

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Bills heard in 2001-2002

AB 18 Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) (Horton)
SUMMARY: Increases the amount of the state supplemental payment for a recipient in a nonmedical out-of-home care facility from \$709 per month to \$1,448 per month. (*Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*)

AB 83 Child day care licensure (Runner)
SUMMARY: Requires a child day care facility to allow, upon request, a parent or a member of the public to view documentation indicating that the individual subject of a criminal background check is cleared or exempted, but would also prohibit the release or viewing of information received from the Department of Justice in this regard. (*Dropped by the author*)

AB 85 Child care and development services (Washington)
SUMMARY: Allows funds from the Child Care and Development Services Act allocated for child care and development services to be provided by a sectarian or denominational entity, provided that the services do not include religious instruction or worship. (*Dropped by the author*)

AB 89 In-Home Supportive Services (Bates)
SUMMARY: Requires local law enforcement agencies to conduct fingerprinting and background checks via the Department of Justice and FBI in order to prohibit persons convicted of specified crimes from being employed as providers of services for IHSS. (*Dropped by the Author*)

AB 144 Food Stamps and CalWORKs eligibility (Cedillo)
SUMMARY: Allows recipients who are employed or who are at risk of domestic violence to retain a motor vehicle if the value does not exceed \$15,000, increased from \$4,650, for purposes of the eligibility determination. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 308 Health and human services pilot program (Leslie)
SUMMARY: Extends the sunset date to 2007 on a Placer County pilot program which delivers services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system. (*Chapter 17, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 313 Women, infants, and children's nutrition (WIC) (Goldberg)
SUMMARY: Provides until 2005 that the nutrition coupons issued under the program be redeemable by recipients at any authorized retail food vendor, and requires the Department of Social Services to submit a report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature regarding the implementation of the above provisions. (*Chapter 842, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 333 Foster care (Wright)

SUMMARY: Requires foster care and group homes to provide that monthly child welfare worker visits include a private discussion between the foster child and the county social worker or probation officer, and prohibits the contents of the discussion from being disclosed to the home's staff, except under certain circumstances. (*Chapter 675, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 364 Child welfare services (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Provides that it is the intent of the Legislature that the Human Resources Workgroup of the Administration's Child Welfare Services Stakeholders Group include in its next planned report the core strategies needed to establish minimum caseload standards under the Group's proposed redesigned child welfare services system, and provides that it is the intent of the Legislature that the Human Resources Workgroup make recommendations for implementing the new caseload standards. (*Chapter 635, Statutes of 2002*)

AB 396 Child care services (Papan)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Education to assess and report on the effect of using regional median income in the definition of "income eligible" rather than statewide median income for purposes of eligibility for subsidized child care services, and provides that a parent fee schedule in effect on December 31, 1997, continue to be applicable until a new schedule is adopted. (*Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*)

AB 515 Child Welfare Services (Reyes)

SUMMARY: Requires county child welfare agencies in counties with concentrations of methamphetamine production to collaborate with local law enforcement agencies and county health and toxic substances control departments to develop a protocol for responding to situations in which a child suspected to be at risk of abuse or neglect is found to be residing in a dwelling where methamphetamine is manufactured. (*Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*)

AB 524 In-Home Supportive Services (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Authorizes an individual to receive advance payment, or its functional equivalent, if federal approval is obtained, for personal care services under the IHSS program, which allows the client to remain in his or her home rather than entering an institution. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 571 Adoptions by relatives (Canciamilla)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Social Services to conduct a study on ways of providing incentives for adoption of children in foster care by relatives. (*Dropped by the Author*)

AB 636 Child welfare services (Steinberg)

SUMMARY: Enacts the Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act of 2001, which requires the Department of Social Services to establish the California Child and Family Service Review System, in order to review all county child welfare systems, and requires the California Health and Human Services Agency to convene a workgroup to establish a work plan by which the child and family service reviews shall be conducted. (*Chapter 678, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 681 Foster care (Mountjoy)

SUMMARY: Requires the State Department of Social Services to conduct a study of the administration of psychotropic medications to children in foster care in certain counties. (*Held in Assembly Health Committee*)

AB 685 Family day care homes (Wayne)

SUMMARY: Requires licensees of family day care homes to report to parents any violence against or injury to a child, and requires a report to the Department of Social Services of any injury to a child that requires medical treatment, the death of any child, or any unusual incident or child absence that threatens the physical or emotional health or safety of any child. (*Chapter 679, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 688 Developmental disabilities (John Campbell)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Developmental Services, in conjunction with the Association of Regional Center Agencies, and other stakeholders knowledgeable about childhood disabilities, to develop and implement proposed uniform functionally based evaluation protocols and guidelines for determining eligibility for regional center services for persons with autism and disorders not explicitly listed in the act that require treatments similar to the disabilities that are named in the act, including familial dysautonomia. (*Dropped by the Author*)

AB 692 Human Services (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Establishes the California Savings and Asset Project, to be administered by the Employment Development Department, which would allow individuals who are over age 18 and who have no more than 80% of area median income to retain savings for purposes of starting a business, participating in an education program, or buying a home. (*Chapter 1024, Statutes of 2002*)

AB 697 Regional center services (Cedillo)

SUMMARY: Provides that an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs to a prevailing guardian, conservator, or authorized representative may only be made either pursuant to agreement of the parties or by a court, and requires notification of any regional center award of attorney's fees to a prevailing guardian, conservator, or authorized representative. (*Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*)

AB 698 Office of Immigrant Assistance for the Attorney General (Wesson)

SUMMARY: Creates the Office of Immigrant Assistance in the office of the Attorney General to provide education and outreach services to the resident immigrant community of the state, and requires that the information developed for these purposes be printed or broadcast in any language deemed necessary to reach immigrant communities. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 734 California Children and Families Program (Chan)

SUMMARY: Clarifies that funds raised by the cigarette tax created by Prop. 10 for comprehensive early childhood development and smoking prevention programs also must be used for the cessation of tobacco, alcohol, and drug use by pregnant women. (*Chapter 322, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 767 Eligibility for CalWORKs and Food Stamps (Goldberg)

SUMMARY: Authorizes individuals convicted of certain drug felonies to be eligible for CalWORKs, general assistance benefits, or food stamps as long as they meet one of several specified conditions related to drug treatment, and submit to required periodic medical drug screening tests, and also requires a county level interagency team composed of specified representatives of county social service and corrections agencies to provide case management services to families receiving benefits under these provisions. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 891 Child support and disabled noncustodial parents (Goldberg)

SUMMARY: Authorizes the noncustodial parent in addition to the custodial parent to apply for and receive relief for child support payment when, upon proof of eligibility, the noncustodial parent proves receipt of SSI/SSP or SSDI and also allows the individual to have no more than the mandatory minimum five percent of his or her total monthly disability payments withheld to be applied to the child support arrearage. (*Chapter 651, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 896 Developmental Disability services (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Revises the framework for the provision of services to persons with developmental disabilities, including revising the financing and budgeting processes of California's developmental services system, and establishing an account, containing specified funds attributable to costs saved by moving individuals from developmental centers to community-based care. (*Held in Senate Appropriations Committee*)

AB 899 Rights of Foster Children (Liu)

SUMMARY: Sets forth the policy of the state that children placed in foster care have certain rights, and would require social workers and facilities providing social services for children in foster care to provide those children with information regarding those rights. (*Chapter 683, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 950 Developmentally disabled persons (Wright)

SUMMARY: Makes the training and testing requirements for direct care staff apply to these staff in any licensed community care facility that receives regional center funding, not only Alternative Residential Model (ARM) facilities. (*Chapter 188, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 973 County Prop. 10 Children and Families Commissions (Chan)

SUMMARY: Provides that specified information regarding a child or a child's parent, legal guardian, or other family member, that is provided to a county commission by specified persons shall be considered confidential, and may be disclosed only to a person, agency, or entity that receives funding from the county commission by way of a grant award, contract, or as a service provider for early childhood services, unless further disclosure is authorized by written consent of the parent or legal guardian or where disclosure is required by state or federal law. (*Chapter 214, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 989 Reparations (Chan)

SUMMARY: Provides that holocaust restitution payments received by an individual, or the individual's heirs or estate shall be excluded for purposes of determining eligibility for state education grants and program enrollments, state disability insurance benefits, and public social services, to the extent permitted by federal law, and for purposes of determining personal income taxes. (*Chapter 701, Statutes of 2002*)

AB 1101 Children's receiving home staffing ratios (Pescetti)

SUMMARY: Requires the department to review the appropriateness of the staffing ratios used in receiving homes, defined as a facility of any capacity that provides 24-hour temporary, emergency shelter, care, and supervision to children in a structured environment, requires the Department of Social Services to submit a report to the Legislature recommending appropriate ratios in these homes. (*Dropped by the Author*)

AB 1105 Foster care and child care (Simitian)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Social Services, with the advice, assistance, and cooperation of the counties and foster care providers, to develop, implement, and maintain a system to provide child care assistance under specified circumstances for foster children in the care of a licensed family home or relative caregivers. (*Dropped by the Author*)

AB 1107 Department of Education reports (Leach)

SUMMARY: Removes and amends obsolete reporting requirements from the Education Code and from budget control language, retains existing requirements to collect CalWORKs child care data, and authorizes the Department of Social Services to specify information to be reported under existing reporting requirements. (*Chapter 750, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 1111 Adult abuse and financial abuse specialist teams (Simitian)

SUMMARY: Establishes in the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) a program of technical and financial assistance for counties to enable formation of county-based financial abuse specialist teams, and which incorporate a rapid response component to respond within 24 to 48 hours to reports of financial abuse or exploitation against elders and dependent adults. *(Vetoed by Governor)*

AB 1119 Emancipating youth transitional housing assistance (Migden)

SUMMARY: De-links the Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP) from the Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program (STEP) so that a county may opt in to THPP without opting to participate in the financial assistance program STEP first, which eases the creation of transitional housing slots for youth. *(Chapter 639, Statutes of 2002)*

AB 1156 Foster care community treatment facilities (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Aligns regulations regarding emergency intervention for Community Treatment Facilities (CTFs) with those that exist for group homes, changes the nursing requirement to require at least one full-time registered nurse in CTFs, imposes a prohibition on mechanical restraints in CTFs, and makes changes pending the enactment of legislation resulting from the report on seclusion and restraint to be completed by the Senate Select Committee on Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health, or until January 1, 2004, whichever occurs first. *(Vetoed by Governor)*

AB 1191 Developmental disabilities (Longville)

SUMMARY: Establishes procedures for the resolution of disputes between a regional center and any publicly funded agency, as defined, over provision of, or payment for, services that are contained in an individualized family service plan or individualized program plan for any child under 6 years of age. *(Vetoed by Governor)*

AB 1261 Emancipating foster youth (Migden)

SUMMARY: Increases the amount of cash savings an emancipating youth exiting the foster care system at age 18 is allowed to retain from \$5,000 to \$10,000 as a resource exemption, as long as the funds are used for purposes directly related to emancipation. *(Chapter 686, Statutes of 2001)*

AB 1358 Child care facilities (Pescetti)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Social Services to conduct any authorized inspection, announced site visit, or unannounced site visit of any child daycare facility only during the period beginning one hour before and ending one hour after the facility's normal business hours, or at any time childcare services are being provided, with specified exceptions. *(Chapter 122, Statutes of 2002)*

AB 1395 Post-adoption counseling services (Ashburn)

SUMMARY: Creates the Post-Adoption Services Program and states legislative intent to provide comprehensive post-adoption services for adopted children, adoptive families, and birth parents of adopted children in order to support adoptive families and to ensure the longevity of public adoptions. *(Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)*

AB 1425 Mental health services (Thomson)

SUMMARY: Exempts any supportive housing or independent living arrangement for individuals with disabilities who are receiving community living support services from the California Community Care Facilities Act, which licenses facilities, and permits counties to contract with agencies or individuals to assist persons with disabilities in securing their own homes, including supportive housing, and to provide persons with disabilities with the supports needed to live in their own homes. *(Chapter 428, Statutes of 2002)*

AB 1533 Rehabilitation services (Migden)

SUMMARY: Makes various changes to the Department of Rehabilitation's Transportation Loan Guarantee Program, including to increase the maximum loan amount from \$20,000 to \$35,000, and establish an interest "buy-down" program. *(Chapter 193, Statutes of 2001)*

AB 1568 Child care and development (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Establishes the Family Support in Child Care and Development Program, under which the Superintendent of Public Instruction would award grants to applicant agencies which offer services such as early detection and referral for child, spousal, and substance abuse, English-as-a-second-language and citizenship classes, respite or sick care, and workshops, classes, and training designed to develop parenting, employment, and self-improvement skills. *(Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)*

AB 1582 Foster care group homes (Ashburn)

SUMMARY: Requires the department to revise the method of assigning points for the level of care and services to group homes for the provision of foster care and to determine payment level to include the level of education and training of the employees of the group home. *(Dropped by the author)*

AB 1652 Relocation assistance payments (Goldberg)

SUMMARY: Adds relocation assistance payments, made by a private landlord to evicted tenants under local rent control ordinances, to existing exclusions from income and resources for purposes of eligibility determination for public assistance programs. *(Vetoed by Governor)*

AB 1690 Elder abuse reporting training (Committee on Human Services)

SUMMARY: Makes residential care facilities for the elderly subject to the requirement to provide training to staff in recognizing and reporting elder and dependent adult abuse. (*Chapter 196, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 1692 CalWORKs eligibility and work activities (Committee on Human Services)
SUMMARY: Adds to the list of qualifying work activities United States Department of Labor welfare-to-work grant program community service or work experience activities. (*Chapter 652, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 1693 Developmental disabilities (Committee on Human Services)
SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Developmental Services to develop a mechanism to provide adjustments to regional center reimbursements in local regional center areas with high costs of living, and specifies that the mechanism would not result in any funding reduction to a regional center. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 1694 Foster care (Committee on Human Services)
SUMMARY: Makes technical and clarifying changes to various statutes regarding licensing of relative caregivers, including permitting an able and willing nonrelative extended family member to provide a temporary placement for a child who has been taken into temporary custody. (*Chapter 918, Statutes of 2002*)

AB 1695 Foster care (Committee on Human Services)
SUMMARY: Conforms state law with new federal statutes and regulations relating to the placement of foster children in licensed or approved homes of non-relatives and relatives, and reiterates the Legislature's intent to continue prioritizing relatives as the most preferable caregivers for dependent children. (*Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 1696 Juvenile justice and foster care (Committee on Human Services)
SUMMARY: Clarifies certain provisions in current law relating to efforts by a probation officer to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of a minor from his or her home, and also enacts other provisions relating to foster care placement and permanency planning for wards of the juvenile court to conform further with federal law. (*Chapter 831, Statutes of 2001*)

AB 1739 Foster care (Reyes)
SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Social Services to adopt guidelines for the placement of foster youth with specific regard to the age of the caregiver, the age differential between the caregiver and the child, and distribute the guidelines to the counties. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 1837 In-home Caregiver Training Pilot Program (Strickland)

SUMMARY: Establishes the In-Home Caregiver Training Pilot Program whereby grants would be awarded to 3 counties for purposes of establishing a caregiver training program and an employment referral registry for those persons who have completed the training program. (*Dropped by the author*)

AB 1947 Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Washington)

SUMMARY: Provides that a convicted drug felon shall be eligible for Food Stamps if he or she is enrolled in a drug treatment program in accordance with the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Prop. 36) and, upon completion of the drug treatment program, he or she shall be eligible for food stamps during the period of submission and consideration of a petition for dismissal of the charges from the drug court. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 1959 CalWORKs eligibility (Corbett)

SUMMARY: Provides at county option that a client who signs a welfare-to-work plan and who is continuously enrolled in a training program for registered nurses that has been approved by the Board of Registered Nursing, shall be eligible to receive aid under the CalWORKs program for a cumulative period of not more than 48 months after the individual signs a welfare-to-work plan. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 1979 Independent Living Program (Steinberg)

SUMMARY: Requires the department to develop and adopt emergency regulations, in consultation with specified stakeholders, that counties shall be required to meet when administering the Independent Living Program and that are achievable within existing funding resources. (*Chapter 271, Statutes of 2002*)

AB 2088 Frank Gindick Youth Programs Act of 2002 (Briggs)

SUMMARY: Authorizes for the local ballot the Frank Gindick Youth Programs Act of 2002, which would finance the support of youth programs and capital improvements with \$100 million in general obligation bonds for youth program providers in the state. (*Failed passage in Assembly Human Services*)

AB 2116 CalWORKs eligibility and work activities (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Stops or extends the CalWORKs 60-month time clock under certain circumstances, including when the unemployment makes the state or county unable to provide employment for individuals required to participate in welfare-to-work activities, in any month the client satisfies his or her 32 or 35 hour weekly work participation requirement entirely through unsubsidized employment, and when the client is unable to participate in welfare-to-work activities due to the state's or county's lack of resources or funding for these activities or for supportive services such as child care. (*Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*)

AB 2172 Child welfare agency personnel (Strickland)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Social Services and the Department of Justice to conduct a study regarding access by county child welfare agency personnel to criminal records, and the cost and time required to train these persons to use the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) system. *(Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)*

AB 2235 In-Home Supportive Services (Vargas)

SUMMARY: Requires each county to provide the department with documentation, as prescribed, to demonstrate compliance with the requirement that each county shall act as, or establish, an employer for IHSS providers for certain purposes, and requires the Controller to make certain deductions from the wages of in-home supportive services personnel related to employee organizations. *(Chapter 1135, Statutes of 2002)*

AB 2255 Child care center activity space (Wright)

SUMMARY: Requires the department to conduct a pilot project in the City of Los Angeles to test the impact of modifying the outdoor activity space square footage requirement on the availability and quality of care at licensed day care centers, and requires the department to conduct a review of child care licensing regulations to determine impediments to the establishment of licensed child care programs in certain geographic areas. *(Failed passage in Senate Health & Human Services)*

AB 2294 Foster care (Liu)

SUMMARY: Expands the duties of the State Foster Care Ombudsperson to require him or her to compile and make available to the Legislature additional information, including the type and source of complaints received, to present and distribute this information in order to be used in developing policy recommendations, and provides that the ombudsperson shall be appointed for a term of 4 years, and permits the director to reappoint the ombudsperson for consecutive terms. *(Chapter 1160, Statutes of 2002)*

AB 2311 Child care (Chu)

SUMMARY: Makes technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to the laws governing child care and development programs administered by the State Department of Education. *(Chapter 435, Statutes of 2002)*

AB 2337 Department of Health Services advertising campaign (Reyes)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Health Services to design and implement television advertising campaigns directed at target audiences based on target populations of specified programs and demographic characteristics of local television to promote the Healthy Families Program and teenage pregnancy prevention programs operated by the department. *(Dropped by the author)*

AB 2380 Foster care group homes (Ashburn)

SUMMARY: Provides that the work experience requirement for an administrator of a group home facility with a licensed capacity of 6 clients or less is satisfied if it is obtained at a community care facility with a licensed capacity of 6 or more. *(Vetoed by Governor)*

AB 2386 CalWORKs eligibility (Keeley)

SUMMARY: Extends under specified circumstances the CalWORKs program time period for vocational training, specifically a 12-month extension when individual has been diagnosed with a physical, mental or emotional learning disability that prevents full-time participation in, or completion of, the county-approved educational, vocational, or job training program as would ordinarily be expected of individuals without any of those conditions, despite full-time attendance. *(Vetoed by Governor)*

AB 2415 CalWORKs eligibility (Keeley)

SUMMARY: Requires CalWORKs and food stamp recipients to report quarterly instead of monthly and makes Medi-Cal recipients categorically eligible for food stamps. *(Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee)*

AB 2416 In-Home Supportive Services (Bates)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Social Services to establish a pilot program in 3 counties to require each county's IHSS employer of record to maintain a registry of providers who are available to provide services as an IHSS provider and who have voluntarily obtained a criminal record clearance via a criminal background check. *(Dropped by the author)*

AB 2555 Child care and development services (Leach)

SUMMARY: Provides that if an agency places a person who has been convicted of specified theft-related crimes in a position of fiscal responsibility or control, the agency may have its contract suspended or terminated immediately, upon review and recommendation of the general counsel of the State Department of Education, and provides for appeal rights. *(Chapter 142, Statutes of 2002)*

AB 2651 Foster youth (Chu)

SUMMARY: Permits the foster parent training program to include topics related to gay and lesbian foster youth, and education on teenage sexual health and other methods of protection against sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, and expresses the intent of the Legislature that the State Foster Care Ombudsperson address complaints brought by all foster youth, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender foster youth. *(Vetoed by Governor)*

AB 2741 Children's School Readiness and Health Council (Chan)

SUMMARY: Creates the Children's School Readiness and Health Council in the California Health and Human Services Agency, with the responsibility to, among other things, promote policy development and to coordinate programs that address children's school readiness and health. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 2749 Child care facility funding (Chan)

SUMMARY: States the policy of the state that funds appropriated for funding placements in child care facilities that are not used in any fiscal year should be reallocated to those child care facilities in communities with unmet child care needs, and would direct the Department of Education to adopt regulations for this purpose. (*Dropped by the author*)

AB 2800 California Children and Families Commission (Chan)

SUMMARY: Authorizes the state commission, established by Proposition 10 of 1998, to use its funding to support school readiness activities, and clarifies that the Commission may grant funds to local commissions. (*Chapter 245, Statutes of 2002*)

AB 2874 Child care licensing (Florez)

SUMMARY: Requires that any license-exempt family daycare home, and any license-exempt family relative, that provides care for children be restricted to six children at any one time who are receiving state or federal subsidies, except as specified. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

AB 2926 Food Stamps (Longville)

SUMMARY: Requires the office of the Legislative Analyst to study the distribution of food stamps in a number of counties located throughout California, and to report to the Legislature on the results of the study by December 31, 2003. (*Dropped by the author*)

AB 3047 Human services (Committee on Human Services)

SUMMARY: Makes technical changes to the Health and Safety and Welfare and Institutions Codes in the area of child care licensing, supplemental family grants during times of disaster, and deletes obsolete statutory references. (*Chapter 350, Statutes of 2002*)

ACR 169 California youth (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Requests that state agencies and the Legislature include young people in the decisionmaking process regarding matters that affect California's young people. (*Chapter 111, Statutes of 2002*)

AJR 53 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program (Aroner)

SUMMARY: Urges federal policymakers in reauthorizing TANF to adjust the TANF block grant for inflation, maintain state flexibility to spend TANF funds, provide a safety net to vulnerable children, and design the most effective ways to move people into work. (*Chapter 195, Statutes of 2002*)

SB 87 Blind Vendor Revolving Loan Fund (Soto)

SUMMARY: Creates the Blind Vendor Revolving Loan Fund in the State Treasury and would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the Department of Rehabilitation, for the purpose of providing loans for the purchase of inventory and equipment by existing blind vendors. (*Chapter 327, Statutes of 2001*)

SB 101 Abandonment of newborns (Brulte)

SUMMARY: Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Social Services and would require the department, in consultation with the Department of Health Services, the Department of Education, and the Attorney General, to use these funds to develop and implement a social marketing campaign regarding the abandonment of newborn infants, and to determine what options are available to the parents in this time of crisis. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

SB 105 Services for the blind (Burton)

SUMMARY: Establishes the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, establishes the responsibilities of the division, requires the director of the division to report to the Legislature and the Governor on programs administered by the division, requires the director to appoint a Blind Advisory Committee and a Deaf Advisory Committee to advise the director on certain issues, and makes related and conforming changes. (*Chapter 1102, Statutes of 2002*)

SB 227 Regional Centers (Chesbro)

SUMMARY: Authorizes the Department of Developmental Services to approve additional self-determination pilot projects, which are designed to provide consumers and families with enhanced control over decision-making regarding which services will best meet the objectives in the consumer's individual plan. (*Dropped by the author*)

SB 380 CalWORKs Community College students (Murray)

SUMMARY: Allows a CalWORKs client enrolled in educational programs to apply one hour of study for each hour of classroom instruction, up to a maximum of 6 hours per week, toward the individual's hourly work requirement. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

SB 390 Child care and development (Escutia)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Education to develop the state master plan for child care and development in consultation and collaboration with an oversight task force, with a prescribed roster of members. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

SB 432 Parole and child abuse (Monteith)

SUMMARY: Requires the Parole Authority to give notice to local law enforcement of the release of a person who was confined for an act of domestic violence, and requires that notice also be given to a county child welfare services agency that requests notification. (*Chapter 470, Statutes of 2001*)

SB 493 Health programs (Sher)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services, to implement a simplified eligibility process as part of the Food Stamp Program to expedite Medi-Cal program and Healthy Families Program enrollment for food stamp recipients who are not enrolled in those programs. (*Chapter 897, Statutes of 2001*)

SB 511 Children with disabilities (Alpert)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Education to award grants for the establishment of Family Empowerment Centers on Disability in each of the 32 regions in the state established under the Early Start Family Resource Centers that are operated by the State Department of Developmental Services for the purpose of extending services to communities not receiving services. (*Chapter 690, Statutes of 2001*)

SB 515 Youth Development Act (Alpert)

SUMMARY: Establishes the California Council on Youth Development, with specified mission purpose and membership, to advise the Governor, state agencies and departments, and the Legislature on the ways and means to establish programs, systems, and processes designed to meet the goals of the Legislature with respect to California's youth, and to develop a strategic plan to identify the roles, responsibilities, opportunities, and challenges in achieving the goals set forth in the bill. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

SB 533 Developmental Disabilities (Chesbro)

SUMMARY: Requires the department, in conjunction with the annual individual program plan review process, to collect data that would reflect whether any individual who currently resides in a developmental center may be supported in an integrated community setting, and to then identify the specific living arrangements and support services that would facilitate the transition for each of the individuals eligible for services. (*Vetoed by Governor*)

SB 543 Child care and development (Scott)

SUMMARY: Specifies and defines the administrative duties of alternative payment providers to include initial intake, eligibility determination, family and provider services, payment and accounting, information management and reporting, and also requires a study of misuse or fraudulent use of child care subsidies. (*Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee*)

SB 646 Child care employee registry (Ortiz)

SUMMARY: Authorizes DSS to operate a substitute child care employee registry pilot program in order to permit employee registries to make child care staff who have a criminal background and child abuse index clearance available to child care providers. (*Chapter 669, Statutes of 2002*)

SB 819 Child care facility (Johnson)

SUMMARY: Requires that the Department of Social Services reopen an investigation into a licensed child day care facility when any person provides the department with a certified copy of a court record in which a judicial officer has determined that a child's injury may have been inflicted while in the custody of the day care facility. (*Chapter 378, Statutes of 2001*)

SB 841 Foster care emancipating youth (Alpert)

SUMMARY: Requires the Department of Social Services to provide technical assistance and training to help counties that elect to establish Early Start to Emancipation programs similar to a program established in Los Angeles County that provides services to foster youth as they transition from middle school to high school. (*Chapter 694, Statutes of 2001*)

SB 884 Foster care (Escutia)

SUMMARY: Authorizes a county to grant an exemption to hire an individual who would otherwise be prohibited from employment due to criminal background check results if the Director of Social Services has granted the county permission to issue criminal records exemptions, and requires the department to conduct an evaluation of the implementation of these provisions through random sampling. (*Chapter 445, Statutes of 2001*)

SB 1095 Care provider background investigations (Escutia)

SUMMARY: Consolidates existing fingerprinting requirements governing facilities and workers licensed by the Department of Social Services into a single statute, and adds failure to cooperate with the licensing agency to the list of grounds for which the State Department of Social Services may revoke a license. (*Dropped by the author*)

SB 1190 Assistive dog allowance (Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

SUMMARY: Provides recipients of Social Security Disability Insurance an additional \$15 per month food allowance for guide, signal or service dogs. (*Chapter 452, Statutes of 2001*)

SB 1264 CalWORKs (Alpert)

SUMMARY: Adds to those payments that may not be treated as income or resources of the family for purposes of determining eligibility under the CalWORKs program, any award or scholarship provided by a public or private entity to a dependent child based on the child's academic or extracurricular achievement or participation in a scholastic, educational, or extracurricular competition. (*Chapter 439, Statutes of 2002*)

SB 1499 Child care court records (Johnson)

SUMMARY: Repeals a statutory provision which requires the Department of Social Services to provide a copy of a specified court record to county child protective services related to the injury of a child potentially inflicted by a child care provider. (*Chapter 353, Statutes of 2002*)

SB 1505 Child welfare services (Kuehl)

SUMMARY: Adds teen dating violence to the issues required to be covered by a statewide training program for county child protective service social workers. (*Chapter 354, Statutes of 2002*)

SB 1630 Services for the developmentally disabled (Chesbro)

SUMMARY: Eliminates the Organization of Area Boards, transfers certain of its powers and duties and reconstitutes the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and makes various technical and conforming changes, including changes to conform state law with federal requirements. (*Chapter 676, Statutes of 2002*)

SB 1650 Youth mentoring (Alpert)

SUMMARY: Codifies legislative findings relative to the benefits of mentoring and other positive developmental relationships between youth and adults, declares the Legislature's goal to give every young person in California access to a quality mentoring relationship, and declares legislative intent with respect to the operation of mentor programs. (*Chapter 355, Statutes of 2002*)

SJR 42 Child Care and Development Block Grant (Escutia)

SUMMARY: Memorializes the United States Congress to approve legislation that increases and reauthorizes funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant. (*Chapter 109, Statutes of 2002*)