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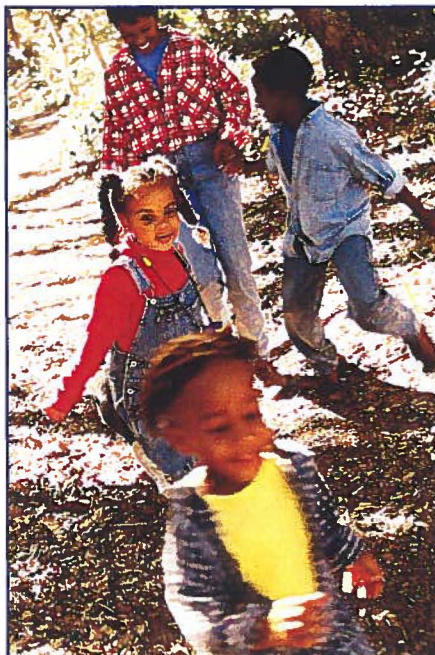
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Jim Beall, Jr., Chairperson

The Assembly Committee on Human Services has jurisdiction over programs and services designed to assist the state's most vulnerable populations – abused and neglected children, people with disabilities, low-income families and the elderly. Its Chair is James Beall, Jr. (D-San Jose). The Committee was busy in 2007 crafting public policies to improve the lives of California's disadvantaged residents while promoting efficiency and accountability in the delivery of social services. Its subjects included better services and benefits for foster youth, simplification of the complex public benefit system, enhancement of rights and services for persons with development disabilities and for seniors whose residential care facilities face closure. Of the 93 bills referred to the Committee in 2007, 42 passed the Legislature and 29 became law.

The Committee devoted much attention to the problems and concerns of the 80,000 children in the state's foster care system. There were more bills affecting this subject than any other – 28 were referred to the Committee, 13 passed the Legislature and 11 were enacted into law. Key among them were **AB 1331 (Evans)**, assisting disabled foster youth establish eligibility for federal disability benefits upon emancipation, and **AB 1453 (Soto)**, requiring the state to plan to convert group homes to residential based services. Also of significance were **SB 785 (Steinberg)**, facilitating access of foster children to mental health services when they are placed outside their original county and **AB 340 (Hancock)**, establishing pilot projects in up to five counties to implement a streamlined process for approving relatives, foster parents and adoptive parents to care for foster children. In addition, Chairperson Beall authored **AB 324**, to increase rates paid to foster parents. After the Chair pressed the issue in his role on the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, a 5 percent rate increase for foster family homes, group homes and kinship caregivers was incorporated into **SB 84 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)**, the human services budget trailer bill.

The Committee heard and approved significant human services bill affecting the aged and persons with developmental disabilities. Several of these were signed by the Governor, including **AB 949 (Krekorian)**, establishing protections for residents when a residential care for the elderly facility closes, **SB 868 (Ridley-Thomas)**, authorizing state payment of a share of the costs of criminal history background checks of persons seeking to be listed on a county's in-home supportive services registry, and **AB 1402 (Evans)**, requiring the recording of Individual Program Plan proceedings upon request by the consumer of services for persons with developmental disabilities.

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The Committee took special interest in welfare-to-work and anti-hunger issues. In early March, the Committee heard and approved the Chair's **AJR 4**, which urged Congress to revisit and revise elements of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 limiting state discretion in its CalWORKs welfare-to-work and child support programs. The Committee also passed **AB 98 (Niello)**, signed by the Governor, which helps fund county wage-based employment programs for CalWORKs participants, and **AB 1078 (Lieber)**, which eases retirement and savings accumulation rules for CalWORKs families and encourages maximum utilization of the Earned Income Tax Credit.

The Chair authored **AB 433** to improve participation in the food stamp program by adopting the federal categorical eligibility option, a policy estimated to allow 24,000 low-income working families to gain access to food assistance, generating nearly \$100 million in additional federal funds into the state. The bill passed the Assembly and is pending on the Senate floor and ready to be taken up in January 2008. The Committee passed two other food assistance bills of consequence, **AB 1060 (Laird)**, establishing simplified reporting for families and counties, and **AB 1382 (Leno)**, repealing fingerprint imaging requirements. AB 1060 failed to pass the Senate after the reporting issue was not included in the final budget agreement, and AB 1382 was vetoed by the Governor.

In addition to acting on human services legislation, in 2007 the Committee began a comprehensive review of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, originally enacted in 1969. Having a personal interest in the issues covered by the Act, the Chair consulted with and convened a wide range of consumers, family members, advocates, service providers and administrators to explore key themes essential to the continuing vitality of the Act in the face of new developments. These include the steep increase in the incidence of autism, the quality of employment and day programs, rights and due process in the individual program plans (IPPs), ethnic and language disparities in service delivery, improved conditions for direct service workers, and methods of outcome monitoring and evaluation. Two roundtables of diverse stakeholders were held in the summer followed by committee hearings in October and November. It is anticipated that a package of legislation will be developed and introduced in 2008 based upon this year's work.

A complete summary of bills referred to the Human Services Committee in 2007 follows.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/FOSTER CARE

**AB 149 (Bass) – Dependent children; caregivers
Vetoed**

Required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to enter into a contract for technology to assist counties in searching for relatives to serve as caretakers for foster children and youth and create two pilot projects to assist counties in identifying family members and in understanding and navigating the system of out-of-home care.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (12-3)
Assembly Floor (56-17)
Assembly concurrence (54-23)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (10-7)
Senate Floor (26-14)

**AB 172 (Bass) - Foster care instruction and education pilot project
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to contract with an entity with specified qualifications to establish a foster care parent and child home instruction and education pilot project.

1. Specifies that the pilot project shall be conducted in two counties that agree to participate, one of which shall be Los Angeles County.
2. Specifies that the purpose of the pilot project is to empower foster parents to be the primary educators of foster children in their homes and ensure foster parents' involvement in school and community life, to maximize early successful school experiences for children three to five years of age.
3. Requires that the qualified entity must have statewide experience in the training, education, and evaluation of children three to five years of age and be approved by Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, USA (HIPPY USA) to use the curriculum and materials described in this section.
4. Appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to DSS for use in implementing this program.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

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AB 184 (Dymally) – Medi-cal reimbursement rates

(As amended September 7th, became Dymally bill relating to Medi-cal)

Held on Senate 3rd Reading

1. As introduced by Assemblymember Bass and considered in the Assembly Human Services Committee, extended eligibility and appropriated \$3 million for the Independent Living Program (ILP) for former foster youth.
2. Required that ILP be provided for former foster youth who are (a) placed with a nonrelated legal guardian if the child is receiving permanent placement services (b) placed as wards with a nonrelated legal guardian who receive AFDC-FC benefits and case management services; or (c) adopted at 14 years of age or older.
3. Amended late in the year to increase Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for family planning services, authored by Assemblymember Dymally.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0) not relevant
Assembly Appropriations (13-4) not relevant
Assembly Floor (77-1) not relevant

Senate Human Services (3-2) not relevant
Senate Judiciary (3-2) not relevant
Senate Appropriations (withdrawn)
Senate Rules (withdrawn – 24-15)
Senate Rules (S.R. 29.10)
Senate Health (6-2)
Senate Rules (re-referred – S.R. 29.10)

AB 190 (Bass) – Child welfare services

Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

Established funding for the child welfare system based upon child welfare worker caseload standards.

1. Phased in equally over a five year period, commencing in the 2007-08 fiscal year, budgeting standards that implement the following optimal caseload standards identified in the survey conducted pursuant to SB 2030 (Costa) of 1998.
2. Required that counties, in order to be eligible for increased funding, must provide county matching funds sufficient to fully match the county's base funding allocation, excluding child welfare augmentation funds.
3. Required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to update caseload budgeting standards annually to reflect changes in statutory, regulatory, and practice changes that have occurred since the most recent update.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)
Assembly Appropriations (Held in Comm.)

AB 273 (Jones) – Public health: foster children
Held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file

Extended health care and Medi-Cal benefits for foster children and youth. Required a child removed from his or her home as a result of abuse or neglect to receive, specified services, including:

1. A preventive health assessment from a Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) provider, as specified, or an equivalent provider who has been approved by the appropriate county department;
2. If the child is under three years of age, a CHDP preventive health assessment, or its equivalent, on a periodicity schedule for that age group as recommended by current law;
3. If the child is three years or older, a preventive health assessment annually;
4. Immunizations on a schedule recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

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Assembly Health (16-1)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (12-0)

Assembly Floor (72-4)

Senate Health (7-2)

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 298 (Maze) – Relative caregivers
Chapter 565, Statutes of 2007

Provides support and priority for relative caregivers of children under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

1. Provides that a relative caregiver's preference for legal guardianship over adoption does not provide a basis for the social services agency or licensed county adoption agency to recommend removal of the child from the relative caregiver for purposes of adoption, provided the relative is not unwilling to accept legal or financial responsibility for the child.
2. Provides that the juvenile court, in order to provide stable, permanent homes for children under its jurisdiction, shall consider, in order of preference:
 - a. Terminating parental rights and proceeding with adoption;
 - b. Appointing a relative caregiver with whom the child is currently residing as the child's legal guardian;
 - c. Ordering efforts made to locate an appropriate adoptive family;

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- d. Appointing a nonrelative guardian for the child; or
 - e. Ordering the child placed in long-term foster care.
3. Requires a court, prior to termination of a legal guardianship, to order the county child welfare agency to evaluate whether the child can safely remain in or be returned to the guardian's home if services are provided to the child or guardian and, if appropriate, to identify recommended family maintenance or reunification services to maintain the legal guardianship

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Assembly Judiciary (10-0) rec. consent
Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent
Assembly Floor (73-0)
Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

Senate Judiciary (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (39-0)

AB 312 (Dymally) – Dependent children: reunification services
Not heard: 2 year bill

Extends the period for which child welfare unification services can be offered from 18 to 24 months, and to 36 months for incarcerated parents.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 324 (Beall, Jr.) – Foster care
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

- 1. Increased by 5% rates for foster family home providers, relatives aided by the Kinship Guardian Assistance Program (Kin-GAP), and adoptive parents receiving benefits under the Adoption Assistance Program.
- 2. Provided for an annual cost-of-living adjustment for these benefits over the succeeding five years.
- 3. Appropriated \$25 million for the Foster and Adoptive Parent Recruitment and Retention supports.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 340 (Hancock) – Child welfare services: resource family pilot program
Chapter 464, Statutes of 2007

Creates the Unified Resource Family Approvals Pilot Project in five counties to allow county welfare departments to merge duplicative foster placement processes for licensing and approving relatives, foster families and adoptive parents.

1. Defines a "resource family" as an individual or couple a participating county has approved to care for a child under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, based upon a demonstration of an understanding of specified qualifications.
2. Permits a child to be placed with a resource family that has received home approval prior to a permanency assessment only for compelling reasons and requires completion of the assessment within 90 days of the child's placement in the approved home unless good cause exists.
3. Permits a child to be placed with a relative or nonrelated extended family member prior to a home approval and permanency assessment only in specified emergencies.
4. Requires any county, state, or federal savings in the foster care program that occur as a result of the demonstration project be reinvested by the counties in child welfare services program improvements.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent
Assembly Appropriations (12-4)
Assembly Floor (78-0)
Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

Senate Human Services (4-1)
Senate Appropriations (10-6)
Senate Floor (32-6)

AB 638 (Bass) – Dependent children and wards of the juvenile court: access to services
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Required county welfare departments to provide the same level of services to foster youth who subsequently come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as a "ward" supervised by the county probation department as those under the juvenile court's jurisdiction as a "dependent" supervised by the county welfare department.

1. Required that if the court determines the foster youth should be within the juvenile justice system the county child welfare department shall retain jurisdiction to provide services to the youth regardless of whether the child is placed in a licensed foster care facility.

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2. Required that foster youth within the juvenile justice system be provided services which include, but are not limited to, permanency case management, independent living, education, transitional living, and housing.

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Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 672 (Beall, Jr.) – Child Welfare Council: children of color
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Required the California Child Welfare Council to develop a statewide vision and strategy for reducing the disproportionate representation of children of color in the child welfare system, and perform various functions, including:

1. Collaboratively develop a statewide vision and strategies that clearly articulate a firm commitment to the development and implementation of public policies and practices that will reduce the disproportionate representation of children of color in all aspects of the child welfare and foster care systems;
2. Emphasize strategies that focus on prevention, early intervention, and cross-system approaches to service delivery that safely keep children in their homes and strengthens families;
3. Develop a workplan for multiple agencies and stakeholders with articulated responsibilities;

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Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 845 (Bass) – Foster youth: transitional housing: funding
Senate Third Reading – urgency clause refused adoption

1. Appropriated \$10,525,000 from the General Fund to fund increased costs in the Transitional Housing for Foster Youth Program in the 2006-07 fiscal year.
2. Stated legislative findings and declarations that foster youth aging out of foster care often lack families to assist them in transitioning into adulthood; transitional housing is an important part of avoiding risks associated with transitioning out of foster care; and, there is an inadequate supply of transitional housing beds to meet statewide need which can be met in part with additional funding in the current year.

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Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent

Assembly Appropriations (16-0)

Assembly Floor (78-0) urgency clause adopted

Senate Appropriations (1-0)

Senate Floor (23-13) urgency clause refused

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AB 914 (Saldaña) – Foster caregivers: nonrelative community support system caregivers
Not heard; 2 year bill

1. Authorizes the County of San Diego to establish a pilot program to test the effectiveness of nonrelative community support system caregivers on increasing the availability of recruiting neighborhood placements, and reducing the number of placements in emergency shelter facilities.
2. Extends the same evaluation and approval requirements applicable to a foster family home to a nonrelative community support system caregiver.

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Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 1217 (S. Runner) – Foster care: AFDC-FC supplemental clothing allowance
Not heard; 2 year bill

Authorizes the use of the foster care supplemental clothing allowance for the purchase of a foster child's diapers.

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Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 1330 (Evans) – Foster children: psychotropic drugs: data
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

1. Required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to collect specified information regarding foster youth who are prescribed psychotropic medication and monitor their usage:
 - a. The youth's sex, age, and ethnicity or race and number of years the youth has been in the foster care system;
 - b. The type of placement within the system; and
 - c. The type of drug prescribed.
2. Required DSS to monitor each foster youth who is prescribed a psychotropic medication before and after the prescription to determine whether the youth is receiving appropriate medical care and supervision, in accordance with the recommendations made for the medication by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Health (17-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

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AB 1331 (Evans) – Foster youth: federal benefits
Chapter 465, Statutes of 2007

1. Requires counties to screen all foster youth who are in foster care and are 16 1/2 years of age to determine their potential eligibility for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and to make an application for the benefits prior to emancipation.
2. Requires counties to move foster youth that receive federal Foster Care benefits in an amount that exceeds the monthly SSI benefit amount onto state Foster Care benefits for one month in order to make an application for SSI benefits, subject to approval from the Social Security Administration that the process is consistent with federal law and rules.

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Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (77-2)
Assembly Concurrence (76-0)

Senate Human Services (4-1)
Senate Appropriations (10-7)
Senate Floor (29-11)

AB 1332 (Evans) – Adoption
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Made changes to adoption procedures and the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP):

1. Authorized a presumed father to execute a form waiving his right to notice of an adoption before a representative of a licensed California public or private adoption agency.
2. Required the State Registrar to establish procedures for the issuance of an expedited amended birth certificate within 30 days following an adoption and authorizes a fee to be charged for the issuance of the certificate.
3. Expanded eligibility for AAP benefits to include children between the ages of 18 and 19 years of age who are attending high school, or the equivalent level of vocational or technical training, or pursuing a GED and the child is reasonably expected to complete the program before his or her 19th birthday.

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Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 1453 (Soto) – Foster care: residentially based services
Chapter 466, Statutes of 2007

Directs the Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop a plan to transform the current statewide system of group homes into a system of residentially based services (RBS) and, in the interim, permits some counties to enter into voluntary agreements with private nonprofit agencies to transform individual group home programs.

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1. Defines "residentially based services" as behavioral or therapeutic interventions delivered in nondetention group care settings and specifies that residentially based services are most effective when used as intensive, short-term interventions when children have unmet needs that render them or those around them unsafe or when services cannot be delivered in a child's home or a family setting.
2. Permits counties participating in the federal Title IV-E waiver capped allocation demonstration project, with the approval of DSS, to enter into a voluntary agreement to transform all or part of an existing group home in a RBS program, subject to specified requirements.
3. Permits DSS to select one or more nonwaiver counties to enter into voluntary agreements if one or more waiver counties opt to not enter into voluntary agreements and limits participation to not more than four counties.
4. Permits DSS to approve up to five models of alternative funding for participating counties. Permits alternative funding models to include cost reimbursement, case rates, per diem or monthly rates, or combinations thereof, provided the funding model meets specified requirements.

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Assembly Human Services (4-0)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (46-31)
Assembly Concurrence (53-24)

Senate Human Services (4-1)
Senate Appropriations (12-5)
Senate Floor (27-9)

**AB 1462 (Adams) – Foster care institutions
Chapter 65, Statutes of 2007**

1. Permits federal financial participation in specific circumstances for the limited placement of children in for-profit foster care facilities, when the following conditions are met:
 - a. The child has specified extraordinary and unusual special and behavioral and/or medical needs that make the child difficult to place;
 - b. The child has a developmental disability and is eligible for both federal Foster Care payments and for regional center services;
 - c. No other comparable private nonprofit facility or public licensed residential care home exists in the state that is willing to accept the placement and is capable of meeting the child's extraordinary needs; and
 - d. The county placement agency has demonstrated that no other alternative placement option exists for this child.

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2. Provides that the for-profit authorization is effective only if and during such federal fiscal year when no restriction, as defined by the department, on federal matching AFDC-FC payment exists.
3. Specifies the conditions under which federal financial participation is available for children placed in for-profit facilities, which must be documented in the county welfare department case file.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (15-0)
Assembly Floor (70-0)
Assembly Concurrence

Senate Human Services (4-0)
Senate Floor (37-0)

**AB 1494 (DeSaulnier) – Foster care: group homes
Vetoed**

Expanded the definition of a group home to include the Chris Adams Center, a nondetention licensed residential care home with a capacity of up to 25 beds operated by the County of Contra Costa and authorized the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish a rate for the facility.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)
Assembly Floor (54-22)
Assembly Concurrence (54-23)

Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (11-6)
Senate Floor (27-12)

**AB 1512 (Torrico) – Medical: Foster children
Chapter 467, Statutes of 2007**

1. Requires expedited disenrollment of a foster child from a County Organized Health System (COHS), when that child has received out-of-county placement (OCP), to allow the child to be enrolled in Medi-Cal fee-for-service or managed care in the county where the child has been placed.
2. Requires that whenever a foster child enrolled in a COHS is placed in an OCP, the placing county has the responsibility to notify the county organized health system of the placing county within one working day of the placement and the county organized health system receiving the notice must, within two working days disenroll the child from its system to allow the child to enroll for Medi-Cal in the receiving county.

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Legislative History

Assembly Health (13-2)
Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (79-0)
Assembly Concurrence (74-0)

Senate Health (11-0)
Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (39-0)

**AB 1578 (Leno) – Foster Youth higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2007:
California Competitive Grant Program
Held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file**

Enacted the "Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2007," expanding the higher educational opportunities for foster youth and former foster youth, including the following:

1. Required that Cal Grant B recipients who are current or former foster youth enrolling for the first time in an institution of post secondary education be eligible for payment of tuition and fees in their first academic year of attendance.
2. Established the California Competitive Grant Program (CCGP) to be administered by the SPI for the purpose of providing comprehensive support on college and university campuses to students who are current or former foster youth and requires that participating campuses receive an annual grant for five years that shall be utilized for the costs of years one to three, and shall be \$40,000 in years four and five.
3. Permitted the administrator of the CCPG to award 50% matching grants to applicants for the purpose of funding the proposed project and requires each project that receives a CCPG grant to provide matching funds from existing funds received from a federal, state, local, or private source or a budget increase in those funds, with preference given to projects that have the strongest demonstrated institutional commitment.
4. Required UC, CSU, and California Community Colleges (CCC) to give student housing priority to current and former foster youth in order to ensure stable housing for these students, and further requires UC, CSU, and CCC to give first priority to foster youth for residence in housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year-round occupation and secondarily, for housing that is open for occupation during most days throughout the calendar year.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Higher Education (6-0)
Assembly appropriations (13-4)
Assembly Floor (75-3)

Senate Education (9-0)
Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 1687 (Brownley) – Dependency and delinquency: disclosure of health records
Chapter 552, Statutes of 2007

Clarifies existing law that authorizes the disclosure of health and mental health records by mental health providers for the purpose of the treatment and coordination of health care for children in foster care.

1. Clarifies that a psychotherapist, as defined in Evidence Code Section 1010, is a provider of health care for the purposes of protecting the confidentiality and disclosure of medical information in the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA).
2. Incorporate the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (P.L. 104-191) regulations which specify the permissive disclosure of health information for the purpose of protecting a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public or to identify.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent

Assembly Floor (77-0)

Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

Senate Health (11-0)

Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (39-0)

AJR 26 (Bass) – United State Census: Foster Child Category
Not heard: 2 year bill

Expresses the Legislature's opposition to the decision of the United States Census Bureau to remove the foster child relationship category from the 2010 United States Census and the American Community Survey, and calls on the federal government to recognize the importance of collecting census information relating to foster children.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

SB 39 (Migden) – County welfare agencies and departments: child abuse and neglect files
Chapter 468, Statutes of 2007

Provides for the release of specified information by county welfare agencies regarding a deceased child where the death is the result of abuse or neglect.

1. Requires that juvenile case files pertaining to a child who has died as a result of abuse or neglect be released to the public either administratively or by the court, as specified.
2. Adds county counsel, city attorney or other attorneys representing the petitioning agency in dependency actions to the list of individuals who may inspect juvenile court files.

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3. Requires a county welfare agency, within five days of the death of a child where there is a reasonable suspicion that the child died as a result of abuse or neglect, to disclose, upon request, the age, gender, date of death of the deceased child, whether an investigation is being conducted by law enforcement or the child welfare agency, and whether the child was in foster care or in the home of his or her parent or guardian at the time of death.
4. Requires that, as to deaths occurring after January 1, 2008, if (1) the county child protective services determines that abuse or neglect was substantiated, (2) a law enforcement investigation concludes that abuse or neglect occurred, or (3) the coroner or medical examiner concludes that the deceased child had suffered abuse or neglect, specified documents must, upon request, be released upon completion of the child abuse or neglect investigation.
5. Requires each county welfare department to report to DSS on every child fatality occurring within its jurisdiction that was the result of abuse or neglect. Requires DSS to annually issue a report identifying child fatalities and systemic issues or patterns revealed by the fatality information received from the counties

Legislative History

Senate Judiciary (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent

Senate Floor (38-0)

Senate Concurrence (38-0)

Assembly Judiciary (10-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent

Assembly Floor (73-0)

SB 703 (Ducheny) – Placement of children
Chapter 583, Statutes of 2007

Conforms various state adoption and child welfare laws to federal law, including the following:

1. Requires that within 60 days after receiving a request from another state to conduct a home study for the purposes of assessing the safety and suitability of placing a child, the child welfare agency shall complete the home study and return a report to the requesting state.
2. Requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to maintain and disclose California child abuse and neglect registry information to out-of-state agencies responsible for approving prospective foster or adoptive parents or relative caregivers for placement of a child, provided that criminal penalties for unlawful disclosure are equivalent to penalties in California.
3. Requires DSS to develop before June 30, 2008, a comprehensive plan to ensure that 90 percent of foster children are visited by their caseworkers on a monthly basis by October 1, 2011, and that the majority of the visits occur in the residence of the child and include in the plan any data reporting requirements necessary to comply with federal law.

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4. Implements the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoptions.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Judiciary (5-0) rec. consent
Senate Appropriations (16-0)
Senate Floor (40-0)
Senate Concurrence (39-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Judiciary (10-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (78-0)

**SB 720 (Kuehl) – Foster children
Chapter 475, Statutes of 2007**

Makes clarifying changes to recent state law to encourage the joint placement of infants and their teen parent when both are in foster care:

1. Clarifies that an existing foster home, related guardian's home under the Kin-GAP program, or a non-related legal guardian's home where the guardianship was established by the dependency court and not the probate court can become a whole family foster home.
2. Requires that the same payment be made in a whole family foster home for the care and supervision of a child who is living with his or her teen parent as would be made for a child living with his or her teen parent in a group home.
3. Clarifies that a teen parent includes a current or former dependent child who is a parent.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (35-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent
Assembly Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent
Assembly Floor (78-0)

**SB 785 (Steinberg) – Foster children: mental health services
Chapter 469, Statutes of 2007**

Facilitates the access to mental health services for foster children who are placed outside of the original county of jurisdiction, including those being adopted or entering into a guardianship with a relative.

1. Requires the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to facilitate the receipt of medically necessary specialty mental health services by foster children who are placed outside of their county of original jurisdiction.

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2. Requires that foster children who become the subject of a legal guardianship or whose adoption has become final, who receive assistance, under the Kin-Gap program or the Kin-Gap Plus program, or the Adoption Assistance Program, and whose foster care court supervision has been terminated, be provided by the local mental health plan in the county of residence of their legal guardian any medically necessary specialty mental health services.
3. Requires the county of origin to retain responsibility for the authorization of services utilizing and expedited Treatment Authorization request (TAR) process.
4. Requires the host county mental health plan be responsible for submitting TARs to the mental health plan in the county of origin and requires the requesting public or private service provider to prepare the TAR.

Legislative History

Senate Health (10-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (16-0)

Senate Floor (36-0)

Senate Concurrence (35-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Health (17-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Assembly Floor (77-0)

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

**AB 182 (Bass) – In-home supportive services: provision of training for providers and recipients
Vetoed**

Required that the Department of Social Services (DSS) develop standards and core topics to be used in training provided by public authorities and nonprofit consortia for in-home supportive services providers and recipients.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Assembly Floor (74-3)

Assembly Concurrence (71-5)

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Senate Appropriations (10-7)

Senate Floor (26-14)

**AB 238 (Beall, Jr.) – In-home supportive services: reading services for blind and visually impaired recipients
Vetoed**

Added assistance in reading financial and other documents for blind or visually impaired recipients to the list of supportive services available under the in-home supportive services (IHSS) program.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Assembly Floor (48-28)

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Senate Appropriations (9-7)

Senate Floor (22-15)

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AB 459 (Cook) – In-home supportive services: criminal background checks
Not heard: 2-year bill

Authorizes criminal background checks of potential in-home supportive services personnel conducted by the Department of Justice (DOJ) or investigative consumer reporting agency, and allows potential providers or service recipients to be charged for the cost of conducting the investigations.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 836 (Bass) – In-home supportive services providers: pay warrants
Chapter 397, Statutes of 2007

Requires the State Controller to provide in all payroll warrants issued to in-home supportive services (IHSS) providers between January 1 and April 15 of each year a notice informing providers that they may qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (12-3)

Assembly Floor (60-13)

Assembly Concurrence (60-14)

Senate Human Services (4-1)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (27-9)

AB 979 (Price) – In-home supportive services: pilot project: provider selection
Vetoed

Required the State Department of Social Services (DSS) to work aggressively to obtain federal funding for all aspects of the in-home supportive services (IHSS) program, including training for providers of services.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Assembly Floor (62-13)

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Senate Appropriations (9-2)

Senate Floor (24-12)

AB 1386 (Price) – Public social services assistance during health-related and alternative site appointments
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Included the amount of time when the provider's presence is needed for travel and the provision of necessary assistance during a medical appointment within the hours authorized for compensation under the in-home supportive services (IHSS) program.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 1674 (Richardson) – In-home supportive services: pilot project provider selection
Withdrawn from enrollment: held at Senate desk

1. Requires the Department of Social Services to conduct pilot projects in five consenting counties to offer no fewer than 1,000 non-severely impaired recipients of In-home Supportive Services, assessed to need fewer than 20 hours of service per week, a choice of having services provided by a proprietary or nonprofit contracting agency instead of the public authority.
2. Requires the contracting agency to meet specified conditions, including maintenance of on-call emergency response, employment of a consumer's preferred provider, replacement of providers for recipients who need immediate assistance within two hours, and liability for fraud, waste and abuse.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (65-8)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (10-7)
Senate Floor (25-14)

AJR 11 (Swanson) - In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Plus Waiver
Resolution Chapter 108, Statutes of 2007

Encourages state agencies and the federal government to ensure the renewal and protection of the In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) Plus Waiver program.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent
Assembly Appropriations (17-0) rec. consent
Assembly Floor (76-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0) rec. consent
Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (38-0)

SB 434 (Romero) - In-Home Supportive Service program: provider wages and benefits
Placed on the Assembly Inactive File

1. Increases the cap on state participation in wage and benefits for in-home supportive services (IHSS) workers from \$12.10 to \$13.35 per hour, with \$0.25 dedicated to increasing funding for health care coverage.
2. Allows future increases to \$14.35 and \$15.35 per hour in succeeding years when revenue is projected by the Department of Finance in its May Revision to increase by 5% over the prior year.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (22-13)

Assembly Rules (10-0)
Assembly Human Services (5-1)
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)
Assembly Floor (Placed on Inactive)

**SB 867 (Ridley-Thomas) – In-home supportive services
Placed on the Assembly Inactive File**

1. Extends the right to choose a personal care worker under the In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) program to persons enrolled in a long-term care integration pilot program administered by the Department of Health Services.
2. Allows persons enrolled in Healthy Families, Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM), Major Risk Medical Insurance Program (MRMIP), and any other publicly funded program that exists, or is created by future legislation, the same right to choose an IHSS provider, if they are receiving in-home supportive services in the program.

Legislative History

Senate Health (7-2)

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (23-12)

Assembly Health (11-5)

Assembly Human Services (6-1)

Assembly Appropriations (11-5)

Assembly Floor (Placed on Inactive)

**SB 868 (Ridley- Thomas) – In-home supportive services: criminal background checks
Chapter 447, Statutes of 2007**

1. Authorizes criminal background checks conducted by the Department of Justice (DOJ) of applicants for the registry of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers maintained by the county Public Authority, and prohibits assessment of the costs of those checks to IHSS workers or consumers.
2. Authorizes state reimbursement of the nonfederal costs of the background checks when more than half of the list of registry applicants have received a DOJ background check.
3. Requires that a Public Authority deny a request to be placed on the registry when criminal history information reveals conviction of a list of specified crimes, including those involving great bodily harm, fraud or elder abuse.
4. Allows an applicant to contest the information contained within a DOJ criminal history report.

Legislative History

Senate Public Safety (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (16-0)

Senate Floor (38-1)

Senate Concurrence (24-12)

Assembly Human Services (6-1)

Assembly Appropriations (12-4)

Assembly Human Services (5-2)

Assembly Floor (67-10)

SB 945 (Padilla) – In-home supportive services: notices of action
Vetoed

1. Permitted an applicant or recipient of in-home supportive services (IHSS) to authorize any person, including a family member or provider, to receive a copy of the notice of action affecting the amount of services to be provided and to request a hearing to challenge any proposed action.
2. Allowed an IHSS provider to be compensated for performing tasks during a state hearing if the tasks are within otherwise authorized hours for the IHSS consumer.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1)
Senate Appropriations (10-6)
Senate Floor (23-13)
Senate Concurrence (24-14)

Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (46-31)

CalWORKs

AB 22 (Lieber) – CalWORKs: maximum aid determination
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file: 2-year bill

Repeals the "maximum family grant" rule denying incremental CalWORKs payments for children born to a family which has received CalWORKs for 10 consecutive months

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 98 (Niello) – CalWORKs eligibility: work activities
Chapter 589, Statutes of 2007

1. Requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to pay 50% of the wage subsidy for programs operated by counties pursuant to private or public subsidized employment programs for CalWORKs welfare-to-work participants, independent of the county allocations for employment services.
2. Limits state participation to county programs providing a maximum of six months of wage subsidies for each participant.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (78-0)
Assembly Concurrence

Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (16-0)
Senate Floor (26-4)

AB 167 (Bass) – CalWORKs eligibility; asset limits
Held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file

1. Repealed the existing \$2,000 limit (or \$3,000 for a family with an aged or disabled member) on the value of assets which can be owned by an applicant or recipient of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs).
2. Defined “assets” to include investments that appreciate over time, including but not limited to investments that can be converted into cash, as well as personal or real property that holds monetary value, such as a house, automobile or small business.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (47-30)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 176 (Jones) – CalWORKs: child support
Chapter 488, Statutes of 2007

Implements child support program options and mandates contained in the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

1. Requires that Local Child Support Agencies (LCSA) review at least once every three years and, if appropriate, modify child support orders for families receiving CalWORKs benefits.
2. Requires, effective October 12, 2009, that a family no longer be mandated to assign their rights to past-due child support that accrued before receiving cash assistance when they apply for cash assistance.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (75-2)
Assembly Concurrence (74-0)

Senate Judiciary (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (9-7)
Senate Floor (26-9)

AB 314 (Soto) – CalWORKs: welfare-to-work activities
Vetoed

Permitted structured and monitored study time hours related to vocational training and education to count as a core welfare-to-work activity for up to 12 months in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program.

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Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (10-5)
Assembly Floor (44-32)
Assembly Concurrence (46-32)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (9-6)
Senate Floor (21-15)

**AB 335 (De Leon) – CalWORKs: homeless assistance
Chapter 726, Statutes of 2007**

Conforms the verification requirement for the domestic violence exception to the once-per-lifetime limit on CalWORKs homeless assistance to the verification provisions of the Family Violence Option.

1. Limits the use of verification by sworn statements for purposes of establishing an exception to the once-per-lifetime limit on homeless assistance to two periods of temporary assistance and two payments for permanent housing assistance.
2. Requires counties who verify domestic violence with a sworn statement to inform the victim of the availability of domestic violence counseling and services, refer her to those services upon her request, and review whether domestic violence services were offered to a recipient who is seeking homeless assistance based upon domestic violence a second or subsequent time.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (71-6)
Assembly Concurrence (73-1)

Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (12-5)
Senate Floor (32-6)

**AB 674 (C. Calderon) – CalWORKs: aid payment increase: parental involvement
Not heard: two-year bill**

1. Provides that a family receiving CalWORKs receive an increase of \$50 per year for each child for whom the parent fully complies with the school parental involvement policy set forth federal law, and at a minimum who participates in back-to-school night, open house and parent-teacher conferences.
2. Requires that verification of parental participation be provided as part of the quarterly report submitted by each CalWORKs family

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 1062 (Ma) – CalWORKs: work support pilot project
Held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file

Required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish a three-year work support pilot project in consenting counties to alleviate housing instability for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) families.

1. Authorized participation in the work support pilot project by CalWORKs families who meet specified criteria, including participation in welfare-to-work activities, having resided in an emergency shelter within the past two months, having received or been eligible for homeless assistance and having a level of housing stability threatening his or her ability to secure or retain a job.
2. Provided that nonrecurring work support be paid for up to six months based on the size of the household, from \$200 per month for two or fewer members to \$300 per month for four or more members.
3. Required the county welfare department to develop a plan for each recipient of work support to secure stable housing after the end of nonrecurring work support assistance, and that participating counties report all data required by DSS regarding individuals who receive a work support.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (77-0)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 1078 (Lieber) – CalWORKs: eligibility: income and assets
Chapter 622, Statutes of 2007

Adopts several measures to promote earnings and assets of CalWORKs recipients:

1. Sets forth legislative intent to maximize the ability of CalWORKs recipients in specified welfare-to-work activities to benefit from the federal EITC, and to educate and empower CalWORKs recipients to use their credits to build their assets and savings.
2. Repeals the existing \$5,000 limit on the amount of funds which can be placed in a restricted account owned by a CalWORKs family.
3. Excludes the principal and interest in specified retirement accounts for applicants as well as for recipients of CalWORKs.
4. Specifies that the agreement between a county and participant in grant-based on-the-job training activities include information related to the EITC, food stamp and social security benefits.

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5. Includes the percentage of CalWORKs cases with earned income equaling or exceeding the maximum EITC level among the measures for which ranking in the top 20% of counties permits counties to earn incentive payments under the pay for performance program, subject to a Department of Social Services (DSS) determination that implementation will not create a substantial risk of the state's failure to meet federal work participation requirements.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Assembly Revenue & Taxation (6-2)

Senate Appropriations (10-7)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Senate Floor (23-17)

Assembly Floor (47-32)

Assembly Concurrence (47-30)

AJR 4 (Beall, Jr.) – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: child support: Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

Resolution Chapter 123, Statutes of 2007

Urges the United States Congress and President to revise and repeal elements of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) affecting the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and child support programs, specifically to amend the act as follows:

1. Modify work participation rules to give credit for partial participation by persons with disabilities, allow credit for vocation training and education programs and allow credit for blended activities including barrier removal as part of an employment program;
2. Replace the caseload reduction credit with one based upon adults leaving aid with employment, eliminate the separate work participation rate for two-parent households and simplify the tracking, recording and reporting of work activities; and,
3. Repeal the prohibition on states' claiming federal matching funds for child support activities paid with performance incentives and repeal the imposition of an annual fee for each family not assisted by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Assembly Floor (45-30)

Senate Floor (24-15)

Assembly Concurrence (46-29)

SB 42 (Torlakson) – CalWORKs
Placed on the Assembly Inactive File

Allows persons who have applied for but not yet been accepted in a qualifying degree or certificate program to be considered "enrolled" for purposes of participation in a CalWORKs self-initiated welfare-to-work program.

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1. Defines "enrolled" to include a person who has submitted a timely application for a qualifying program to an undergraduate degree or certificate program and is awaiting but has not yet received an acceptance.
2. Requires a person to participate in welfare-to-work activities as otherwise required while awaiting acceptance to a qualifying program.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1)
Senate Appropriations (10-3)
Senate Floor (27-11)

Assembly Human Services (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (Placed on Inactive)

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**AB 825 (Silva) – Persons with developmental disabilities: disclosure of information
Not heard: two-year bill**

Permits regional centers and state developmental centers to disclose information and records to a school district or county office of education.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 1031 (Levine) – Developmental services
In Assembly Appropriations: 2-year bill**

Creates an accessible and affordable housing program for the development of community-based housing for persons with developmental disabilities:

1. Establishes the Lanterman Accessible and Affordable Housing Program requiring the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to set aside funds that remain unspent in the regional center purchase of services budget and use appropriated funds to invest in accessible and affordable residential resources for persons with developmental disabilities.
2. Requires DDS to ensure that rents for residential properties shall not exceed 30% of the consumer's income and that the remaining sharing ratio of the rent, if any, between the state and the grantee is specified.
3. Creates the Lanterman Accessible and Affordable Housing Fund in the state treasury to include all moneys appropriated by the Legislature for accessible and affordable housing for consumers and to permit DDS to use the funds to make grants for the purchase of housing and employ professionals to assist in the management of the program, as specified in regulations.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (Held in Comm.)

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AB 1128 (Evans) Developmental services: Blue-Ribbon Commission
Not Heard: 2 year bill

Establishes the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act Working Group to review, study and investigate updating the Lanterman Act, and to make recommendations to improve that act the Legislature by one year after the first meeting of the working group or June 30, 2009, whichever occurs first.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 1184 (Lieber) – Closure of Agnews Developmental Center: advisory tax force
Vetoed

Requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to establish a task force to monitor community placements of former residents of Agnews Developmental Center (Agnews).

1. Required DDS to establish the Agnews Transition Advisory Task Force (task force) composed of family members of consumers who reside in Agnews and consumers who reside or formerly resided at Agnews.
2. Required the task force to provide the DDS Director and the regional centers recommendations to enhance the provision of services and supports for transitioned consumers.
3. Establish the task force as part of the Bay Area Quality Management System.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Senate Appropriations (9-5)

Assembly Floor (48-31)

Senate Floor (25-15)

Assembly Concurrence (47-29)

AB 1192 (Evans) - Developmental services: consumer abuse registry
Vetoed

1. Required each regional center and every provider of services to consumers with developmental disabilities to report any evidence of abusive treatment of a consumer.
2. Required the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency to designate a state department to be responsible for overseeing the registration of providers and the investigation and substantiation of any allegations of abuse and provide notice to the Legislature of the designation.

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3. Required the designated department to establish protocols for substantiation of abuse reports and release of registry information and create a registry of providers and other persons who have a substantiated history of abuse reports based on the protocols, which must include an appeal process.
4. Required the designated department to make the registry available to regional centers, consumers and their families, guardians, conservators, Protection and Advocacy, or the designated protection and advocacy organization and to others who would employ persons to provide services to consumers.
5. Relieved the designated department and any other person or entity who participates in the registry or who relies on the registry from any liability for providing or relying on the information in the registry.
6. Defined "abuse" as used in the bill.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (74-1)
Assembly Concurrence (76-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Judiciary (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (17-0)
Senate Floor (33-0)

AB 1402 (Evans) – Individual program plan meetings: recordation: appeals procedure information
Chapter 512, Statutes of 2007

1. Permits the recording of Individual Program Plan (IPP) meetings upon request by a consumer and requires that regional centers (RCs) and vendors post an Internet Web link to the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) Web page on appeal information.
2. Permits a RC to electronically record an IPP meeting when a notice of intent to record has been given by the consumer or on the consumer's behalf.
3. Requires consumers be notified orally and in writing, upon request, a service agency's mediation and fair hearing procedure.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (16-0)
Assembly Floor (75-2)
Assembly Concurrence (76-0)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Judiciary (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (27-13)

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AB 1427 (Krekorian) – Developmental services: training pilot program
Vetoed

Created a developmental services training pilot program to improve the use of recognized training resources for direct support workers in consumer-directed developmental services.

1. Permitted the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to select up to six regional centers to participate in the pilot program.
2. Required DDS to award, upon recommendation of a participating regional center, a rate augmentation to an eligible agency for specified services when the agency achieves the required benchmarks.
3. Required reimbursement rates for regional centers in the pilot project be increased for supported living, independent living, supported employment, in home-respite, and day services, if the services are community integrated services.
4. Required participating regional centers to distribute authorized rate augmentations to qualifying agencies to fund the costs of training implementation, administration, and compensation enhancements to reward and retain trained, qualified workers when the agency meets the specified benchmarks.
5. Required DDS to augment the rates for qualifying services by specified percentages within the pilot project, upon recommendation of participating regional centers, for meeting specific training benchmarks.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)
Assembly Appropriations (9-5)
Assembly Floor (41-32)
Assembly Concurrence (42-32)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (9-7)
Senate Floor (21-13)

AB 1704 (La Malfa) – Developmental services
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Modified existing rates for community services to persons with developmental disabilities.

1. Required the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to specify rates for community transition specialist services.
2. Established group services fees paid to providers for consumers referred to the Department of Rehabilitation for vocational services, including supported employment, but who are on waiting lists and for which regional centers must provide the services.

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3. Required DDS to adopt regulations to increase the percentage of job coaching services that may be provided over a period not to exceed one year at a level of intensity sufficient to maximize the likelihood that a consumer will achieve stabilization on the job.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

SB 725 (Alquist) – Agnews Developmental Center closure: outpatient clinic
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Required the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to continue the operation of the outpatient clinic at the Agnews Developmental Center (Agnews) until DDS no longer manages the property or there is an approved relocation of the services.

Legislative History

Senate Health (6-0)

Senate Floor (24-11)

Assembly Human Services (6-1)

Assembly Health (12-5)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

AB 277 (Soto) – Foster care: foster family home licensing
Vetoed

Specified requirements for foster caregiver training programs:

1. Increased from 8 to 12 the annual number of postplacement training hours that a foster parent must complete to retain eligibility for foster child placements.
2. Specified that the postplacement annual training include courses that cover the dependency court process, the participation of foster children and foster parents in the court process, permanency options for foster children; and supports available to foster parents that provide permanent placements for foster children.
3. Specified that each community college district with a foster care education program make available orientation and training programs for relatives and nonrelative extended family members that cover the dependency court process and participation by foster children and foster parents in the court process

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Assembly Floor (79-0)

Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (10-0)

Senate Floor (36-3)

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AB 304 (Huff) – Community care facilities: disaster and mass casualty plans
Chapter 18, Statutes of 2007

Requires licensed community care facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly to provide upon request a copy of their disaster and mass casualty plans to fire, police and disaster authorities in the area.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent
Assembly Floor (74-0)
Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

Senate Human Services (4-0) rec. consent
Senate Floor (38-0)

AB 370 (Adams) – Sex offenders: residency restrictions
In Assembly Appropriations: not heard

Permits a city or county to prohibit a registered sex offender released on parole from residing with any other person on parole in a licensed residential facility serving six or fewer residents, unless the other resident is related by blood, marriage or adoption.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-3)
Assembly Public Safety (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (Not Heard)

AB 411 (Emmerson) – Residential care facilities: overconcentration
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Permitted a city or county to submit to the Department of Social Services additional evidence, including a listing of other residential care facilities or land uses in the immediate vicinity, regarding the siting of a proposed residential care facility designed for six or fewer residents.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

SB 692 (Ashburn) – In-home supportive services: criminal background checks
Senate 3rd Reading

1. Authorizes a public authority or nonprofit consortium established to deliver In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) to assist a recipient of care who is not eligible to receive IHSS in obtaining a criminal background check through the Department of Justice (DOJ) of a provider of nonmedical domestic or personal care services upon the request of the recipient.

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2. Authorizes the public authority or nonprofit consortium to recover the cost of administering the section, including the cost to DOJ for processing the criminal background check, from the individual making the request.
3. Precludes a public authority or county from being liable for acts, omissions or intentional torts of any person who is subject of the background check authorized by the bill.

Legislative History

Senate Public Safety (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (38-0)

Senate Floor (Returned to 3rd reading)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent

Assembly Floor (80-0)

**AB 978 (Benoit) – Care facilities
Placed on the Senate Inactive File**

Establishes standards and timelines for enforcing serious health and safety violations in community care facilities.

1. Defines serious violations subject to a penalty of \$150 per day to include fire clearance, absence of supervision, accessible bodies of water, accessible firearms and ammunition, and presence of an excluded person on the premises.
2. Requires that DSS assure that a licensee's correction plan in response to a citation is measurable and verifiable.
3. Requires that DSS conduct an unannounced visit within 30 days after the effective date of a license suspension.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Assembly Floor (77-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (16-1)

Senate Floor (Placed on Inactive)

**AB 1558 (Soto) – Community care facilities: licenses information system
Not Heard: 2 year bill**

1. Requires the Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS) to update and maintain the automated community care license data system containing prescribed information about licensees, including inspections, complaints and violations.

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2. Requires DSS to make public information contained in the system to the public by prescribed dates, depending upon the type of care facility and format of the data, and to report to the Legislature annually.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**SB 104 (Machado) – Crisis nurseries
Chapter 288, Statutes of 2007**

1. Extends the sunset for the authorization for the licensure and regulation of crisis nurseries from January 1, 2008, to July 1, 2011.
2. Requires licensed crisis nurseries that accept children placed directly by county child welfare agencies to annually provide a summary written report to the Department of Social Services (DSS) indicating the total number of children placed in the crisis nursery by the county child welfare agency, the length of stay and age for each child, and the reasons given by the county for the use of the crisis nursery for these children.
3. Requires county child welfare agencies to inform the crisis nursery of the reason for the selection of the crisis nursery as the placement choice when placing a child in a crisis nursery.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (36-0)

Senate Concurrence (38-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (16-0)

Assembly Floor (77-0)

**SB 776 (Vincent) – Community care facilities: criminal history clearance
Chapter 580, Statutes of 2007**

Permits county child welfare agencies to exchange criminal record clearances when a child in foster care moves with a relative from one county to another.

1. Permits the Department of Social Services (DSS) and any county office with licensing authority delegated by DSS to accept a criminal record clearance or exemption from each other with respect to relatives and non-relative extended family members who provide foster care, and authorizes any county office with DSS-delegated licensing authority to accept a criminal record clearance or exemption from another such county office.

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2. Provides that when a relative who has been assessed and approved as a caregiver moves to a different county and continued placement of the child with that person is intended, the move shall be considered an emergency situation.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Public Safety (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (38-0)
Senate Concurrence (38-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (16-0)
Assembly Floor (74-0)

HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

AB 56 (Ma) – Secretary for Poverty
Not heard: 2 year bill

1. Creates a cabinet level position of Secretary of Poverty, appointed by the Governor, responsible for reviewing the work of state agencies that administer antipoverty programs.
2. Requires the Secretary to submit a report on the results of the review to the Legislature and Governor, and report to the Legislature on a regular basis regarding pending bills that may impact programs for the working poor.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not Heard)

AB 315 (Berg) – Integrated health and human services programs
Chapter 264, Statutes of 2007

Repeals the sunset on demonstration programs in Humboldt, Mendocino and Alameda counties to fund and deliver services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent
Assembly Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent
Assembly Floor (74-0)

Senate Human Services (10-0)
Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (35-1)

AB 921 (Krekorian) – Public social services: hearings
Chapter 502, Statutes of 2007

1. Permits hearing and rehearing requests as to cases for which the Department of Social Services (DSS) conducts administrative hearings beyond the specified time periods when there is a lack of notice of the decision or if good cause otherwise exists.

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2. Deletes the provision automatically denying a request for rehearing if not acted upon within 15 days of the request, instead requiring the director to act upon a request within 35 days.
3. Defines good cause, allows it to be claimed for late filing within 180 days of the date of the action or decision of the director of DSS and authorizes the director to make determination in individual cases.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (56-23)
Assembly Concurrence (55-22)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (9-7)
Senate Floor (24-16)

AB 959 (Soto) – Blind Vendor Revolving Loan Fund
Chapter 687, Statutes of 2007

1. Requires the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to serve as a state loan guarantee agency for the Blind Vendor Revolving Loan Fund (BVRLF).
2. Renames the BVRLF as the BEP Vendor Loan Interest Rate Buy-Down Fund (Fund).
3. Requires that the issuance of moneys from the Fund be contingent upon the vendor's good standing in the Business Enterprise Program and a determination that DOR has not paid interest on any other loan obtained by the vendor.
4. Limits the amount that may be paid to a lender from the Fund on behalf of a vendor to no more than \$5,000.00 to reduce the fair market value interest rate by up to 3 percent.
5. Requires that, in the event of a default by the vendor, a lender reimburse the Fund for the Fund's share of any interest that has not yet accrued at the time of a default.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent
Assembly Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent
Assembly Floor (73-0)
Assembly Concurrence (67-11)

Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (13-0)
Senate Floor (38-0)

AB 1118 (Jones) – Childhood poverty
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Establishes state goals of reducing child poverty in half within 10 years and eliminating it entirely within 20 years and establishes a Child Poverty Council to develop a plan to achieve the goals.

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Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**SB 330 (Senate Human Services) – Community services programs
Chapter 46, Statutes of 2007**

Makes technical changes in state statutes governing the Department of Community Services and Development (DCSD) to reflect changes in federal and state law.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Floor (36-0)

Senate Concurrence (37-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Floor (76-0)

**SB 468 (Padilla) – Shaken baby syndrome
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Established a three-year pilot public education program in up to ten counties to prevent incidents of shaken baby syndrome.

1. Required the Department of Social Services (DSS), in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to establish a three-year shaken baby syndrome education pilot program in up to 10 counties that volunteer to participate which uses delivery approaches and public education materials for the prevention of shaken baby syndrome based on current best scientific evidence and practices.
2. Required the entity selected to implement the pilot program select or develop instructional materials for parents and other caregivers; provide information and materials to parents and other caregivers; provide materials to all health facilities in participating counties; train staff and volunteers at health facilities to deliver presentations to parents and other caregivers; provide support in all aspects of program implementation; and prepare and submit to the Legislature an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot program.
3. Required that the pilot program and other activities be funded exclusively with funds allocated to DSS from the State Children's Trust Fund.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Senate Appropriations (13-2)

Senate Floor (30-7)

Assembly Human Services (6-1)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

CARE AND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

**AB 749 (Berg) – Residential care facilities for the elderly: hospice care patients
Returned to Senate desk from Assembly concurrence**

Allows a residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) to admit and retain a person who is a hospice patient, or retain the person beyond a specified 14-day period, without regard to the person's nonambulatory or bedridden condition.

Legislative History

Assembly Aging & Long Term Care (6-0) rec. consent	Senate Human Services (4-0)
Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent	Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Assembly Appropriations (16-0) rec. consent	Senate Floor (37-0)
Assembly Floor (72-0)	

**AB 853 (Jones) – The Home Care Services Act of 2007
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Established the Home Care Services Act to license and regulate home care services for the elderly, frail and persons with disabilities.

1. Required licensure as home care organizations by the Department of Social Services (DSS) of every entity providing services in a private home by a home care aid.
2. Established requirements for home care organizations, including maintenance of workers' compensation coverage, procedures for investigating complaints of health care aides, notification to clients of enumerated rights, and compliance with specified rules governing employment of health care aides.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 949 (Krekorian) – Residential care facilities for the elderly: resident transfers
Chapter 686, Statutes of 2007**

Establishes procedures to be followed by a residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) prior to transferring a resident to another facility or living arrangement as a result of forfeiture of a license or change in the use of the facility, and provides remedies for noncompliance.

1. Requires that RCFEs give written notice to residents, perform evaluations of each resident's needs and develop a relocation plan.
2. Authorizes the Department of Social Services to request that state or local attorneys initiate enforcement action under the unfair business practice law.

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3. Provides that civil penalties for violations of relocation requirements be issued immediately following written notice.
4. Prohibits issuance of penalties against a licensee for violations of relocation requirements not presenting an immediate or substantial threat to health or safety if the licensee corrects the violation within three days after notice.
5. Authorizes a resident of an RCFE to bring a civil action against any person or entity owning or operating an RCFE who violates the rights of a resident set forth in this bill, and provided that the owners and operators are responsible for the acts of the facility's employees and liable for costs and attorney fees.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (11-5)
Assembly Floor (42-1)
Assembly Concurrence (47-30)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (9-3)
Senate Floor (24-15)

AB 1022 (Saldaña) – Continuing care: funding: audits
Not heard: 2-year bill

Establishes a category of continuing care home programs in which services are provided to elderly persons in their own residences by continuing care retirement communities (CCRC), and exempts the residences from licensing provisions applicable to residential care facilities.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not Heard)

AB 1526 (Lieber) – Housing for elderly or disabled persons
Held in Senate Rules

1. Adds specified low-income housing occupied by elderly or disabled persons to those exempt from coverage by the California Community Care Facilities Act subject to regulation by the Department of Social Services.
2. Clarifies that a resident of a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) is not required to be transferred back to the prior living unit when the resident or resident's responsible person disputes the transfer after it has been made in cases involving transfer of a second resident when a shared accommodation is terminated.
3. Establishes the goal of promoting the "least restrictive alternative" in decisions regarding transfers of CCRC residents.

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4. Prohibits involuntary transfers of residents in CCRCs except for reasons expressly set forth in current law.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) rec. consent
Assembly Appropriations (15-0) rec. consent
Assembly Floor (70-0)

Senate Human Services (4-0)
Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Senate Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (Referred to Rules Comm.)

**SB 489 (Steinberg) – Continuing care contracts: retirement communities: closure
Placed on the Assembly Inactive File**

Imposes requirements on continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) in the event of permanent or temporary closure.

1. Requires written notice to residents and the Department of Social Services (DSS), development of an approved relocation plan, and offer of an alternative comparable placement or cash "buy-out" depending upon whether the closure is temporary or permanent.
2. Establishes requirements when a provider proposes to temporarily close a CCRC, including submission of a temporary draft closure and relocation plan to CCCB; provision of a unit in a facility most closely approximating the cost, size, services, features and amenities of the unit being vacated; payment by the licensee of all moving costs to a new facility and to the reconstructed facility.
3. In cases of permanent closure, requires the provider to offer a resident a choice of placement options in a unit of comparable cost, size, services and amenities, or a "buy-out" based upon a prescribed formula in cases where comparable replacement housing and care in other communities operated by the provider are not available to the resident or cannot be mutually agreed upon by the parties or the resident does not agree to that option.
4. Requires the provider, within 30 days of receiving approval for the relocation plan for a permanent closure, to fund a reserve, set up a trust fund, or secure a performance bond to ensure fulfillment of costs associated with the relocation.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-0)
Senate Appropriations (10-6)
Senate Floor (23-13)

Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (11-5)
Assembly Floor (Placed on Inactive)

CHILD CARE

AB 313 (Benoit) – Child day care facility rating system **Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Required the State Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop and implement a licensed child day care facility rating system for quality of care and child safety.

1. Established several ratings depending upon a facility's record of compliance with state licensing laws, from "A" to "C", with a "Not Rated" level for facilities for which there is insufficient information.
2. Required DSS to post ratings on its website and update the ratings as often as possible, and provide each facility with a written copy the information used in the determination.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 344 (Huff) – Child day care facilities **Not Heard: 2 year bill**

Exempts from the Child Day Care Facilities any program providing instruction based upon the language, customs and traditions of a population group primarily located outside the United States, and the program is registered as a trustline provider requiring criminal background checks.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 905 (Arambula) – Child care eligibility **Chapter 110, Statutes of 2007**

1. Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to extend the 60-working day period specified in state regulations by an additional 60 working days for families whose basis of need for child care is that they are seeking employment if the SPI determines that opportunities for employment have diminished to the degree that one or both parents cannot reasonably be expected to find employment within 60 days and that granting the extension is in the public interest.
2. Expresses the Legislature's intent that extensions granted pursuant to the bill improve services in areas with high unemployment rates and areas with disproportionately high numbers of seasoned agricultural jobs.

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Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (75-0)

Senate Human Services (9-0)
Senate Appropriations (11-0)
Senate Floor (40-0)

AB 975 (Solorio) – Child care resource and referral programs
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

1. Appropriated \$2.9 million to the State Department of Education for distribution to child care resource and referral agencies for the purpose of providing support and training to license-exempt child care providers.
2. Required a child care resource and referral agency serving a defined geographic area to provide training and support to license-exempt child care providers in a culturally and linguistically sensitive manner.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 1028 (Caballero) – Child care: funding: audits
Placed on the Assembly Inactive File

Establishes accounting rules and auditing practices for child care and development centers and agencies which contract with the State Department of Education (SDE), and prohibits consideration of unrestricted donations in state funding determinations for child care contractors.

1. Authorizes a child care contractor to pay from its own funds additional sums for the child care of a subsidized child, and accept funds from the state, county or other funding entity to augment a program or fund additional child care openings.
2. Requires a contractor to separately account for all sources of funds where additional funding is provided to augment a program to ensure the state is not reimbursing a contractor for the same activity, personnel or function for which another funding entity has paid.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (Placed on Inactive)

SB 197 (Ducheny) – Child care: eligibility: termination of services
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file

Allows foster children who are enrolled in a subsidized child care program and who are placed in a different foster home to remain in child care for up to 30 days while the eligibility for child care of their new caretakers is verified.

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Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (17-0)
Senate Floor (37-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

FOOD ASSISTANCE

**AB 433 (Beall, Jr.) – Food Stamp Program: Categorical eligibility
Placed on the Senate Inactive File**

1. Requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) in consultation with a diverse group of stakeholders to propose a new name for the Food Stamp Program, reflecting its current realities and function as a health and nutrition program.
2. Requires DSS to establish categorical eligibility for food stamp benefits for households who are eligible for services funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.
 - a. Establishes the purpose of a categorical eligibility program to improve nutrition and promote the retention and development of resources for needy families meeting all other food stamp eligibility requirements.
 - b. Provides that the program be designed so that increased General Fund revenues generated by sales tax resulting from increased food stamp benefits are cost-beneficial relative to state administrative and California Food Assistance Program costs.
 - c. Provides that the categorical eligibility program not be implemented if DSS is unable to design a program meeting the bill's requirements.
 - d. Provides that the program shall include only those households eligible for benefits greater than the minimum federal food stamp benefit.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (47-32)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (17-0)
Senate Floor (Placed on Inactive)

**AB 508 (Swanson) – Food stamps: eligibility: drug felonies
Vetoed**

Repealed the lifetime disqualification from food stamps for persons convicted of a felony involving controlled substances.

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Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (11-5)
Assembly Floor (42-34)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (10-7)
Senate Floor (21-16)

AB 1060 (Laird) – Public social services: CalWORKs and the Food Stamp Program: redetermination and recertification
Held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file

Required semi-annual redeterminations of eligibility and benefit amounts for the California Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and food stamps based upon semi-annual reports of income and circumstances of recipient households, replacing existing quarterly reporting system.

1. Established procedures for adoption of reporting cycles, criteria for a complete semi-annual report, and steps to be taken when a recipient fails to submit a completed report, consistent with procedures currently used in quarterly reporting.
2. Provided that rules and procedures governing reporting for food stamps and CalWORKs be consistent with federal food stamp rules and procedures for simplified reporting.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (47-32)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 1382 (Leno) – Public social services: Food Stamp Program: fingerprint imaging
Vetoed

Eliminated the requirement that fingerprint images be obtained from applicants for and recipients of Food Stamp benefits not receiving cash assistance as a condition of receiving benefits.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (46-32)

Senate Human Services (3-2)
Senate Appropriations (9-7)
Senate Floor (23-17)

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SB 179 (Ashburn) – CalWORKs: reporting requirements
Not Heard: 2 year bill

Adopts semi-annual reporting for CalWORKs and food stamps, replacing the existing quarterly reporting system, and incorporating a “change reporting” requirement mandating families to report when their income increases or decreases by an unspecified amount during the reporting period.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (11-4)

Senate Floor (31-7)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

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Child welfare/ Foster Care	28	24	24	24	13	11	2
IHSS	12	12	11	11	7	3	4
CalWORKs	11	11	10	10	6	5	1
Developmental disabilities	9	7	7	7	6	6	1
Community Care Licensing	9	8	8	8	4	3	1
Human services administration	7	6	6	6	4	3	1
Care and Services for the elderly	6	6	5	5	1	1	0
Child care	6	5	5	5	1	1	0
Food assistance	5	4	4	4	2	0	2
TOTAL	93	83	80	80	42	29	13

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