will assess the school readiness of children entering kindergarten and that reflect all of the major domains of child development. **Status: Introduced**

*AB 2592 (Buchanan) - Early Learning Quality Improvement System-Spot Bill

States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the Early Learning Quality Improvement System. **Status: Introduced**

*SB 1381 (Simitian) - Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program

Extends the operative date of the Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program to the January 1, 2015. **Status: Senate Education**

School-Age Child Care:

AB 434 (Block)- After School Program: Matching Funds

Reduces the amount of cash or in-kind local funds required by each ASES program for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 fiscal years to 15% including the local match that can be fulfilled in part by providing facilities space. Authorizes the cost of a program site supervisor selected under the ASES Program Act of 2002 to be included as direct services, provided that at least 85% of the site supervisor's time is spent at the program site. **Status: Senate Appropriations. Network position- Monitor**

AB 1831 (Solario) – After School: English Learners

Amends the After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) Act of 2002 to allocate 24% or \$132 million (whichever is greater) every year for after school programs for English language learners to assist with academic tutoring and to improve English language skills. **Status: Introduced**

*AB 1876 (Torlakson) - Education: After school Education and Safety Program: volunteers - Provides, under the After School Education and Safety Program, that volunteers may be used to conduct non-supervisory duties in these after school programs. **Status: Assembly Education**

*AB 2178 (Torlakson) - After School Education and Safety Program

To the extent consistent with federal and state privacy laws, would allow school districts to provide After School Education and Safety Programs with specified data. **Status: Assembly Education**

SB 798 (DeSaulnier)- 21st Century Learning Centers

Revises the criteria and priorities for allocating funds as of January 1, 2010. Revises the percentage of funds required to be allocated and establishes per-day rates for the operation of year-round programs, school-year programs and summer or intersession programs. Requires the department to periodically review the appropriateness of percentages for allocation of funds and authorize them to adjust the percentages after consulting the Advisory Committee on Before and After School Programs. **Status: Assembly Education. Network position- Monitor**

***SB 898 (Ashburn)- After School: Minimum Grant**

Establishes a minimum grant of \$30,000 for after school programs at schools with a regular enrollment of less than 30 pupils and a minimum grant of \$50,000 for schools with a regular enrollment of 30 – 74 pupils and a \$16,5000 minimum grant to schools for before school programs with a regular enrollment of less than 30 pupils. **Status: Senate Education**

Other Bills:

AB 2323 (Torlakson) - Child development contracts

Authorizes a contractor to carry forward certain reimbursable expenses (not to exceed 10% of MRA) and unearned funds (up to 20%) to a subsequent contract issued by the department to continue the same program or services, subject to specified requirements. (Sponsored by CCDAA) **Status: Introduced**

***SB 1109 (Cox)- First 5 Abolishment-Urgency bill**

Subject to the approval of voters, this bill would abolish the state and county First 5 Commissions. It would redirect the allocation of any further revenues for the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs. Additionally, it would allocate any unencumbered funds from county commissions to county offices of education (50%) and the county (50%). Any unencumbered funds from the state commission would be redirected to the state general fund. **Status: Senate Health**

***SB 1126 (Liu) - Early childhood education course requirements**

Requires the Trustees of the California State University, and request the Regents of the University of California, in conjunction with the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, to develop articulation and transfer program agreements for early childhood education and related majors. Requires those agreements to include a waiver of course requirements for those majors for completion of similar courses at a community college and to count those courses toward the completion of minimum upper division requirements for those majors. **Status: Senate Education**

SCR 44 (Corbett)- Regional Market Rate Structure (RMR)-

Requests the legislature hold one or more joint hearings on the RMR with the participation of CDE by April 10, 2010 to review the methodology and implementation of the RMR. Requests Stakeholder involvement. **Status: Assembly Education**

SCR 47 (De Saulnier)- Child Care Funding: Workforce

States the intent of the Legislature to increase funding for child development centers and preschools to provide staff with adequate salaries and benefits and provide adequate resources to support program quality. **Status: Assembly Education**