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MARK STONE, CHAIR**

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INTRODUCTION

The Assembly Committee on Human Services has jurisdiction over programs and services designed to assist the state's most vulnerable populations, including children who have been abused or neglected, people with disabilities, low-income families, and the elderly. In the 2013 Legislative Session, 72 bills were referred to the Committee, 40 were passed by the Legislature, and 38 became law.

A complete summary of bills referred to the Human Services Committee in the 2013 session follows.

CALFRESH

**AB 191 (Bocanegra) – CalFresh: categorical eligibility.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 669, Statutes of 2013**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (DSS), to the extent permitted by federal law, to design and implement a program of categorical eligibility for CalFresh for any categorically eligible household that includes a member who receives, or is eligible to receive, assistance under the Medi-Cal program.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)	Senate Human Services (4-2)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)	Senate Appropriations (5-2)
Assembly Floor (54-23)	Senate Floor (28-10)
	Assembly Concurrence (54-24)

**AB 309 (Mitchell) – CalFresh: homeless youth.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 97, Statutes of 2013**

This bill clarifies that unaccompanied homeless children and youth, regardless of age, can apply for CalFresh benefits. This bill also requires counties to provide written notice to an unaccompanied minor if his or her CalFresh application is denied, and adds information regarding CalFresh eligibility for homeless youth and children and targeting expedited CalFresh services to unaccompanied homeless youth and children to the information county welfare departments provide

to homeless shelter operators, local education liaisons and other community agencies that provide services to homeless people.

Legislative History

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

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (33-0)
Assembly Concurrence (74-0)

**SB 134 (Hueso) – CalFresh eligibility.
Chapered by Secretary of State - Chapter 283, Statutes of 2013**

This bill exempts military veterans who have been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces from mandatory placement in the CalFresh Employment and Training (CalFresh E&T) program in a participating county and instead allows those veterans to voluntarily participate in the program. This bill also requires counties to provide referrals to local county veterans service offices (CVSOs) and referrals to veterans' assistance and job training agencies for veterans applying for CalFresh benefits that are required to register to work but are exempt from mandatory placement in a county's CalFresh E&T program.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Senate Floor (39-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Floor (76-0)
Senate Concurrence (37-0)

**SB 283 (Hancock) – CalFresh eligibility.
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill deletes provisions in state law that prohibit the provision of CalFresh benefits to individuals convicted of certain drug-related felonies and deletes related provisions that require proof of participation in drug treatment programs for individuals who are convicted of felony drug offenses that do not result in their ineligibility for CalFresh benefits. This bill also provides that as a condition of receiving CalFresh benefits, an applicant convicted of a felony drug offense who is on probation or another form of supervised release must comply with the terms of the release program, and establishes that if a recipient's supervised release is revoked, resulting in the recipient's incarceration, her or she shall be ineligible for CalFresh benefits during the period of revocation.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-1)
Senate Appropriations (5-2)
Senate Floor (26-8)

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

**SB 672 (Leno) – CalFresh: eligibility: guidelines.
Chapered by Secretary of State - Chapter 568, Statutes of 2013**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to issue guidance to counties to simplify the verification of dependent care expense deductions for purposes of determining a household's eligibility for, or amount of, CalFresh benefits. This bill requires that guidance to establish that

SB 672 (Leno) Cont.

dependent care expenses shall be considered verified upon receipt of a self-certified statement of monthly dependent care expenses unless federal law or guidance requires additional documentation, and provides that a county agency may request additional documentation to verify dependent care expenses if the verification received is questionable.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (5-2)
Senate Floor (33-6)

Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (54-23)
Senate Concurrence (30-8)

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

**AB 197 (Stone) - CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits: vehicles.
Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill eliminates the vehicle asset test for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. Specifically, this bill excludes a motor vehicle from consideration when determining or re-determining eligibility for CalWORKs and deletes the requirement for a county worker to assess the value of a motor vehicle when determining and re-determining eligibility for applicants and recipients of CalWORKs aid.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 271 (Mitchell) – CalWORKs eligibility.
Held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill repeals the maximum family grant (MFG) or "family cap" rule under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, which prohibits aid payments to a child born into a family that has received CalWORKs aid for the 10 months preceding the child's birth. Additionally, this bill prohibits requiring an applicant or recipient of CalWORKs aid to provide certain information regarding the use of particular methods of contraception, or information regarding the status of a member of the assistance unit as a victim of rape or incest, as a condition of program eligibility.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (53-25)

Senate Human Services (4-2)
Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

AB 419 (Lowenthal) – CalWORKs: eligibility.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 293, Statutes of 2013

This bill expands the current provisions regarding the hospitalization of children in a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipient family by stating that a child is considered temporarily absent from the home—and, therefore, still eligible for a CalWORKs grant—if he or she is a patient in either a public or private hospital, regardless of the duration of the hospitalization. Under current law, a child in a family receiving CalWORKs is considered temporarily absent from the home if he or she is a patient in a public hospital for less than two months.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)	Senate Appropriations (6-0)
Assembly Floor (76-0)	Senate Floor (37-0)

AB 814 (Bradford) – CalWORKs: eligibility: truancy.
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

This bill eliminates the double penalty assessed against California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipients for truancy, which currently results in the loss of a parent's CalWORKs grant amount if a child in the assistance unit who is under 16 years of age is deemed to be truant. Additionally, this bill requires county offices to take steps to encourage children who are not attending school to continue their education, as well as ensure that the compulsory education requirements of children under age 16 who are part of the CalWORKs assistance unit are factored into the development of welfare-to-work plans and the consideration of applicable exemptions.

Legislative History

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

AB 832 (Weber) – Electronic benefits transfer cards: state college campuses.
Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill

This bill requires all convenience stores and bookstores on any campus of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to accept the use of electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 1094 (Brown) – CalWORKs: eligibility.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 554, Statutes of 2013

This bill expands the definition of disability-based unearned income under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program to include any veteran's disability

AB 1094 (Brown) Cont.

compensation. This bill will ensure veteran's disability benefits are treated like other disability benefits for the purpose of calculating a recipient's CalWORKs grant amount.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)	Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Assembly Floor (77-0)	Senate Floor (39-0)

**AB 1107 (Garcia) – CalWORKs eligibility: domestic violence.
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill establishes statewide standards for notifying California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) applicants and recipients of accommodations and specific program rule waivers available to them if they are victims of domestic violence and establishes criteria for granting such waivers, including the sworn statement of an applicant or recipient verifying current or past domestic abuse.

Legislative History

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

**SB 252 (Liu) – CalWORKs: welfare-to-work requirements.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 563, Statutes of 2013**

This bill clarifies that pregnant women who are California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipients and who do not have medical verification of a pregnancy-related illness shall be considered for other welfare-to-work exemptions that are applied under current law for non-pregnant CalWORKs recipients. This bill also includes participation in a voluntary maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting program or other voluntary home visiting program for low-income Californians among allowable welfare-to-work activities.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)	Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Senate Appropriations (5-1)	Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Senate Floor (34-4)	Assembly Floor (53-24)
Senate Concurrence (30-8)	

CHILD CARE

**AB 260 (Gordon) – Individualized county child care subsidy plans.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 731, Statutes of 2013**

This bill makes permanent the individualized county child care subsidy pilot plan for San Mateo County, and it extends the sunset date for the San Francisco County pilot from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2016 and phases out the program between July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2018. It also requires San Francisco County to submit a report evaluating the pilot, which shall include a recommendation as to

AB 260 (Gordon) Cont.

whether the pilot project should be made permanent, to the Legislature, the Department of Social Services and the California Department of Education on or before December 31, 2014.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Education (9-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)	Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Assembly Floor (78-0)	Senate Floor (39-0)
	Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

**AB 274 (Bonilla) – Child care and development services.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 733, Statutes of 2013**

This bill makes a number of changes to the Child Care and Development Services Act (CCDSA). Specifically, it requires child care providers and Alternative Payment Program providers to develop, submit and certify child care attendance and accounting records electronically on a monthly basis. It also allows a child’s attendance to be reported on a monthly basis and for the attendance sheet to be signed under penalty of perjury by the child’s parent or guardian and a child development staff person. Lastly, upon the implementation of the Financial Information System for California (FI\$Cal) within the California Department of Education (CDE), it requires the CDE to request the Controller to make a payment to a child care contractor via direct deposit, upon the contractor's request.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Education (9-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)	Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Assembly Floor (77-0)	Senate Floor (37-0)
	Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

**AB 290 (Alejo) – Child day care: childhood nutrition training.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 734, Statutes of 2013**

This bill amends the California Child Day Care Facilities Act (CDCFA) to require any child day care facility seeking to be licensed under the act, on or after January 1, 2016, to include elementary training in childhood nutrition and practices that support the overall health of children. This includes a requirement that at least one director or teacher employed by a child development agency has no less than one hour of childhood nutrition training in addition to the 15 hours of training already required under law.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)	Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Assembly Floor (77-0)	Senate Floor (38-0)
	Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

**AB 812 (Mitchell) – Child care: contracts: termination and suspension.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 249, Statutes of 2013**

This bill revises existing authority for the California Department of Education (CDE) to suspend or terminate child development provider contracts. Specifically, it removes the authority of the CDE to suspend a child development agency's contract and replaces it with the authority to immediately terminate the contract if it is found, upon recommendation of the CDE's general counsel, that the agency has violated specified conditions. This bill also clarifies child development agency contract definitions and requires the CDE to provide technical assistance to any child development agency making a written request within 60 days of receipt of the request. Lastly, this bill makes other operational changes for child development contractors, including monthly reporting requirements and hiring conditions for individuals responsible for the agency's fiscal operation, and it prohibits an agency from operating while under an appeal for an immediate termination of its contract.

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

Senate Education (9-0)
Senate Appropriations (SR 28.8)
Senate Floor (38-0)
Assembly Concurrence (76-0)

**AB 835 (Muratsuchi) – Child care: facilities: loans.
Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill permits the Department of Housing and Community Development, with the agreement of the borrower, to renegotiate child care facility loan terms of a loan originally entered into with the California Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency with funding provided by the Child Care and Development Facilities Direct Loan Fund and guaranteed by the Child Care and Development Facilities Loan Guaranty Fund.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)
Assembly Floor (56-15)

Senate Human Services (4-1)
Senate Appropriations (Not heard)

**SB 443 (Walters) – Organized camps.
Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill revises the definition of an “organized camp” to include definitions for an “organized day camp” and an “organized resident camp.” It also establishes operational requirements for both organized day and organized resident camps.

Legislative History

Senate Health (9-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Senate Floor (38-0)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/FOSTER CARE

**AB 196 (Mansoor) – Foster parent evaluations.
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop and implement a foster parent evaluation process by January 1, 2015. This foster parent evaluation will allow foster youth ten years of age or older to provide feedback on the quality of care they receive while under the care of California’s child welfare system.

Legislative History

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

**AB 352 (Hall) – Foster care: smoke-free environment.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 292, Statutes of 2013**

This bill prohibits smoking in specified licensed and certified community care facilities that serve minors and nonminors. Specifically, this bill requires licensed group homes, foster family agencies, small family homes, transitional housing placement providers, and crisis nurseries that provide residential care to minors and nonminors to maintain a smoke-free environment. It also prohibits a person who is licensed or certified pursuant to these provisions from smoking in any motor vehicle that is regularly used to transport a child.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)	Senate Human Services (4-0)
Assembly Gov. Org. (12-0)	Senate Appropriations (SR 28.8)
Assembly Appropriations (12-0)	Senate Floor (24-8)
Assembly Floor (51-19)	Assembly Concurrence (55-20)

**AB 413 (Chavez) – Foster care: specialized foster care homes.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 100, Statutes of 2013**

This bill makes a technical correction to the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) related to foster care homes. Specifically, it deletes an obsolete reference to Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 1523 in WIC Section 17732 and replaces it with the correct reference to H&S Code Section 1523.1.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Floor (76-0)	Senate Floor (39-0)

**AB 506 (Mitchell) – HIV testing: infants.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 153, Statutes of 2013**

This bill allows a social worker to provide written consent to a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) test for an infant who is less than 12 months of age and is in temporary custody or is a dependent of the court. Prior to consenting to an HIV test, a social worker must provide known

AB 506 (Mitchell) Cont.

information that the infant has been at risk of exposure to HIV and must make a reasonable effort to contact the infant's parent or guardian and document that effort, and a physician and surgeon must determine and document that an HIV test is necessary. This bill also requires the attending physician and surgeon and the social worker to comply with all applicable state and federal confidentiality laws. If an infant tests positive for HIV, and the physician and surgeon determines that immediate HIV medical care is necessary for that infant, that care shall be considered emergency medical care that may be authorized, without court order, by a social worker. Additionally, if an infant tests positive for HIV infection, this bill requires the social worker to provide to the physician and surgeon any available contact information for the biological mother of the infant for purposes of reporting the HIV infection to the local health officer.

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Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Judiciary (10-0)
Assembly Floor (77-0)

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Judiciary (7-0)
Senate Floor (33-0)
Assembly Concurrence (76-0)

**AB 545 (Mitchell) – Dependent children: placement: nonrelative extended family member.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 294, Statutes of 2013**

This bill expands the definition of a nonrelative extended family member (NREFM), within California's child welfare system, to include an adult caregiver who has an established familial relationship with a relative of a child whose placement with a NREFM is being considered.

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Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Floor (77-0)

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Judiciary (7-0)
Senate Floor (38-0)
Assembly Concurrence (76-0)

**AB 643 (Stone) – Public schools: pupil records: confidentiality.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 80, Statutes of 2013**

This bill brings the state's Education Code into compliance with the federal Uninterrupted Scholars Act by adding a caseworker or other representative of a state or county welfare agency, as defined under federal law, to the list of individuals or offices permitted to access the educational records of children in foster care. It also specifies that educational records may only be released to a state or county welfare agency caseworker who is engaged in addressing the pupil's educational needs and who is authorized by that child welfare agency (CWA) to receive those records. It further prohibits the disclosure of educational records by the CWA to any other person, agency or organization unless otherwise permitted under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and state law.

AB 643 (Stone) Cont.

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Assembly Education (7-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Floor (75-0)

Senate Education (9-0)

Senate Floor (39-0)

Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

AB 758 (Frazier) – Child abuse and neglect reports.

Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill

This bill requires each county child welfare agency (CWA), within 60 calendar days of determining that abuse or neglect led to a child's death in the county, to review the child's death and prepare a written report containing specified information. This bill also requires a CWA to submit this report to the Department of Social Services (DSS) within 10 business days of its completion. Lastly, this bill requires DSS to include the aforementioned information from CWAs in its annual report identifying child fatalities and potential systemic issues or patterns revealed by the notices received from CWAs.

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Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

AB 787 (Stone) – Foster care.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 487, Statutes of 2013

This bill makes numerous technical and clarifying changes to the California Fostering Connections to Success Act of 2010. Specifically, this bill aligns Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 727 with current law to clarify that a probation officer, in addition to a social worker, may place a nonminor dependent (NMD) into an approved transitional housing placement under AB 12 (Beall and Bass), Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010, and allows re-entry into nonminor dependency for former NMDs who reach permanency and whose guardian, relative or adoptive parent dies before their 21st birthday. Additionally, this bill clarifies the juvenile court's authority and the process it must undertake to terminate dependency for a NMD while maintaining jurisdiction over the youth as a nonminor, and adjusts eligibility for NMD status to include that a NMD "has" rather than "is participating in" his or her transitional independent living case plan. This bill further clarifies current statute to ensure that minors participating in a voluntary placement agreement may become eligible for extended foster care pursuant to required actions of the child welfare agency and the juvenile court.

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Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Judiciary (10-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Assembly Floor (70-0)

Senate Human Services (6-0)

Senate Judiciary (7-0)

Senate Appropriations (7-0)

Senate Floor (39-0)

Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

**AB 985 (Cooley) – Guardianship and adoption assistance.
Held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill extends state Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP) benefits from age 18 to age 21 for former nonminor dependents who were placed with relative guardians and whose state or federally funded Kin-GAP payments began prior to the age of 16.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (16-1)	Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)
Assembly Floor (75-1)	

**AB 1133 (Mitchell) – Foster children: special health care needs.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 490, Statutes of 2013**

This bill requires social workers to give preference to a licensed foster parent who is also a health care practitioner for purposes of placement of a medically fragile foster child. Specifically, it requires placement priority be given to a foster parent who is a nurse authorized to provide home- and community-based services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program. It also requires the preference to be subordinate to the preference granted to a relative or nonrelative extended family member. Lastly, it provides that the priority consideration does not prohibit a child welfare agency or the juvenile court from placing a medically fragile foster child in a specialized foster care home with appropriate support services or another appropriate placement if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the child.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Floor (74-0)	Senate Floor (39-0)
	Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

**AB 1171 (Levine) – Child welfare services: electronic records.
Held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill creates a pilot program for the provision of electronic access to records for foster youth in three or more counties designated by the Department of Social Services (DSS) by July 1, 2014. Additionally, this bill allows the participating counties to utilize existing online electronic systems in order to reduce costs and prohibits implementation of the pilot until the Director of the Department of Finance deems there are sufficient non-state general fund monies available to fund the pilot. Lastly, this bill requires the pilot counties, in consultation with DSS, to submit an evaluation report to the Legislature by December 1, 2016 with recommendations as to whether the pilot should be extended, expanded or made permanent.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (16-0)	Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)
Assembly Floor (76-0)	

**AB 1187 (Mansoor) – Foster care funds: subsidized child care for foster parents.
Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to amend the foster care state plan to allow counties to use state subsidized child care and development (CCD) funds and After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program funds as part of the 50/50 match for federal Title IV-E Foster Care child care funding. It also aligns current requirements for counties should they choose to utilize state subsidized CCD funds and/or ASES program funds as their local match for federal Title IV-E Foster Care.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**SB 342 (Yee) Foster children: social worker: visits.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 492, Statutes of 2013**

This bill makes a number of changes to existing law regarding social workers' federally and state required visits to foster youth under their care. Specifically, it requires a social worker or probation officer to inform a foster youth placed in a group home or foster home of his or her right to have a private discussion either in or outside of the foster home or group home and to comply with such a request from the youth. It also aligns state law with federal law by requiring that no more than two consecutive monthly visits are held outside of the foster youth's residence and requires the social worker or probation officer to document in the case file and in the court report the location of the visit and the reason for the visit occurring outside of the foster youth's residence. This bill further provides that a private discussion held with a foster youth does not replace the obligation of the social worker or probation officer to physically visit the foster home or group home.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Senate Floor 39-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (78-0)
Senate Concurrence (36-0)

**SB 343 (Yee) – Dependent children: documents.
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill requires a county welfare agency, at a dependent child's first regularly scheduled court hearing after he or she turns 16 years of age, to submit a report verifying that specified information, documents, and services have been provided to the minor and recasts Section 391 of the Welfare and Institutions Code regarding the termination of a minor or nonminor's dependency jurisdiction.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Judiciary (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Senate Floor (39-0)

Assembly Judiciary (10-0)
Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**SB 522 (Hueso) – Foster Family Home and Small Family Home Insurance Fund.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 494, Statutes of 2013**

This bill clarifies that liability coverage of the Foster Family Homes and Small Family Home Insurance Fund (Fund) excludes coverage of certain criminal or intentional acts committed by a foster parent. It also requires, for purposes of limiting the liability of the Fund, that multiple incidences of a general course of conduct be considered one "occurrence," regardless of the period of time during which the acts occurred.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)	Assembly Appropriations (13-0)
Senate Floor (38-0)	Assembly Floor (58-15)
	Senate Rules Pursuant to SR 29.10 (5-0)
	Senate Human Services Concurrence (6-0 – concur)
	Senate Concurrence (38-0)

**SB 528 (Yee) – Dependents: care and treatment: minor parents and nonminor dependent parents.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 338, Statutes of 2013**

This bill makes a number of changes to the types of supportive services and information provided to foster youth, especially parenting foster youth. Specifically, it provides greater specificity regarding the types of age-appropriate medical care services and information a dependent minor may consent to for diagnosis and treatment and permits a social worker to inform a dependent over the age of 12 of his or her right to consent to and receive those health care services. This bill also adds the right to access this information to the Foster Youth Bill of Rights. It further states the intent of the Legislature to ensure that complete and accurate data on parenting minor and nonminor dependents and their children is collected, and that the Department of Social Services shall ensure that information relating to the total number of children, their ages, their ethnic groups, their placement types, and their time in care is publicly available on a quarterly basis by county.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)	Assembly Human Services (6-1)
Senate Judiciary (6-1)	Assembly Judiciary (10-0)
Senate Education (8-0)	Assembly Appropriations (13-0)
Senate Appropriations (6-0)	Assembly Floor (61-15)
Senate Floor (34-2)	Senate Concurrence (32-5)

**SB 738 (Yee) – Sexually exploited and trafficked minors.
Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill clarifies that, until January 1, 2017, a juvenile court may deem a minor a dependent of the court if he or she is a victim of human trafficking or sexual exploitation, or received food or shelter in exchange for, or was paid to perform, sexual acts, and the parent or guardian failed or was unable to protect the child. This bill also requires the California Health and Human Services Agency to convene an interagency workgroup to develop a State Plan to Serve and Protect Sexually Exploited

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and Trafficked Minors that is to be submitted to the Legislature, Judicial Council, and the Governor no later than January 30, 2015. Additionally, it requires the California Child Welfare Council to provide recommendations and updates to that State Plan. Lastly, this bill requires all foster caregiver training to include instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to commercially and sexually trafficked minor dependents.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

Senate Judiciary (7-0)

Senate Appropriations (7-0)

Senate Floor (39-0)

COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

AB 261 (Chesbro) – Residential care facilities for the elderly: fees and charges.

Chapters by Secretary of State - Chapter 290, Statutes of 2013

This bill provides clarification on the termination of an admission agreement and the charging of fees when a residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) resident passes away. Specifically, it prohibits a RCFE from requiring advance notice for the termination of an admission agreement upon the death of a resident and from impeding the removal of a deceased resident's property by the resident's authorized representative(s). It also requires a RCFE to cease charging fees when all personal property of a deceased resident is removed from the living unit and to refund any fees paid in advance that cover time after the deceased resident's property has been removed from the facility to the resident's authorized representative(s) within 15 days of removal of the belongings. Lastly, this bill requires a RCFE licensee to provide a deceased resident's representative written notice regarding contract termination upon death and refunds within three days of becoming aware of the resident's death if fees are assessed while a deceased resident's belongings remain in the facility.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Senate Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Assembly Floor (76-0)

Senate Floor 38-0)

Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

AB 364 (Ian C. Calderon) – Community care facilities: unannounced visits.

Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

This bill changes the requirement that the Department of Social Services visit a licensed community care facility from no less than once every five years to no less than once every two years.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 559 (Gordon) - Residential care facilities for the elderly.
Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill adds to the list of facilities that are exempt from regulation as a residential care facility for the elderly a home or facility approved and annually reviewed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a medical foster home, in which care is provided exclusively to three or fewer veterans.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 581 (Ammiano) – Care facilities: retaliation.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 295, Statutes of 2013**

This bill prohibits a licensee or staff in an adult residential facility, a residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE), or RCFE for persons with chronic life-threatening illness from discriminating or retaliating against a resident or a fellow staff person if that individual has participated in the filing of a complaint, grievance, or request for inspection with the Department of Social Services or with a local or state ombudsman.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Judiciary (10-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Assembly Floor (75-0)

Senate Human Services (6-0)

Senate Judiciary (7-0)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (38-0)

Assembly Concurrence (77-0)

**AB 663 (Gomez) – Care facilities: training requirements.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 675, Statutes of 2013**

This bill requires administrators of adult residential facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to undergo additional training in cultural competency and sensitivity in issues relating to the underserved aging lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)

Assembly AGING & L.T.C. (5-2)

Assembly Appropriations (12-5)

Assembly Floor (52-21)

Senate Human Services (4-2)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (26-11)

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**AB 954 (Maienschein) – Developmental services: habilitation.
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill increases the rates and fees paid to supported employment services providers for regional center consumers. Specifically, this bill increases the hourly rate for supported employment services provided to consumers receiving individualized or group services to \$34.24; increases the fee regional centers pay interim program providers to complete the intake process for a consumer entering a supported employment program to \$400; and increases the fee paid for placement of a consumer in an integrated job and the fee paid after a consumer is retained in a job for 90 days to \$800 apiece.

Legislative History

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

**AB 1041 (Chesbro) – Developmental services: Employment First Policy.
Chapters by Secretary of State - Chapter 677, Statutes of 2013**

This bill creates a statewide Employment First Policy and sets forth requirements related to the inclusion of employment opportunities and services in a regional center consumer's individual program plan, including that opportunities for integrated, competitive employment be given the highest priority for working age individuals with development disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (5-1)
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)	Senate Appropriations (6-1)
Assembly Floor (68-7)	Senate Floor (29-7)
	Assembly Concurrence (66-10)

**AB 1089 (Ian C. Calderon) – Foster care.
Held in Senate Human Services Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill establishes timelines and procedures for the transfer of responsibility and records, and the provision of early intervention and developmental services, to children in foster care who receive regional center services and move from one regional center catchment area to another.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)	Senate Human Services (Not heard)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)	
Assembly Floor (72-0)	

**AB 1112 (Ammiano) – As introduced: Developmental services: habilitation.
As amended in the Senate on 9/11/13: Transportation transactions and
use taxes: Bay Area.**

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 595, Statutes of 2013

As introduced, this bill required rates and fees for supported employment services for people with developmental disabilities to be consistent with rates and fees set by the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) for individuals with other disabilities who are served by DOR.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0 – not relevant)	Senate Human Services (6-0 – not relevant)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0 – not relevant)	Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)
Assembly Floor (70-0 – not relevant)	AS AMENDED 9/11/13
	Senate Rule 29.3 suspended (25-5)
	Senate GOV. & F. (4-2)
	Senate Floor (24-11)
	Assembly Concurrence (45-26)

**AB 1231 (V. Manuel Pérez) – Developmental services: quality assessment system.
Vetoed by the Governor**

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services to inform all regional centers that appropriate health care services and dentistry services may be provided to regional center consumers, on a voluntary basis, through the use of telehealth.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Health (19-0)	Senate Health (9-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)	Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Assembly Floor (74-0)	Senate Floor (39-0)
	Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

AB 1232 (V. Manuel Pérez) – Developmental services: quality assessment system.

Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 679, Statutes of 2013

This bill includes linguistic and cultural competency among the outcomes measured with the State Department of Developmental Services quality assurance instrument used to assess the provision of services to regional center consumers.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (6-0)
Assembly Appropriations (16-0)	Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Assembly Floor (73-0)	Senate Floor (33-0)
	Assembly Concurrence (71-0 - action rescinded)
	Senate Floor (37-0)
	Assembly Concurrence (75-0)

**SB 137 (Emmerson) – Developmental services: regional centers.
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill includes actual rates paid to each regional center vendor and other purchase of services and vendor contact information among the information required to be posted on regional center web sites.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)	Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)
Senate Floor (39-0)	

**SB 158 (Correa) – Autism services: demonstration program.
Vetoed by the Governor**

This bill authorizes establishment of the Regional Center Excellence in Community Autism Partnerships demonstration program, and requires the program, if established, to provide improved services, supports, interventions and other resources to assist regional center consumers with autism spectrum disorders who reside in underserved communities and their families.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)	Assembly Appropriations (16-0)
Senate Floor (39-0)	Assembly Floor (76-0)

**SB 208 (Lara) – As introduced: Developmental services: request for proposals.
As amended in the Assembly on 8/30/13: Public social services: contracting.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 656, Statutes of 2013**

This bill requires a request for proposals prepared by a regional center for consumer services and supports to include a section on issues of equity and diversity that requests information regarding the applicant's plan to equitably serve diverse populations. This bill also deletes a prohibition on Medi-Cal prepaid health plans entering into any sub-contract in which consideration is determined by a percentage of the primary contractor's payment from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), unless DHCS objects.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)	Assembly Health (18-0) (
Senate Floor (39-0)	Assembly Appropriations (16-0)
	Assembly Floor (78-0)
	Senate Rules – S.R. 29.10 (4-0)
	Senate Health Concurrence (8-0 – concur)
	Senate Floor Concurrence (38-0)

SB 367 (Block) – Developmental services: regional centers: cultural and linguistic competency. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 682, Statutes of 2013

This bill adds issues relating to linguistic and cultural competency to the training and support a regional center is required to provide to its governing board members; requires each regional center to post information regarding the training and support provided to governing board members on its Internet Web site; and requires a regional center governing board to annually review the performance of the regional center in providing services that are linguistically and culturally appropriate and allows the board to provide recommendations to the regional center director based on the results of that review.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Senate Floor (38-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Floor (76-0)
Senate Concurrence (38-0)

SB 468 (Emmerson) – Developmental services: statewide Self-Determination Program. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 683, Statutes of 2013

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to implement a voluntary, statewide Self-Determination Program that will provide individuals with developmental disabilities individual budgets to maximize choice and flexibility in services provided to implement their individual program plans (IPP). The Self-Determination Program will be phased in over a period of three years, initially serving up to 2,500 regional center consumers, including the remaining participants in previously authorized self-determination pilot projects.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Senate Floor (38-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (78-0)
Senate Concurrence (39-0)

SB 555 (Correa) – Developmental services: regional centers: individual program plans and individualized family service plans. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 685, Statutes of 2013

This bill strengthens conformity between current law and regulations and regional center requirements related to communication and the provision of documentation related to an individual program plan or an individualized family service plan in the native language of a regional center consumer and his or her family or authorized representative.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)
Senate Floor (37-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Floor (71-0)
Senate Concurrence (34-2)

**SB 651 (Pavley) – Developmental centers and state hospitals.
Chapered by Secretary of State - Chapter 724, Statutes of 2013**

This bill establishes requirements for sexual assault examinations of residents in state hospitals and developmental centers and establishes timelines for such facilities to report serious incidents involving major injury or death of a resident. This bill also requires state hospital and developmental center investigators to request sexual assault forensic medical exams at an appropriate facility off the grounds of the facility for a resident who is a victim or reasonably suspected to be a victim of sexual assault unless the state hospital or developmental center is equipped with the resources needed to conduct the exam and collect evidence, and the facility is deemed safer for the resident than an outside location. This bill also establishes new penalties for the failure of developmental centers to report specified incidents.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Health (9-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Senate Floor (37-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Health (19-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (78-0)
Senate Concurrence (39-0)

HOMELESS YOUTH

**AB 346 (Stone) – Runaway and homeless youth shelters.
Chapered by Secretary of State – Chapter 485, Statutes of 2013**

This bill provides the Department of Social Services (DSS) the authority to license runaway and homeless youth shelters (RHYSs). Specifically, it requires DSS to license all RHYSs as a sub-category of group homes, defines a RHYS as a facility that provides voluntary, short-term, emergency shelter and personal services to youth who are homeless, and puts in place numerous requirements with which a RHYS must comply.

Legislative History

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

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (6-0)
Senate Floor (36-0)
Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

**AB 1283 (Bonilla) – Homeless youth: service providers.
Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill requires the California State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice, established pursuant to the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, to study the feasibility of the establishment of a web site for runaway and homeless youth that would include a directory of service providers and the rights of homeless and runaway youth.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**SB 177 (Liu) – Homeless Youth Education Success Act.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 491, Statutes of 2013**

This bill establishes the Homeless Youth Education Act. Under this act, a homeless child or youth is immediately deemed to meet all residency requirements for purposes of eligibility to participate in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities. It also requires all schools and school districts to automatically enroll a homeless child or youth, except charter schools, and requires the California Department of Education and the Department of Social Services to identify representatives from other state agencies with experience in homeless youth issues to develop policies and practices to support homeless children and to ensure that child abuse and neglect reporting requirements do not create barriers to the enrollment of homeless children. Lastly, it aligns the state definition of a "homeless child or youth" with the federal definition under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, and it requires school district homeless education liaisons to ensure that a public notice of the educational rights for homeless youth is disseminated in schools.

Legislative History

Senate Education (9-0)	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Human Services (6-0)	Assembly Education (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)	Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Senate Floor (39-0)	Assembly Floor (78-0)
	Senate Concurrence (37-0)

**SB 347 (Beall) – Youth shelters: funding.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 493, Statutes of 2013**

This bill amends the Youth Center and Youth Shelter Bond Act of 1988 to allow counties to repurpose unexpended bond funds initially awarded for the construction of shelters for abused and neglected children and use those funds for shelters for runaway or homeless youth. It also exempts counties from repaying bond funds if the money was initially allocated for shelters for abused and neglected children and later used for shelters for runaway or homeless youth.

Legislative History

Senate Public Safety (7-0)	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-0)	Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Senate Floor (39-0)	Assembly Floor (78-0)

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)/HOME CARE SERVICES

**AB 322 (Yamada) Home Care Services Act of 2013.
Held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill establishes the Home Care Services Act of 2013 to license and regulate home care organizations providing services for the elderly, frail, and persons with disabilities.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 421 (Williams) – Health and home care worker training.
Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services and the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Health Care Services and stakeholders, to develop a training curriculum for health and home care workers that addresses issues of consistency, accountability, and increased quality of care for health and home care recipients.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 784 (Weber) – In-Home Supportive Services: provider health care benefits.
Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill establishes a 13-member advisory committee to assess the impact of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on health care benefits for in-home supportive services providers and submit a report to the Legislature by March 1, 2014.

Legislative History

Assembly Health (13-5)

Assembly Human Services (4-1)

Assembly Appropriations (Not heard)

**AB 987 (Maienschein) – Personal and Home Care Aide training program.
Held in Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill requires the Secretary of State and Consumer Services to submit an application on behalf of the state to the federal Department of Health and Human Services to receive a three-year grant to establish a Personal and Home Care Aide training program, which would include opportunities for honorably discharged veterans in California.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 1217 (Lowenthal) – Home care Services Consumer Protection Act.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 790, Statutes of 2013**

This bill establishes the Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act, which sets forth a regulatory structure and service requirements for the governance of the personal home care industry. It establishes numerous definitions and procedural requirements including, but not limited to, home care aide requirements, licensure of home care services agencies, complaints, inspections and investigations, operating requirements, clients rights, and enforcement actions and penalties.

AB 1217 (Lowenthal) Cont.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)
Assembly Appropriations (12-5)
Assembly Floor (52-26)

Senate Human Services (4-2)
Senate Appropriations (5-2)
Senate Rules (S.R.29.)
Senate Rules (5-0)
Senate Human Services (4-2)
Senate Floor (25-11)
Assembly Concurrence (52-25)

PUBLIC SERVICES/OTHER HUMAN SERVICES

**AB 845 (Cooley) – Shaken baby syndrome.
Held in the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File**

This bill requires the State Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop and implement, by January 1, 2015, the Shaken Baby Syndrome Education Program and submit a report to the Legislature evaluating the effectiveness of the Program by January 1, 2020. This bill requires DSS, in designing the Program, to implement evidence based practices related to providing information and education to new parents and caregivers of newborns and young infants when selecting and developing materials, providing materials to parents and caregivers, and developing an implementation plan to expand the program statewide.

Legislative History

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

**AB 883 (Cooley) – Child sexual abuse: prevention and intervention programs.
Held in the Assembly Human Services Committee; 2 year bill**

This bill establishes the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program as a pilot program, in participating counties, to provide child sexual abuse prevention and intervention services or to fully fund agencies that provide such services.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (Not heard)

**AB 1280 (John A. Pérez) – Public assistance payments and unemployment compensation benefits: electronic fund transfer: qualifying accounts.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 557, Statutes of 2013**

This bill extends federal safeguards and consumer protection standards to state benefits deposited through electronic funds transfer. Specifically, this bill requires that public assistance benefits and unemployment compensation benefits that are distributed through electronic funds transfer only be transferred to a qualifying account that is either a demand deposit or savings account at an insured financial institution, or a prepaid card account at a financial institution that is insured, is not attached

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to a credit or automatic overdraft feature, and grants the recipient all consumer protections provided under federal law for payroll card accounts.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Assembly Floor (74-0)

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (SR 28.8)
Senate Floor (38-0 - rescinded)
Senate (37-0)
Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

**SB 346 (Beall) – Public social services: records.
Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 658, Statutes of 2013**

This bill provides that "public social services," as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 10051, include publicly funded health care services and establishes that this is a clarification of existing law.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-2)
Senate Judiciary (5-2)
Senate Floor (26-11)

Assembly Human Services (5-2)
Assembly Floor (51-26)
Senate Concurrence (24-12)

**SB 602 (Human Services Committee) Child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment project.
Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 60, Statutes of 2013.**

This bill deletes obsolete requirements related to training and fund distribution for Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) projects, including the requirement that unused CAPIT project funds revert to the State Children's Trust Fund. This bill also allows boards of supervisors in counties participating in CAPIT projects to allocate a portion of their funding to supplement statewide training and technical assistance.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)
Senate Floor (36-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Assembly Floor (74-0)