



Legislative Update on Child Development

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* AB 47 • McCarty * Preschool Funding

This bill would require, beginning January 1, 2017 and contingent upon sufficient funding provided in the state budget, all children in families below 75% of the state median income to have access to the State Preschool program the year before they enter kindergarten.

Amended 7/2/15: This amendment would limit State Preschool access to children not served by transitional kindergarten or Head Start.

Consultant: Bryan Singh (916) 319-2007
Hearing: *Senate Education 7/8*

AB 74 • Calderon Community Care Licensing: Visits

This bill would require, beginning July 1, 2018, licensed community care facilities (including child care centers and family child care homes, but not foster family homes) to receive an annual unannounced visit instead of a visit at least once every five years and more frequent visits under certain circumstances. It would delete the increase of random inspections by 10% if the number of citations in a year increases by 10%. The bill would require foster family homes to be subject to announced inspections, random unannounced inspections of 20% of homes, and unannounced inspections of facilities in response to a complaint, a plan of correction, or other circumstance of concern. It would require visits to 30% of licensed facilities not subject to annual inspections by July 1, 2016, and require visits to 40% of those licensed facilities by July 1, 2017.

Last amended: 6/25/15

Consultant: Kelsy Castillo (916) 319-2057
Hearing: *Senate Appropriations 7/13*

AB 271 • Obernolte Alternative Payment: Electronic Records

This bill would allow Alternative Payment Programs to maintain records electronically even if the original records were not created electronically. It would require conversion of paper records to electronic records and storage of electronic records to comply with minimum standards for trustworthy electronic record preservation. The bill would require electronic records and signatures to meet state and federal standards.

Sponsor: California Alternative Payment Program Association (916) 567-6797
Last amended: 5/28/15

Consultant: Justin Hyer (916) 319-2033
Hearing: *Senate Education 7/8*

* AB 282 • Eggman * Corded Window Coverings

This bill would make it unlawful to sell corded window coverings in California beginning January 1, 2018. It would prohibit community care and child care facilities serving children under 6 years of age from installing corded window coverings and require them to remove existing corded window coverings or retrofit the window coverings with a repair kit by January 1, 2019.

Sponsor: Consumer Federation of America (202) 387-6121
Amended 7/1/15: Technical.

Consultant: Leah Barros (916) 319-2013

Status: *Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development*

AB 302 • Cristina Garcia Parenting Pupils: Lactation

This bill would require schools with a lactating pupil to provide reasonable accommodation on campus including access to a private and secure room with a power source to express milk or breastfeed an infant, a place to safely store expressed milk, and permission to bring a breast pump on campus. It would prohibit students from incurring an academic penalty for using such accommodations.

Sponsors: California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (213) 270-5258, American Civil Liberties Union (916) 442-1036

Last amended: 6/1/15

Consultant: Ashley Medina (916) 319-2058
Hearing: *Senate Education 7/8*

AB 427 • Weber Child Care Programs: Military Eligibility

This bill would require the basic housing allowance provided to military families to be excluded from income when determining eligibility for subsidized child care and development programs.

Last amended: 5/6/15

Consultant: Joe Kocurek (916) 319-2079
Hearing: *Senate Appropriations 7/6*

AB 713 • Weber Mandatory Kindergarten

This bill would, beginning with the 2017-18 school year, require children to complete a year of kindergarten before enrolling in first grade. It would include kindergarten as part of private elementary school, requiring the owner of any private school offering

kindergarten to file an affidavit with the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Last amended: 6/1/15

Consultant: Matthew Hamlett (916) 319-2079
Hearing: *Senate Education 7/8*

AB 743 • Eggman CalWORKs Education and Training

This bill would exempt education benefits received from the U.S. Veterans Administration from being counted as income or assets for CalWORKs eligibility. It would exempt CalWORKs recipients in self-initiated education or training from participating in job search activities. The bill would count study time as part of the required hours for work participation. It would allow a schedule provided by a college counselor to establish eligibility for child care services. The bill would require counties to annually approve a list of programs leading to employment.

Sponsors: Western Center on Law and Poverty (916) 282-5119, Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations (916) 736-0616

Last amended: 6/1/15

Consultant: Mayte Sanchez (916) 319-2013
Hearing: *Senate Human Services 7/14*

AB 762 • Mullin Toddler Component Expansion

This bill would allow toddler components to serve children up to 3 years of age (instead of up to 30 months).

Last amended: 6/1/15

Consultant: Miriam Farouk (916) 319-2022
Hearing: *Senate Human Services 7/14*

AB 833 • Bonta Alameda County Pilot Project

This bill would allow the County of Alameda to develop and implement an individualized county child care subsidy plan approved by the local planning council and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors that may modify state requirements for eligibility, fees, and reimbursement rates. It would require the Early Education and Support Division to review and approve or disapprove the plan and any changes to the plan within 30 days. The bill would require the county to demonstrate an increase in the child days of enrollment at the end of the first year.

Sponsor: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council (510) 208-9675
Last amended: 6/16/15

Consultant: Jacqueline Orpilla (916) 319-2018
Hearing: *Senate Appropriations 7/6*

*** AB 982 • Eggman ***

Child Development: Homeless Priority

This bill would state the intent to serve homeless children with subsidized child care and development services and make homeless children eligible for subsidized child care and development programs. It would allow a local educational agency liaison for homeless children, a Head Start program, or a transitional shelter to identify the need of homeless children for services.

Sponsor: National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (866) 862-2562

Amended 7/2/15: This amendment would delete the specific intent to serve homeless children.

Consultant: Laura Ayala (916) 319-2013

Status: Senate Human Services

*** AB 1161 • Olsen ***

Privately Funded Preschool Tax Credit

This bill would, until January 1, 2020 establish a tax credit of 40% for contributions to the California Preschool Investment Fund that would provide additional funding for the State Preschool program in five participating counties. Contributions would first cover the cost of the tax credit before being available for State Preschool.

Amended 7/2/15: Technical.

Consultant: Allison Wescott (916) 319-2012

Status: Senate Appropriations

AB 1207 • López

Child Care: Child Abuse Reporting

This bill would require the Department of Social Service to develop and disseminate information on the detection and reporting of child abuse to child care providers and provide statewide online instruction on child abuse for child care providers and, by January 1, 2017, require providers to complete the instruction prior to licensure or within 90 days of employment.

Sponsor: Child Care Law Center (415) 558-8005

Last amended: 6/10/15

Consultant: Kristi Lopez (916) 319-2039

Hearing: Senate Appropriations 7/6

AB 1387 • Chu

Child Care Licensing: Penalties

This bill would clarify the complaint process for residential care facilities for the elderly. It would require citations imposing higher penalties for death, physical abuse or serious bodily injury to be approved by the program administrator of the Community Care Licensing Division instead of the Director of the Department of Social Services. The bill would have a written request for formal review of serious citations directly to the deputy director of the Community Care Licensing Division and not to a regional manager or the program administrator. It would establish processes to appeal other civil penalties and formal reviews of a finding of deficiency. The bill would eliminate the use of funds from licensing penalties for finding

alternative care for children when a center or home license is suspended or revoked.

Last amended: 6/25/15

Consultant: Daphne Hunt (916) 319-2089

Hearing: Senate Human Services 7/14

**SB 79 • Budget & Fiscal Review
Human Services Budget Trailer**

This bill would make changes to federal immigration assistance, CalWORKs, community care licensing, child welfare services, adult protective services, and realignment to implement human services provisions of the budget. It would increase inspections of community care facilities from once every five years to once every three years for child care facilities, once every two years for children's residential care facilities, and annual inspections of adult and senior care facilities. It would suspend the exemption for the fingerprinting license fee for an additional two years. Contains other provisions.

Last amended: 6/17/15

Consultant: Samantha Lui (916) 651-4103

Signed: Chapter 20

*** SB 94 • Budget & Fiscal Review *
Eligibility Priority Trailer**

This bill would require resource and referral agencies to publicize the state's special interest in enrolling children placed by child welfare agencies with a relative or foster parent, children served by child welfare agencies with open dependency or voluntary child protective cases, or dependents of parents with open dependency cases in licensed child care and development programs. It would establish priority enrollment for these children in child care and development programs and require their needs to be assessed by local child care and development planning councils.

Amended 6/29/15: This amendment would extend the individualized county child care subsidy plan pilot program in the County of San Mateo indefinitely.

Consultant: Michelle Baass (916) 319-2007

Status: Assembly Budget

**SB 110 • Fuller
Threats: Schools**

This bill would make it a misdemeanor or felony to make willful threats of unlawful violence with the prospect of immediate execution at a state preschool or public or private school, including by an electronic act, that creates a disruption at school.

Sponsor: Bakersfield Police Department (661) 327-7111

Last amended: 6/23/15

Consultant: Maddie Dunlap (916) 651-4016

Hearing: Assembly Appropriations 7/8

**SB 114 • Liu
Education Facilities Bond**

This bill would, if approved by the voters at the November 8, 2016 election, enact the Kindergarten-University Public Education

Facilities Bond Act of 2016 to authorize an unspecified amount of bonds to be sold to construct and modernize educational facilities in school districts. Urgency measure.

Last amended: 6/3/15

Consultant: Joyce Roys-Aguilera (916) 651-4025

Status: Senate Floor

SB 277 • Pan

Vaccinations: Personal Belief Exemption

This bill would eliminate the exemption for any currently required immunizations for admittance to public or private schools, child care centers, family child care homes, or development centers based upon personal beliefs and only allow exemptions for medical reasons. It would exempt children who currently have an exemption on file until they enter kindergarten or seventh grade. The bill would provide that lack of required immunizations would not prevent students from accessing any required special education or related services. It would allow exemptions for future required immunizations for personal belief deemed appropriate by the California Department of Public Health. The bill would exempt a home-based private school and independent study programs where the child doesn't attend classroom-based instruction. It would allow for the temporary exclusion only of children who have not been immunized from school due to exposure to disease.

Last amended: 6/18/15

Consultant: Darin Walsh (916) 651-4006

Signed: Chapter 35

SB 311 • Beall

Alum Rock Pilot Project

This bill would allow the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District to develop and implement an individualized eligibility part-day preschool pilot program until January 1, 2022 to provide preschool programs to foster children and children eligible for free or reduced-price meals up to the age for admission to first grade. No additional funds would be provided to implement the pilot program.

Sponsors: Kidango (510) 897-6924, Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (408) 928-6800, Santa Clara County Office of Education (916) 557-9745, First 5 Santa Clara (408) 260-3700

Last amended: 6/1/15

Consultant: Anna Alvarado (916) 651-4015

Status: Assembly Appropriations

SB 456 • Block

Threats: Discharge of Firearm at School

This bill would make it a misdemeanor or felony to make willful threats of discharging a firearm with the prospect of immediate execution at a state preschool or public or private school.

Last amended: 6/19/15

Consultant: Kevin Powers (916) 651-4039

Hearing: Assembly Appropriations 7/8

SB 548 • de León**Family Child Care: Representation**

This bill would allow family child care providers to form, join, and participate in provider organizations and would allow them to elect a provider organization as the exclusive representative for family child care providers. It would establish the scope of representation and require state agencies to bargain in good faith with the representative. The bill would allow agreements to be codified in memoranda of understanding that would be binding on state agencies. It would allow the provider organization to collect dues as deductions from subsidy payments. The bill would require a report of best practices in engaging families in family child care settings by January 1, 2017. It would establish a Partnership on Child Care Training, Education, and Quality Improvement made up of representatives of the state and the provider organization to identify gaps in training and improve quality in family child care homes. The bill would require the joint committee to make recommendations annually and to address barriers for training and access to higher education for family child care providers.

Sponsor: SEIU State Council (916) 442-3838

Last amended: 6/1/15

Consultant: Jennifer Troia (916) 651-4170

Hearing: *Assembly Labor & Employment 7/8*

SB 579 • Jackson**Sick Leave: Child Care/School Emergency**

This bill would allow an employee, as part of the time allowed to participate in school activities, to find, enroll, or reenroll a child in school or day care or to address a child care or school emergency. It would require an employer to allow an employee to use sick leave to attend to preventative care of a child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner and would prohibit discriminatory action against the employee for using or attempting to use sick leave for these purposes.

Last amended: 6/2/15

Consultant: Jennifer Richard (916) 651-4019

Status: *Assembly Appropriations*

SB 645 • Hancock**After School Programs: Increased Funding**

This bill would require proportional adjustments to maximum grant amounts and per pupil funding to reflect any increased funding provided in the state budget.

Sponsor: California After School Coalition (916) 601-4370

Last amended: 6/2/15

Consultant: Renee Estoista (916) 651-4009

Hearing: *Assembly Education 7/15*

SB 670 • Jackson**Employer Child Care Credits**

This bill would establish, between January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2021, a tax credit (up to \$50,000) of 30% of start-up expenses for

child care programs, constructing a child care facility, or providing child care information and referral services. The bill would establish, between January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2021, a tax credit (up to \$360 per dependent) of 30% for contributions to a qualified care plan for employees' dependents.

Sponsor: Bay Area Council (916) 706-1205

Last amended: 6/1/15

Consultant: Chris Reeve (916) 651-4019

Hearing: *Assembly Revenue & Taxation 7/13*

*** SB 792 • Mendoza *****Child Care Programs: Staff Immunizations**

This bill would require employees, beginning September 1, 2016, to be immunized against measles, pertussis, and influenza. It would allow employees to refuse the vaccination for influenza.

Sponsor: Health Officers Association of California (916) 441-7405

Amended 7/2/15: Technical.

Consultant: Dorian Almaraz (916) 651-4032

Hearing: *Assembly Human Services 7/14*

Budget Bills

AB 93 • Weber • 2015-16 Budget • Chapter 10

SB 97 • Budget and Fiscal Review • 2015-16 Budget • Chapter 11

Inactive Bills

AB 106 • Budget • Human Services Budget Trailer • Dropped

AB 188 • Cristina Garcia • Alternative Payment: Eligibility • Two-year bill

AB 233 • López • Child Care Annual Eligibility • Two-year bill

AB 492 • Gonzalez • CalWORKs: Diapers for Child Care • Two-year bill

AB 589 • López • Online Child Care Job Posting • Two-year bill

AB 598 • Rendon • Family Child Care Education Networks • Two-year bill

AB 648 • Low • Virtual Dental Home • Child care provisions deleted

AB 765 • Ridley-Thomas • Standard Reimbursement Rate • Two-year bill

AB 891 • Campos • After School Programs Priority • After school provisions deleted

AB 1114 • Bonilla • Kindergarten Evaluation • Provisions deleted

AB 1133 • Achadjian • Mental Health Intervention and Prevention • Two-year bill

AB 1314 • Thurmond • Early Care and Education Programs • Spot bill

AB 1467 • Bloom • Community Care Facilities: Penalties • Two-year bill

SB 212 • Mendoza • Drug Trafficking Near Preschools • Child care provisions deleted

SB 268 • Nguyen • State Dependent Care Tax Credit • Two-year bill

SB 401 • Nguyen • Child Care Centers: Office Buildings • Two-year bill

SB 472 • Cannella • State Dependent Care Tax Credit • Spot bill

SB 567 • Liu • Child Care: Continuity of Services • Two-year bill

SB 749 • Morrell • Trustline Registry • Provisions deleted