



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. **Amended to limit distribution of lists for small family child care providers except for emergency preparedness and response purposes and numerous other technical changes.** **Status: Senate Rules for committee assignment. 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**

Gives first priority for enrollment in subsidized child care programs to specified high-risk children 0 – 5 years of age in addition to those in child protective services. Requires that they use licensed child care programs to receive the subsidy. **Status: Assembly Human Services, 6/15. Network Position: Monitor and work with sponsors and other statewide organizations.**

Community Care Licensing:

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). Includes the exclusion of a child, with documentation from a physician, from any of the requirements (e.g., 1% milk or nonfat milk, no beverages with added sweetener) if the child's health would be adversely affected. Includes new findings and declarations and notes that if a child has a medical necessity for "medical food" documented by a physician or if a parent or guardian provides a beverage then the provider is exempted from the requirements of this bill as it relates to the child/ren involved. **Status: Senate Health. Network Position: Support**

***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. Requires the director of a heritage school to complete at least 15 hours of health and safety training and employees and volunteers to be in good health. It requires notification to parents that the school does not have a child care license. Includes a fee of \$100 for initial affidavit filing and for each subsequent filing with of fee of \$55 to be deposited in the Heritage Enrichment Resource Fund. Limits the fee for affidavit filing to the cost of the department in administering the program. **Status: Assembly**

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. **Amended to delete all language related to preschool programming or priority for preschool programs for specified individuals or families. Status: Senate Rules for assignment.**

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

Requires the CDE implement a quality rating and improvement system based on the recommendations of the Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee's recommendations and require the newly formed ELAC to annually review the system and provide recommendations for improvement. **Amended to instead authorize a quality rating scale pilot program based on final recommendations of the CAEL QIS and contingent on receipt of federal funds for this purpose. Requires SCE to conduct an annual review of the pilot programs and an evaluations to be submitted to the appropriate policy committee of the legislature by January 2016. Becomes inoperative on June 30, 2017 and the law is repealed on January 2018. Status: Senate Rules for assignment.**

*SB 1381 (Simitian) - Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program

Changes the kindergarten and first grade entry age progressively beginning in 2011-12 through 2014-15 back by one month each year. It would also state the intent of the Legislature to allocate ½ of the savings from the enrollment age for the state preschool program. Expresses the intent that children not eligible for kindergarten be allowed to participate in state preschool. **Amended related to calculating loss of revenue from kindergarten entry age change. Status: Assembly Rules for assignment. Network Position: Monitor**

School-Age Child Care: (The California School Age Consortium supports all these bills unless noted otherwise)

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 1876 (Torlakson) - Education: After school Education and Safety Program

Allows the ASES programs to provide activities on weekends, but not include weekends in the grant calculation. It would give priority funding to programs meeting student outcomes. **Status: Senate Education 6/23.**

*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. **Amended to require that the department collections and maintains outcome data for analysis and statewide reports linked to longitudinal pupil achievement data. Status: Senate Rules for assignment.**

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**

Other Bills:

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

Provides that the Legislature would review the RMR in any year that the survey is not being implemented to determine if the ceilings are adequate to ensure high-quality regional programs; provide sufficient access for working poor families; provide access to infant and toddler care, during not-traditional hours, and special needs care; evaluate changes in the supply of licensed child care and take into account regional difference. (sponsored by CAPP) **Status: Assembly Education 6/16.**

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**

Inactive Bills:

AB 1831 (Solorio) – After School: English Learners

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

AB 1990 (Anderson) – Child Care Tax Credit: Unemployed

AB 2252 (Torrico)- Universal Preschool

AB 2323 (Torlakson) - Child development contracts

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

SB 898 (Ashburn) - After School: Minimum Grant

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

SB 1126 (Liu) - Early childhood education course requirements

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

ACR 154 (Fuentes) – Universal Preschool Week

***Changes from the previous Legislative Update**