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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
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2011 LEGISLATIVE BILL SUMMARY

HIGHLIGHTS

The Assembly Committee on Human Services has jurisdiction over programs and services designed to assist the state's most vulnerable populations – children who have been abused or neglected, people with disabilities, low-income families, and the elderly. In 2011, the first year of the two-year session, 57 bills were referred to the Committee, 38 were passed by the Legislature, and 15 became law. Following are some of the highlights:

The Committee devoted much attention to the problems and concerns of the nearly 80,000 children in the care and custody of the state's foster care system as a result of abuse or neglect. 13 child welfare/foster care bills were referred to the Committee. Three bills were enacted into law: **AB 212 (Beall)**, which was a follow-up to last session's AB 12 (Beall & Bass), which phases in an extension for foster care to eligible youth up to age 21, and enables the state to receive federal assistance to fund its Kinship Guardian Assistance Program (Kin-GAP); and, **AB 709 (Brownley)**, which clarifies that children in foster care who change schools have the right to be enrolled in school immediately, even if immunization and other medical records are not available at the time of enrollment. **AB 989 (Mitchell)** requires counties to include programs that consider the needs of transition age foster youth in their three-year plans for funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). A number of foster care bills referred to the Committee are two-year bills that can be heard by the Committee in January 2012. Five foster care bills passed by the Committee were held on the Suspense File in either the Assembly or Senate Appropriations Committee, and one bill was vetoed by the Governor.

The Committee also heard and approved significant human services bills affecting seniors and people with disabilities. Two bills, which were signed by the Governor, addressed recently enacted IHSS fraud and program integrity measures: **AB 876 (Valadao)** narrows the circumstances under which an IHSS provider can sign a waiver on a recipient's behalf, allowing the recipient to hire a provider with a criminal record. **SB 930 (Evans)** repeals the requirement that each timesheet submitted by an IHSS provider include fingerprints of the provider and the recipient, and the prohibition against providers using P.O. boxes to receive their paychecks.

Two bills, signed by the Governor, require notice to be provided to residents of Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly under specified circumstances in which the residents' continued placement may be in jeopardy: **AB 313 (Monning)** and **SB 897 (Leno)**. Two separate bills

would establish the Home Care Services Act of 2011, requiring the licensing of agencies providing non-medical home care services: **AB 899 (Yamada)** was held on Suspense in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. **SB 411 (Price)** is a 2-year bill.

In the area of developmental disabilities, **SB 368 (Liu)** authorizes juvenile courts to appoint an individual to make decisions with respect regional center and other developmental services when parental decision-making authority has been limited. **AB 254 (Beall)**, a 2-year bill, would implement recommendations of the Employment First Committee of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, which was established pursuant to AB 287 (Beall 2009). Another significant bill, currently in the Senate—**AB 1244 (Chesbro)**—establishes a Self-Determination Program, providing individual funding allocations to eligible people with developmental disabilities to give them greater control over the purchase of services and supports.

Child care issues were also of central concern to the Committee. Along with the Office of the Speaker of the Assembly, the Chair played a key role in securing funding to restore Child Care Stage 3 after the funding was eliminated in the budget. The Committee heard **SB 737 (Walters)**, a bill that would have clarified statutes relating to license-exempt "organized camps."

The Committee also addressed CalWORKs welfare-to-work and CalFresh anti-hunger issues. The Committee heard and approved **AB 1182 (Hernandez)** to remove the vehicle eligibility test for CalWORKs and allow CalWORKs recipients to build assets to limits permitted by federal law, and **AB 959 (Jones)**, which provides a one-month extension to participants in CalWORKs for filing required reports in order to avoid re-application. The Committee heard and did not approve **AB 373 (Garrick)** to reduce the number of months, from 48 to 24, that a CalWORKs recipient can remain on the program, and **AB 949 (Gorell)** a bill that would have doubled fines for specified fraud convictions by CalWORKs recipients and deposit half the fine monies into the county general fund and the other half into the county district attorney's office or county Special Investigative Unit.

Along with statutorily updating the name of the program from the Food Stamp program to CalFresh via **AB 1400 (Human Services)**, two bills approved by the Committee were designed to significantly reduce barriers to receiving CalFresh: **AB 6 (Fuentes)** accomplished three things—eliminating the finger-image requirement for CalFresh applicants, converting CalFresh from a quarterly to semi-annual reporting system, and creating a "Heat and Eat" program jointly with the Department of Social Services and the Department of Community Services and Development. **AB 69 (Beall)** uses already existing data within the Social Security Administration's database to identify eligible seniors and also streamlines their enrollment in the program. This bill could potentially enroll up to 440,000 seniors with an average benefit of \$80 per month. Two bills approved by the Committee also expanded food stamp eligibility: **AB 828 (Swanson)** to allow individuals convicted of drug-related felonies and pursuing drug treatment to receive food stamps, and **SB 43 (Liu)** which made the CalFresh Employment and Training (CFET) program more equitable by removing the mandatory requirements when the state or a sub-region is federally determined to have high unemployment.

A complete summary of bills referred to the Human Services Committee in 2011 follows.

**CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
(CalWORKs)**

**AB 6 (Fuentes) – CalWORKs and CalFresh
Chapter 501, Statutes of 2011**

Streamlines a number of issues related to the administration of CalFresh (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) and CalWORKs and improves nutritional outcomes.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)
Assembly Appropriations (11-6)
Assembly Floor (49-27)
Assembly Concurrence (50-26)

Senate Human Services (4-0)
Senate Appropriations (6-3)
Senate Floor (27-11)

**AB 373 (Garrick) – CalWORKs: time limits for aid
Died; failed passage in the Assembly Human Services Committee**

Reduced the number of months, from 48 to 24, that a CalWORKs recipient can remain on aid, and makes related conforming changes.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (2-4 Failed passage)

**AB 493 (Perea) – Electronic benefits transfer cards: use restriction
In Senate Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Requires the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system to prevent CalWORKs recipients from using their EBT card to access automated teller machines (ATMs) located in gambling and adult entertainment establishments.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)
Assembly Appropriations (11-1)
Assembly Floor (59-10)

Senate Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 596 (Carter) – Child care: CalWORKs recipients: rights
In Assembly Appropriations (2-year bill)**

Requires the California Department of Education to collaborate with welfare rights and legal services advocates to develop and adopt regulations and other policy statements to provide CalWORKs program recipients of child care the same level of due process protections and procedural protections that are afforded to public assistance recipients pursuant to specified sections in the Welfare and Institutions Code and their corresponding regulations.

AB 596 (Carter) – continued

Legislative History

Assembly Education (7-3)

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Assembly Appropriations (Not heard)

**AB 730 (Grove) - CalWORKs eligibility: periodic drug testing
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Requires random drug testing of all CalWORKs recipients and denies aid if the recipient refuses to attend or fails a one-year mandated drug treatment program.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 756 (Mitchell) – Electronic benefits transfer system
In Assembly Human Services Committee: Failed passage. Reconsideration granted**

Makes Automated Teller Machine (ATM) withdrawals or Point-of-Sale (POS) transactions free of surcharges for welfare recipients in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program (CalWORKs) when they use their state-issued Electronic Benefits Transfer card (EBT card).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (3-2 failed passage)

**AB 833 (Yamada) – CalWORKs: maximum aid payments
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Creates an exception to the rule prohibiting an increase in the maximum aid payment for children born into a family that has received aid under the CalWORKs program continuously for the 10 months prior to the birth of the child, allowing for an increase in the case of a child who is disabled.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 924 (Logue) – CalWORKs eligibility and administration
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Terminates aid, in child-only households, if the parent or caretaker relative is not meeting the federal work participation requirements.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 949 (Gorell) – CalWORKs eligibility: fraudulent representations: fines
Died; failed passage in the Assembly Human Services Committee**

Doubled the fines on individuals convicted of fraud committed to obtain or retain aid under the CalWORKs program.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (2-4 Failed passage)

**AB 959 (Jones) – CalWORKs and CalFresh: reporting
Chapter 506, Statutes of 2011**

Improves the administration of a discontinuance notice of benefits for recipients of CalWORKs.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Senate Appropriations (9-0)

Assembly Floor & 75-0)

Senate Floor (38-0)

Assembly Concurrence (79-0)

**AB 1140 (Donnelly) – CalWORKs: eligibility: time limit
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2 year bill)**

Reduces the existing time limits on receipt of CalWORKs aid from 48 to 6 months; and makes children ineligible for county general assistance when the family exhausted their six-month time limit.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 1182 (Hernández) – CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits: vehicles
Vetoed by the Governor**

Deleted the requirement that county welfare departments assess the value of a vehicle when determining and re-determining eligibility for applicants and recipients of CalWORKs.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Senate Human Services (4-3)

Assembly Appropriations (11-0)

Senate Appropriations (6-0)

Assembly Floor (55-17)

Senate Floor (23-15)

Assembly Concurrence (52-25)

CHILD CARE

AB 596 (Carter) Child care: CalWORKs recipients: rights In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)

See CalWORKs (page 7)

AB 823 (Dickinson) – Children's Cabinet of California Held on Senate Appropriations Suspense File

Established the Children's Cabinet of California to serve, until January 1, 2019, as an advisory body responsible for improving the collaboration among agencies that provide services to the children and youth of the state, as specified.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Senate Human Services (4-3)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

Assembly Floor (52-24)

AB 1312 (Smyth) – Child care: exemption from licensure: public recreation programs In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)

Expands the number of authorized hours that unlicensed public recreation programs can operate their programs for children ages zero to 18 years.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

SB 119 (Lowenthal) – Emergency youth shelter facilities In Assembly Appropriations Committee (2-year bill)

Creates a licensing category for emergency youth shelter facilities and directs the Department of Social Services (CDSS) to adopt regulations for them by January 1, 2013.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Appropriations (8-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Not heard)

Senate Floor (38-0)

SB 309 (Liu) – Child day care facilities: youth with disabilities Chapter 470, Statutes of 2011

Allows schoolage child care centers to serve persons with developmental disabilities who are age 18 to 22 and are enrolled in a special education program under specified conditions.

SB 309 (Liu) – continued

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Senate Appropriations (17-0 consent)

Senate Floor (39-0)

Senate Concurrence (34-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Assembly Floor (79-0)

**SB 737 (Walters) – Organized camps
Vetoed by the Governor.**

Clarifies statutes related to the licensing and regulation of license-exempt "organized camps" and expands the operating hours of the Afterschool Education and Safety Program.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Senate Appropriations (8-0)

Senate Floor (39-0)

Senate Concurrence (40-0)

Assembly Human Services (5-1)

Assembly Appropriations (16-0)

Assembly Floor (72-5)

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/FOSTER CARE

**AB 73 (Feuer) – Dependency proceedings: public access
In Assembly Human Services Committee. (2-year bill)**

Creates a four-year pilot in three counties, to test whether California should consider moving from presumptively closed juvenile dependency hearings to presumptively open juvenile dependency hearings.

Legislative History

Assembly Judiciary (10-0)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 181 (Portantino) - Foster youth: mental health bill of rights
Held on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

Established the Foster Youth Mental Health Bill of Rights granting foster youth specified rights, and requires the Office of the Foster Care Ombudsperson to disseminate information related to the Foster Youth Mental Health Bill of Rights described above.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 198 (Beall) - Adoption: fingerprinting of adoptive parents
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Prevents duplication by authorizing fingerprint images and related information submitted to the Department of Justice for purposes of conducting a criminal records check to apply to both an approval for adoption and licensure as a foster family home or certified family home of a licensed foster family agency.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 212 (Beall) – California Fostering Connections to Success Act
Chapter 459, Statutes of 2011**

Makes various federal compliance, technical and clarifying changes to the California Fostering Connections to Success Act of 2010 (AB 12, Beall & Bass, Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Judiciary (9-0)

Senate Judiciary (5-1)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Senate Appropriations (6-1)

Assembly Floor (75-0)

Senate Floor

Assembly Concurrence

**AB 671 (Portantino) – Child welfare services: education and training requirements
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Requires all county social work personnel newly hired after January 1, 2012, and all county social work supervisors to meet specified education and experience criteria, including the requirement for a master's degree from a graduate school of social work or specified master's degree from an accredited or state-approved graduate school in addition to field practice and coursework.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 709 (Brownley) – Foster children: school placement: immunization records
Chapter 463, Statutes of 2011**

Clarifies that children in foster care who change schools have the right to be enrolled in their new school immediately even if they are unable to produce medical records, including, but not limited to, immunization records, at the time of enrollment. Specifically, this bill: Adds a section to the Health and Safety Code (HSC) to conform to Education Code provisions requiring school districts to enroll a foster child in school even if he or she is missing immunization records.

AB 709 (Brownley) – continued

Legislative History

Assembly Education (10-0)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)

Assembly Floor (78-0)

Assembly Concurrence (79-0)

Senate Education (9-0)

Senate Floor (37-0)

**AB 846 (Bonilla) – Foster youth: identity theft
Held on Senate Appropriations Suspense File**

Added the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the list of entities authorized to request credit reports on behalf of specified foster youth and clarifies the procedures for DSS and the county welfare departments to use when handling suspected identity theft that may be discovered during this process. Required the Office of Privacy Protection to, in consultation with DSS and other stakeholders, to develop a list of nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies that assist consumers with identity theft issues.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-0)

Assembly Appropriations (12-4)

Assembly Floor (63-9)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 863 (Bonilla) – Foster care insurance
Held on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

Expanded the Foster Family Home and Small Family Home Insurance Fund liability insurance coverage for foster parents, to include all criminal or intentional acts committed against a foster child, unless committed by the foster parents themselves.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 989 (Mitchell) – Mental health: Children's services
Chapter 640, Statutes of 2011**

Requires counties to include programs that consider the needs of transition age foster youth in their three-year plans for funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

Legislative History

Assembly Health (15-1)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Assembly Floor (63-13)

Senate Health (9-0)

Senate Appropriations (8-1)

Senate Floor (37-0)

AB 1015 (Charles Calderon) – Child welfare services: California Child and Family Service Review System

Held on Senate Appropriations Suspense File

Required each county to consult with specified stakeholders when developing county self-assessments, county improvement plans, or similar reports, as specified. Required counties to include in their child and family services review a discussion of operational improvements that could be implemented at a cost savings or within existing resources.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Senate Human Services 4-3)

Assembly Appropriations (12-4)

Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

Assembly Floor 49-25)

AB 1110 (Lara) – Dependent children of the juvenile court: county responsibilities: Supplemental Security Income Eligibility

Held on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

Required additional reporting and court oversight concerning the receipt of Supplemental Security (SSI) income for foster youth.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Judiciary (9-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 1147 (Yamada) – Dependent children: status reports

Vetoed by the Governor

Required social workers to file a report with the court for review at periodic status review hearings documenting the services provided to allow a minor parent in foster care to provide a safe home for his or her child.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Assembly Floor (78-0)

Senate Floor (34-0)

Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

SB 121 (Liu) – Pupils: foster children: special education

In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)

Specifies the process that must be followed before a foster youth may be placed in a nonpublic school, and places new requirements on those institutions, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and education rights holders.

SB 121 (Liu) –continued

Legislative History

Senate Education (9-0)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

Senate Appropriations (6-2)

Senate Floor (26-12)

COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

**AB 159 (Beall) – Community care facilities: foster family agencies
Chapter 94, Statutes of 2011**

Changes the sunset provision on the requirement for certain foster family agencies to employ one full-time social work supervisor for every eight social workers, as specified.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (15-0)

Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)

Assembly Floor (73-0)

Senate Floor (33-0)

**AB 313 (Monning) – Residential care facilities for the elderly
Chapter 365, Statutes of 2011**

Requires residential care facilities for the elderly to provide residents, their responsible party, and the local long-term care ombudsman with prescribed notice when specified actions are taken in response to violations that could result in suspension or revocation of the facility's license or that relate to the health and safety of residents.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (16-0)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Assembly Floor (60-0)

Senate Floor (37-0)

Assembly Concurrence (76-0)

**AB 419 (Mitchell) – Care facilities.
Held on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

Increased the frequency of licensing evaluation visits of most categories of facilities licensed by the Department of Social Services.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 748 (Yamada) – Continuing care retirement communities: contracts
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Transfers the oversight and regulation of continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the California Department of Insurance (CDI), except for the oversight and regulation of programs and services provided directly to residents of the communities, which would remain with DSS.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 899 (Yamada) – Home Care Services Act of 2011
Held on 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.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Assembly Judiciary (7-2)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 1142 (Chesbro) – Residential care facilities for the elderly
In Senate Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Prohibits residential care facilities for the elderly from assessing specified fees related to deceased residents.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Human Services (Not heard)

Assembly Appropriations (16-0)

Assembly Floor (78-0)

**SB 411 (Price) – Home Care Services Act of 2011
Inactive File (2-year bill)**

Establishes the Home Care Services Act of 2011, requiring the Department of Social Services to license private agencies that provide non-medical home care services, and to certify home care aides.

Legislative History

Senate Health (5-2)

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Senate Appropriations (6-2)

Assembly Health (12-6)

Senate Floor (25-13)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Senate Concurrence

Assembly Floor (Inactive File)

**SB 897 (Leno) – Residential care facilities for the elderly
Chapter 376, Statutes of 2011**

Requires licensees of residential care facilities for the elderly to notify the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, residents and potential residents, and the Department of Social Services of specified events indicating financial distress.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (9-0)
Senate Floor (38-0)
Senate Concurrence (40-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (15-0)
Assembly Floor (71-5)

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**AB 254 (Beall) – Developmental services: Employment First Policy
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Specifies requirements for regional center planning teams when developing an individual program plan for a transition age youth or working age adult, consistent with an Employment First Policy, while respecting the consumer's right to choose.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 862 (Silva) – Developmental services: regional centers
Vetoed by the Governor**

Adds specified items to the information each regional center is required to post on the regional center's Internet Web site.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (76-0)
Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (9-0)
Senate Floor (33-0)

**AB 1244 (Chesbro) – Developmental services: Self-Determination Program
In Senate Human Services, failed passage, reconsideration granted**

Establishes the Self-Determination Program providing individuals with developmental disabilities with an individual funding allocation to give them greater control over the purchase of services and supports needed to implement their individual program plans.

AB 1244 (Chesbro) – continued

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (51-27)

Senate Human Services (3-3 Failed Passage)
Senate Human Service (7-0 Recon. Granted)

**AB 1375 (Huber) – Developmental services: autism spectrum disorders
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Requires the Department of Developmental Services to provide guidance on evidence-based treatments for autism spectrum disorders.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**SB 368 (Liu) – Developmental services: decisionmaking
Chapter 471, Statutes of 2011**

Gives juvenile courts the authority to limit a parent or guardian’s right to make decisions about the regional center and other developmental services for a child with developmental disabilities, and to appoint a developmental services decisionmaker.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (8-0)
Senate Floor (40-0)
Senate Concurrence (40-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (76-0)

**SB 382 (Liu) – Developmental services: regional centers: complaints.
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Permits the performance objectives in the Department of Developmental Services’ (DDS) contract with a regional center (RC) to include specified criteria related to complaints and individual program plan services; requires DDS to develop processes and procedures to address retaliation against RC employees and vendors; requires RCs to post a list of vendors and their rates on their Internet Web sites; and clarifies the selection of least costly providers.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)
Senate Judiciary (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (8-0)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

FOOD ASSISTANCE

**AB 6 (Fuentes) – CalFresh and CalWORKs
Chapter 501, Statutes of 2011**

See CalWORKs (page 6)

**AB 69 (Beall) – CalFresh nutrition for seniors
Chapter 502, Statutes of 2011**

Allows counties to identify, through the Social Security Administration benefits database, seniors who may be eligible for CalFresh benefits in order to enroll them in the program and improve their nutrition.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Senate Human Services (4-0)

Assembly Appropriations (11-6)

Senate Appropriations (6-3)

Assembly Floor (49-27)

Senate Floor (26-2)

Assembly Concurrence (57-21)

**AB 828 (Swanson) – CalFresh: eligibility: drug felonies
Held on Senate Appropriations Suspense File**

Allowed individuals convicted of drug-related felonies to receive federal CalFresh (food stamps) benefits.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Senate Human Services (4-3)

Assembly Appropriations (11-6)

Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

Assembly Floor (46-30)

**AB 1400 (Human Services Committee) – CalFresh name change and code clean-up
Chapter 227, Statutes of 2011**

Changes the name of the Food Stamp Program to "CalFresh" and makes technical changes to bring other human services-related code sections up-to-date.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Floor (68-9)

Senate Floor (36-1)

Assembly Concurrence (63-13)

**SB 43 (Liu) – CalFresh Employment and Training program
Chapter 507, Statutes of 2011**

Seeks to make the state's CalFresh Employment and Training program more effective and equitable.

SB 43 (Liu) – continued

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (8-0)
Senate Floor (39-0)
Senate Concurrence (39-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (12-0)
Assembly Floor (61-18)

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

**AB 876 (Valadao) – In-Home Supportive Services program
Chapter 73, Statutes of 2011**

Narrows the circumstances that allow a provider of in-home supportive services to sign, on the client’s behalf, the form that allows the client to hire a provider with a criminal record that includes various felonies.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Floor (76-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)
Senate Floor 36-0)

**SB 930 (Evans) – In-Home Supportive Services: enrollment and fingerprinting
Chapter 649, Statutes of 2011**

Repeals requirements that In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) recipients provide fingerprint images and that provider timesheets include spaces for provider and recipient fingerprints; repeals the prohibition against providers using a post office box address to receive their paychecks; and, corrects problems with the provider appeals process.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-3)
Senate Appropriations (6-3)
Senate Floor (23-16)
Senate Concurrence (23-15)

Assembly Human Services (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (11-6)
Assembly Floor (51-27)

SERVICES FOR SENIORS

**AB 69 (Beall) – CalFresh nutrition for seniors
Chapter 502, Statutes of 2011**

See Food Assistance (page 19)

**AB 533 (Yamada) – Area agencies on aging: independent living centers: funding
Held on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

Created a pass-through mechanism enabling a continuous appropriation of federal funds appropriated to the State of California for the purposes of supporting independent living centers and Area Agencies on Aging.

AB 533 (Yamada) – continued

Legislative History

Assembly Aging and Long Term Care (6-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Floor Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

MISCELLANEOUS HUMAN SERVICES

**AB 594 (Yamada) – California Department of Aging and Adult Services
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Enacts the Community Care Modernization Act of 2011, establishing the California Department of Aging and Adult Services with responsibility for designated programs providing services to older adults and people with disabilities.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 1018 (Donnelly) – Public employees
Dual referral to Assembly Judiciary and Assembly Human Services - Failed passage in
Assembly Judiciary Committee**

Requires verification of immigration status for all persons who request state benefits and imposes liability and discipline for state and local employees.

Legislative History

Assembly Judiciary (3-7 – Failed passage)

**AB 1296 (Bonilla) - Health Care Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention Act.
Not heard by Assembly Human Services: amended, withdrawn from Committee and re-
referred to Health Committee pursuant to Assembly Rule 96
Chapter 641, Statutes of 2011**

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (withdrawn)

**SB 320 (Wright) – Public social services: hearings
In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)**

Allows the Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop policies for hearing settlements, including the timely issuance of aid-paid-pending, and for the expedited adjudication of cases where the county fails to meet its burden of proof, provided the policies are cost neutral or result in cost savings. DSS would be allowed to set up a workgroup to meet with stakeholders to develop these policies.

SB 320 (Wright) – continued

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

Senate Appropriations (6-2)

Senate Floor (32-7)

SB 662 (DeSaulnier) – Public services

In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)

Authorizes the Department of Finance to enter into contracts with counties to operate and integrate the health and safety programs included in the Governor’s realignment proposal. This bill requires contracts between the state and the counties to be cost-neutral to both parties and to last 10 years unless they are extended in the ninth year.

Legislative History

Senate Governance & Finance (9-0)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

Senate Appropriations (9-0)

Senate Floor (39-0)

SB 936 (Human Services Committee) – Public social services.

In Assembly Human Services Committee (2-year bill)

Makes technical clean-up changes to the Welfare and Institutions Code

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

Senate Floor (40-0)

2011 Assembly Human Services bills

<u>Subject</u> ¹	<u>Referred</u>	<u>Analyzed</u>	<u>Heard</u>	<u>Passed</u> <u>HS</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Chaptered</u>	<u>Vetoed</u>
CalWORKs	12	8	8	5	3	2	1
Child Care	5	4	4	4	2	1	1
Child Welfare Services/Foster Care	13	9	9	9	4	3	1
Community Care Licensing	8	7	7	7	3	3	0
Developmental Disabilities	6	3	3	3	2	1	1
Food Assistance	4	4	4	4	3	3	0
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)	2	2	2	2	2	2	0
Services for Seniors	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Human Services	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	57	38	38	35	19	15	4

¹ Bills falling under more than one subject area are counted only for the first applicable subject area listed in the table.