



Legislative Update **February 16, 2010**

Re-introduced or New Bills: (Any additional new bills must be introduced by February 19)

AB1683 (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**

AB1831 (Solorio) – After School: English Learners

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

SB892 (Alquist)- Community Care Facilities- Spot Bill

Makes technical, nonsubstantive change to the California Community Care Facilities Act.

SB898 (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: Introduced**

SB8X41(Cox)- First 5 Abolishment

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: Introduced**

Two-year Bills:

Child Care Subsidy:

AB315 (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**

SB244 (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 programs for the designated target populations including children 0-5 who are in foster care; at risk of being neglected, abused or exploited in relative care; adopted out of the foster care system, homeless, or have a parent who is in the foster care system, on probation, or on parole or in a correctional or residential treatment facility. **Status: Assembly Appropriations. Network Position: Monitor and work with sponsors and other statewide organizations**

School-Age Child Care:

AB434 (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**

SB798 (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 Network position- Monitor**

Other Bills:

SCR44 (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**

SCR47 (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**