



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: Assembly Appropriations 4/28. 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

Amended to give 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. Eliminates the language requiring that 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 Rules. 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. **Amended to note that if state funds are used for the Title IV-E match then it requires the county to 1) contract with a local CDE-CDD contractor 2) claim child care cost for eligible Title IV-E family at the regionally based market rate 3) provide the full federal Title IV-E funding to the local child development contractor to enroll children identified by the county for CPS, foster care or children at risk. Status: passed Senate Human Services 4/13- passed Senate Education 4/21- Senate Appropriations.**

*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: Senate Appropriations 5/3. Network Position: Support**

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: Dropped**

*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 Appropriations**

*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. **Amended 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. Status: Passed Senate Education & Public Safety- Senate Appropriations 5/3**

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 Appropriations Suspend**

*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. **Amended to change the date for kindergarten to September 1 beginning in 2012 and for first grade beginning in 2013. It would provide school districts that maintain prek programs who are no longer eligible for kindergarten enrollment the funding that they would otherwise have received.**Status: **Assembly Appropriations**

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

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. **Amended to appropriate enough funding to enroll all 3 and 4 year olds who meet eligibility requirements in state preschool beginning July 1, 2012. Expresses the intent of the Legislature to impose a tax for this purpose.** Status: **Assembly Appropriations**

***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. **Amended to delete previous language and instead express the intent of the Legislature to establish a state-wide kindergarten readiness data collection tool to guide and inform instruction and local readiness efforts. Establishes guidelines and specifies stakeholders for collaboration in the development of the tool.** Status: **Assembly Appropriations**

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

States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the Early Learning Quality Improvement System. **Amended to require CDE to develop and 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.** Status: **Assembly Appropriations**

***SB 1381 (Simitian) - Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program**

Extends the operative date of the Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program to the January 1, 2015. **Amended to delete previous language and instead change the kindergarten 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.** Status: **Senate Appropriations 5/3**

***ACR 154 (Fuentes) – Universal Preschool Week**

Proclaims the fourth week of April each year as Universal Preschool Week to include activities that educate Californians about the value of preschool and encourage parents to enroll their 3- and-4 year old children in preschool programs. **Status: Assembly Rules**

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 (Solorio) – 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. **Amended to delete previous language and in its place require the program plan to describe support for English learners if they comprise 25% or more of the enrolled children. Includes specific strategies for inclusion in the plan. Status: Assembly Appropriations**

***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. **Amended to delete the previous language and replace it with language that would allow 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: Assembly Floor**

***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 Appropriations 4/28**

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 Appropriations 4/26**

Other Bills:

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

Establishes a tax credit for taxpayers receiving unemployment benefits for up to \$500 of child care expenses per dependent. **Status: Assembly Revenue and Taxation 5/3**

***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) **Amended to disallow contractors to carry forward unearned funds and would end the authorization to carry forward reimburseable expenses as of January 1, 2016. Status: Assembly Appropriations**

***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: Dropped**

***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. **Amended to require the universities to consider an implementation plan for attainment of a B.A. degree at the community colleges in collaboration with the California State University or University of California system. Status: Senate Appropriations 4/26**

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. **Amended to note 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. 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**

***Changes from the previous Legislative Update**