

Assembly Committee on Human Services

2013-14 LEGISLATIVE BILL SUMMARY

Committee Members

Mark Stone, Chair
Brian Maienschein, Vice Chair
Tom Ammiano
Ian C. Calderon
Cristina Garcia
Shannon Grove
Isadore Hall, III

Committee Staff

Myesha Jackson, Chief Consultant
Chris Reeve, Senior Consultant
Irene Frausto, Committee Secretary

STAFF

MYESHA JACKSON
CHIEF CONSULTANT

CHRIS REEFE
SENIOR CONSULTANT

IRENE FRAUSTO
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Assembly
California Legislature



ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN SERVICES
MARK STONE, CHAIR
ASSEMBLYMEMBER TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT

MEMBERS

BRIAN MAIENSCHIN, VICE CHAIR
TOM AMMIANO
IAN C. CALDERON
CRISTINA GARCIA
SHANNON GROVE
ISADORE HALL, III

November 2014

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 2013-14 Legislative Session, 161 bills were referred to the committee, 83 were passed by the Legislature, and 77 were signed into law. This year, the Legislature acted to help low-income children and families by removing the double truancy penalty for children in CalWORKs recipient households, allowing eligible pregnant women to begin accessing CalWORKs aid and services in the second trimester, and increasing opportunities for eligible low-income college students to receive CalFresh benefits. There were also a number of measures signed into law to better protect residents of residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs), including new penalties for actions that compromise resident health and safety. Other new laws require transparent child care licensing information to be accessible to the public on line and a bill to instill the need for linguistic and cultural competency in services, interactions, and annual performance objectives for Regional Centers serving individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

This year, the committee held three informational and oversight hearings. The first hearing, "Increasing Accountability in Assisted Living Facilities: State Oversight of Care in Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly," was held jointly with the Senate Human Services Committee in February. Following RCFE closures and resident relocation after an owner and operator abandoned elderly and frail residents in an assisted living facility, the committees sought to better understand why enforcement actions were delayed despite numerous complaints against the facility and what the Department of Social Services was doing to ameliorate the issue. The committees also discussed what additional tools might be necessary to monitor RCFE administrators and better protect residents in facilities across the state in order to avoid similar occurrences in the future.

In March, the committee held its second informational hearing, "CalFresh: Highlighting Innovation to Target Key Communities," which focused on barriers to increasing CalFresh program participation among eligible Californians and the innovative approaches being developed and executed in a number of counties to mitigate those challenges. Although the percentage of eligible Californians participating in the program is increasing, CalFresh participation still remains just under 60 percent among eligible households, highlighting the continued need for additional streamlining and outreach, education, and barrier removal.

The committee's third informational hearing, held in October, was titled "Foster Caregiver Recruitment and Retention: Challenges, Lessons Learned and Next Steps." During the hearing, children's advocates, county officials, researchers, Judicial Council, and other child welfare advocates outlined the complexities of going beyond simply finding *placements* for children to securing more family-like and permanent homes for children who enter the child welfare system. Among the most notable witnesses in the hearing were a young woman who talked about her own experiences in foster care and caregivers, both a relative and a non-relative, who explained the challenges caregivers face and provided recommendations to help build the pool of caregivers in California and strengthen the resources available to them.

I would like to thank the members of the Assembly Human Services Committee for their continued commitment to discussing and crafting sound policy to help individuals and families experiencing the greatest level of need throughout our state. I would like to give special thanks to the committee's Vice Chair, Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, for his contributions to the committee process and his investment in improving the lives of vulnerable Californians. The following summary of legislation includes the bills referred to the committee during 2013 and 2014. Recordings of televised hearings are available at www.calchannel.com, and each of the bills described in this summary are publicly accessible from the following sources:

- Copies of chaptered legislation may be requested from the Legislative Bill Room, State Capitol, Room B-32, Sacramento, CA 95814; (916) 445-2323.
- All bills, including their legislative history and analyses, can be accessed at no cost online at: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Stone", with a stylized flourish at the end.

MARK STONE, Chair
Assemblymember, 29th District

STAFF

MYESHA JACKSON
CHIEF CONSULTANT

CHRIS REEFE
SENIOR CONSULTANT

IRENE FRAUSTO
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Assembly
California Legislature



ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN SERVICES
MARK STONE, CHAIR
ASSEMBLYMEMBER TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT

MEMBERS

BRIAN MAIENSCHIN, VICE CHAIR
TOM AMMIANO
IAN C. CALDERON
CRISTINA GARCIA
SHANNON GROVE
ISADORE HALL, III

**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
2013-14 LEGISLATIVE BILL SUMMARY
TABLE OF CONTENTS**

CALFRESH.....6

AB 191 (Bocanegra) CalFresh: categorical eligibility.....	6
AB 276 (Hueso) CalFresh eligibility	6
AB 309 (Mitchell) CalFresh: homeless youth	6
AB 1614 (Stone) Electronic transfers: payments and benefits	6
AB 1776 (Nazarian) Public social services: hearings.....	7
AB 1930 (Skinner) CalFresh: student eligibility	7
AB 2115 (Bradford) CalFresh: school meals.....	7
AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Public social services: eligibility: noncitizens.....	7
AB 2354 (Conway) Electronic benefits transfer cards: photo identification.....	7
SB 134 (Hueso) CalFresh eligibility.....	8
SB 283 (Hancock) CalFresh eligibility.....	8
SB 672 (Leno) CalFresh: eligibility: guidelines	8

**CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS
(CalWORKs)8**

AB 197 (Stone) CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits: vehicles.....	8
AB 264 (Maienschein) CalWORKs: temporary shelter assistance	9
AB 271 (Mitchell) CalWORKs: eligibility.....	9
AB 419 (Lowenthal) CalWORKs: eligibility	9
AB 814 (Bradford) CalWORKs: eligibility: truancy	9
AB 832 (Weber) Electronic benefits transfer cards: state college campuses	9
AB 1094 (Brown) CalWORKs: eligibility	10
AB 1107 (Garcia) CalWORKs eligibility: domestic violence.....	10
AB 1452 (Stone) CalWORKs: temporary homeless assistance	10
AB 1502 (Mullin) CalWORKs: Family Unity Act of 2015	10
AB 1516 (Gonzalez) CalWORKs: young child special needs supplement: supportive services.....	10
AB 1579 (Stone) CalWORKs: pregnant women	10
AB 1613 (Stone) CalWORKs: benefits overpayment	11

AB 1614 (Stone) Electronic transfers: payments and benefits	11
AB 1653 (Garcia) CalWORKs: victims of domestic violence	11
AB 1654 (Bonilla) CalWORKs: assignment of child support	12
AB 1776 (Nazarian) Public social services: hearings.....	12
AB 1882 (Cooley) CalWORKs: relative caregivers.....	12
AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Public social services: eligibility: noncitizens.....	12
AB 2354 (Conway) Electronic benefits transfer cards: photo identification.....	12
AB 2382 (Bradford) CalWORKs: eligibility: truancy	13
AB 2435 (Hagman) CalWORKs: ineligibility.....	13
SB 252 (Liu) CalWORKs: welfare-to-work requirements	13
CHILD CARE	13
AB 260 (Gordon) Individualized county child care subsidy plans.....	13
AB 274 (Bonilla) Child care and development services.....	14
AB 290 (Alejo) Child day care: childhood nutrition training	14
AB 812 (Mitchell) Child care: contracts: termination and suspension.....	14
AB 835 (Muratsuchi) Child care: facilities: loans	14
AB 1819 (Hall) Family day care home: smoking prohibition	15
AB 2101 (Levine) Child care: alternative payment programs and contractors: electronic records	15
AB 2621 (Garcia) Child day care facilities: licensing information	15
SB 443 (Walters) Organized camps.....	15
SB 1123 (Liu) Child care and development services.....	15
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/FOSTER CARE.....	15
AB 196 (Mansoor) Foster parent evaluations	15
AB 352 (Hall) Foster care: smoke-free environment	16
AB 388 (Chesbro) Juveniles	16
AB 413 (Chávez) Foster care: specialized foster care homes.....	16
AB 506 (Mitchell) HIV testing: infants	16
AB 545 (Mitchell) Dependent children: placement: non-relative extended family member	17
AB 643 (Stone) Public schools: pupil records: confidentiality	17
AB 758 (Frazier) Child abuse and neglect: reports	17
AB 787 (Stone) Foster care.....	17
AB 985 (Cooley) Guardianship and adoption assistance	18
AB 1089 (Ian C. Calderon) Foster care	18
AB 1133 (Mitchell) Foster children: special health care needs.....	18
AB 1171 (Levine) Child welfare services: electronic records.....	18
AB 1187 (Mansoor) Foster care funds: subsidized child care for foster parents...18	
AB 1658 (Jones-Sawyer) Foster care: consumer credit reports.....	19
AB 1761 (Hall) Dependent children: placement	19
AB 1766 (Nazarian) Foster youth: transitional housing pilot project.....	19
AB 1828 (Donnelly) Child welfare: investigations: video and audio recording ...19	
AB 1878 (Stone) Foster care: data.....	19

AB 1978 (Jones-Sawyer) Child welfare services	20
AB 2035 (Chesbro) Sexually exploited and trafficked minors.....	20
AB 2061 (Chau) Child welfare services: families experiencing homelessness.....	20
AB 2228 (Cooley) Crisis nurseries	20
AB 2391 (Ian C. Calderon) Dependent children: placement	21
AB 2454 (Quirk-Silva) Foster youth: nonminor dependents.....	21
AB 2573 (Stone) Foster care: transition jurisdiction	21
AB 2583 (Dababneh) Foster parent evaluations.....	21
AB 2668 (Quirk-Silva) Foster care: nonminor dependent parents	21
SB 342 (Yee) Foster children: social worker: visits	22
SB 343 (Yee) Dependent children: documents.....	22
SB 522 (Hueso) Foster Family Home and Small Family Home Insurance Fund..	22
SB 528 (Yee) Dependents: care and treatment: minor parents and nonminor dependent parents.....	22
SB 738 (Yee) Sexually exploited and trafficked minors	23
SB 996 (Evans) Juveniles: dependent children: documents	23
SB 1023 (Liu) Community colleges: foster youth.....	23
SB 1136 (Huff) Foster care providers: criminal records	23
SB 1252 (Torres) Public social services: former foster youth: transitional housing.....	23
SB 1460 (Committee on Human Services) Child welfare	24

COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING24

AB 261 (Chesbro) Residential care facilities for the elderly: fees and charges	24
AB 364 (Ian C. Calderon) Community care facilities: unannounced visits	24
AB 559 (Gordon) Residential care facilities for the elderly	24
AB 581 (Ammiano) Care facilities: retaliation.....	24
AB 663 (Gomez) Care facilities: training requirements	25
AB 1436 (Waldron) Community care facilities.....	25
AB 1454 (Ian C. Calderon) Care facilities: regulatory visits.....	25
AB 1523 (Atkins) Residential care facilities for the elderly: liability insurance...	25
AB 1554 (Skinner) Residential care facilities for the elderly.....	25
AB 1570 (Chesbro) Residential care facilities for the elderly	26
AB 1571 (Eggman) Residential care facilities for the elderly: licensing and regulation	26
AB 1899 (Brown) Residential care facilities for the elderly	26
AB 2044 (Rodriguez) Residential care facilities for the elderly.....	26
AB 2162 (Fox) Fire protection: residential care facilities	27
AB 2236 (Maienschein) Care facilities: civil penalties	27
AB 2386 (Mullin) Care facilities: carbon monoxide detectors.....	27
AB 2632 (Maienschein) Care facilities.....	27
SB 894 (Corbett) Residential care facilities for the elderly: revocation of license	27
SB 895 (Corbett) Residential care facilities for the elderly	28
SB 911 (Block) Residential care facilities for the elderly	28
SB 1153 (Leno) Residential care facilities for the elderly.....	28

SB 1382 (Block) Residential care facilities for the elderly	28
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.....	29
AB 954 (Maienschein) Developmental services: habilitation	29
AB 1041 (Chesbro) Developmental services: Employment First Policy	29
AB 1089 (Ian C. Calderon) Foster care	29
AB 1112 (Ammiano) As introduced—Developmental Services: habilitation	29
AB 1231 (V. Manuel Pérez) Regional centers: telehealth	29
AB 1232 (V. Manuel Pérez) Developmental services: quality assessment system	30
AB 1534 (Linder) Area agencies on aging: independent living centers: funding	30
AB 1595 (Chesbro) State Council on Developmental Disabilities.....	30
AB 1626 (Maienschein) Developmental services: habilitation	30
AB 1687 (Conway) Persons with Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights	31
AB 1688 (Conway) Developmental centers: crime	31
AB 1753 (Holden) Developmental services: regional centers: vendorization.....	31
AB 2041 (Jones) Developmental services: regional centers: behavioral health treatment	31
AB 2299 (Nazarian) Developmental services: health insurance copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles	31
AB 2349 (Yamada) Developmental services: Sonoma Developmental Center	32
AB 2359 (Rodriguez) Services for the developmentally disabled: regional centers	32
SB 137 (Emmerson) Developmental services: regional centers.....	32
SB 158 (Correa) Autism services: demonstration program	32
SB 208 (Lara) Public social services: contracting	32
SB 367 (Block) Developmental services: regional centers: cultural and linguistic competency	32
SB 468 (Emmerson) Developmental services: statewide Self-Determination Program.....	33
SB 555 (Correa) Developmental Services: regional centers: individual program plans and individualized family service plans	33
SB 577 (Pavley) Autism and other developmental disabilities: employment	33
SB 579 (Berryhill) Developmental services: Commission on Oversight Efficiency and Quality Enhancement Models	34
SB 651 (Pavley) Developmental centers and state hospitals	34
SB 1093 (Liu) Developmental services: regional centers: culturally and linguistically competent services	34
SB 1160 (Beall) Developmental services: employment	34
SB 1445 (Evans) Developmental services: regional centers: individual program plans: telehealth	35
HOMELESS YOUTH	35
AB 346 (Stone) Runaway and homeless youth shelters	35
AB 1283 (Bonilla) Homeless youth: service providers	35

AB 2001 (Ammiano) Homeless youth: child welfare services	35
AB 2591 (Weber) Homeless youth: basic material needs assistance	35
SB 177 (Liu) Homeless Youth Education Success Act	36
SB 347 (Beall) Youth shelters: funding.....	36
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)/HOME CARE SERVICES	36
AB 322 (Yamada) Home Care services Act of 2013.....	36
AB 421 (Williams) Health and home care: worker training.....	36
AB 485 (Gomez) In-Home Supportive Services	36
AB 784 (Weber) In-Home Supportive Services: provider health care benefits	37
AB 987 (Jones) As referred to Committee—Personal and Home Care Aide training program.....	37
AB 1217 (Lowenthal) Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act.....	37
AB 1533 (Waldron) In-Home Supportive Services: criminal background checks.....	37
AB 1703 (Hall) In-Home Supportive Services: reading services for blind and visually impaired recipients	37
AB 1863 (Jones) Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act.....	38
AB 2556 (Chau) Home care organizations.....	38
AB 2641 (Patterson) In-Home Supportive Services program: provider exclusions: crimes.....	38
PUBLIC SERVICES/OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES	38
AB 845 (Cooley) Shaken baby syndrome	38
AB 883 (Cooley) Child sexual abuse: prevention pilot program	38
AB 1280 (John A. Pérez) Public assistance payments and unemployment compensation benefits: electronic fund transfer: qualifying accounts.....	39
AB 1534 (Linder) Area agencies on aging: independent living centers: funding.....	39
AB 2187 (Cooley) County children's trust funds.....	39
AB 2252 (John A. Pérez) Child support payments: electronic fund transfer: qualifying accounts	39
AB 2311 (Bradford) General assistance: employable veterans	40
AB 2379 (Weber) Abuse of elders and dependent adults: multidisciplinary teams	40
AB 2547 (Beth Gaines) Placer county Integrated Health and Human Services Program.....	40
AJR 40 (Mullin) Federal poverty level measurement.....	40
SB 346 (Beall) Public social services: records	40
SB 602 (Committee on Human Services) Child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment projects	41
GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGES	41

CALFRESH

AB 191 (Bocanegra) CalFresh: categorical eligibility

Chaptered by the 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.

AB 276 (Hueso) Cal Fresh eligibility

Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee. See SB 134 (Hueso).

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 those veterans and requires the state to submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture to waive the requirement excluding the basic allowance for housing from countable income in the calculation of eligibility and benefit level.

AB 309 (Mitchell) CalFresh: homeless youth

Chaptered by the 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 it adds information regarding CalFresh eligibility for homeless youth and children that targets expedited CalFresh services for 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.

AB 1614 (Stone) Electronic transfers: payments and benefits

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 720, Statutes of 2014.

This bill enacts a number of program protections and codifies existing contract requirements to protect electronic benefits transfer (EBT) consumer rights and reduce occurrences of safety net dollars being paid towards fees and surcharges rather than helping needy families. This bill includes a requirement that EBT consumers are informed of how to protect their cards from misuse and where they can use their EBT cards to withdraw benefits without incurring a fee, charge, or surcharge, as well as a requirement that the EBT system be designed to inform recipients when the system does not function or is expected to not function for an extended period of time. This bill also requires the EBT system to have an Internet Web site that will, at no additional cost to the recipient, provide information on how to have a lost or stolen EBT card and PIN replaced and allow an authorized representative or head of household to view transaction history detail, and it codifies the requirement

that the same information be available via the EBT system 24-hour toll-free telephone hotline. Finally, this bill includes technical clean-up to AB 2252 (John A. Pérez), Chapter 180, Statutes of 2014.

AB 1776 (Nazarian) Public social services: hearings

Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill seeks to make the state hearing process for public social services more efficient by requiring counties to offer recipients conditional withdrawals of state hearing proceedings when the county cannot find evidence to validate an alleged CalWORKs overpayment or CalFresh overissuance. This bill also allows a recipient of public social services to receive notices of action and other communications related to state hearings electronically.

AB 1930 (Skinner) CalFresh: student eligibility

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 729, Statutes of 2014.

This bill improves access to CalFresh benefits for eligible, needy college students by requiring that educational programs identified by the Department of Social Services (DSS) that meet certain criteria are considered employment and training programs for the purpose of fulfilling federal work requirements for students receiving CalFresh. This bill also requires DSS, in consultation with the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, offices of the Chancellor of the California State University, University of California Chancellors' offices, the California Workforce Investment Board, county human services agencies, advocates and other stakeholders to establish a protocol to identify and verify all potential exemptions to the federal work rule for nutrition assistance and to identify and verify participation in educational programs, including, but not limited to, self-initiated placements, that would exempt a student from the work rule.

AB 2115 (Bradford) CalFresh: school meals

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense file.

This bill adds specific information about school-based nutrition programs and other food assistance programs intended to serve children to the information counties are required to provide to households applying for CalFresh benefits.

AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Public social services: eligibility: noncitizens

Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill provides that noncitizens who meet eligibility requirements and are lawfully present in the United States are eligible for aid under the CalWORKs program and eligible for nutrition assistance under the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

AB 2354 (Conway) Electronic benefits transfer cards: photo identification

Died; Failed passage in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill requires an initial or replacement electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card issued on or after January 1, 2015, as permitted by federal law, to have a photograph of the person to whom the card is issued printed on either the front or back of the card.

SB 134 (Hueso) CalFresh eligibility

Chaptered by the 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.

SB 283 (Hancock) CalFresh eligibility

Died; held in the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill deletes the prohibition on providing 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 he or she shall be ineligible for CalFresh benefits during the period of revocation.

SB 672 (Leno) CalFresh: eligibility: guidelines

Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 568, Statutes of 2013.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services 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 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.

CALWORKS

AB 197 (Stone) CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits: vehicles

Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill eliminates the vehicle asset test for the CalWORKs program by excluding a motor vehicle from consideration when determining or re-determining eligibility for CalWORKs and deleting 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.

AB 264 (Maienschein) CalWORKs: temporary shelter assistance
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill allows an eligible CalWORKs recipient to receive temporary shelter assistance for a maximum of 16 days at any time while the recipient is receiving CalWORKs aid and is homeless by deleting the requirement that the 16 days of housing assistance provided to homeless families through CalWORKs be used consecutively.

AB 271 (Mitchell) CalWORKs: eligibility
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill repeals the maximum family grant (MFG) or "family cap" rule under the 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.

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

This bill expands provisions regarding the hospitalization of children in a 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. Prior to this bill, a child in a family receiving CalWORKs was only considered temporarily absent from the home if he or she was a patient in a public hospital for less than two months.

AB 814 (Bradford) CalWORKs: eligibility: truancy
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill eliminates the double penalty assessed against CalWORKs recipients for truancy, which 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.

AB 832 (Weber) Electronic benefits transfer cards: state college campuses
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

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.

AB 1094 (Brown) CalWORKs: eligibility

Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 554, Statutes of 2013.

This bill expands the definition of disability-based unearned income under the CalWORKs program to include any veteran's disability compensation, thereby ensuring veteran's disability benefits are treated like other disability benefits for the purpose of calculating a recipient's CalWORKs grant amount.

AB 1107 (Garcia) CalWORKs eligibility: domestic violence

Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill establishes statewide standards for notifying 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.

AB 1452 (Stone) CalWORKs: temporary homeless assistance

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill provides additional temporary assistance to homeless families receiving CalWORKs benefits by increasing the daily temporary shelter assistance amount from \$65 to \$75 and attaching an annual cost of living adjustment to that amount to address future increases in temporary housing costs.

AB 1502 (Mullin) CalWORKs: Family Unity Act of 2015

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations file.

This bill deletes the prohibition on providing CalWORKs aid to an otherwise eligible assistance unit with two parents if the primary wage earner has worked more than 100 hours in a month, and it deletes the child deprivation standard for determining eligibility, which was a standard tied to aid prior to the development of the CalWORKs program.

AB 1516 (Gonzalez) CalWORKs: young child special needs supplement: supportive services

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill establishes an \$80 per month special needs supplement for the purpose of purchasing diapers for any child under two years of age in a CalWORKs assistance unit and requires the amount to be adjusted annually. This bill also authorizes a CalWORKs participant to request supportive services via a county's Internet Web site, where available.

AB 1579 (Stone) CalWORKs: pregnant women

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 632, Statutes of 2014.

This bill establishes the Healthy Babies Act of 2014, which as of July 1, 2015, grants CalWORKs aid to eligible pregnant women for the month in which birth is anticipated and the six prior months,

and deletes the requirement that a pregnant woman seeking aid with no aided children only receive CalWORKs assistance during her last trimester of pregnancy.

AB 1613 (Stone) CalWORKs: benefits overpayment
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill prohibits a county from establishing a CalWORKs overpayment if the amount of the overpayment is less than \$125 or a higher threshold established by the Department of Social Services and requires counties to collect overpayments for current CalWORKs cases through a reduction in the assistance unit's future grants based on the actual monthly aid payment instead of the maximum aid payment based on family size. This bill also clarifies that administrative actions cannot be commenced against any person based on alleged unlawful or erroneous application for, or receipt of, CalWORKs aid once the case record has been destroyed after the expiration of the three-year retention period.

AB 1614 (Stone) Electronic transfers: payments and benefits
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 720, Statutes of 2014.

This bill enacts a number of program protections and codifies existing contract requirements to protect electronic benefits transfer (EBT) consumer rights and reduce occurrences of safety net dollars being paid towards fees and surcharges rather than helping needy families. This bill includes a requirement that EBT consumers are informed of how to protect their cards from misuse and where they can use their EBT cards to withdraw benefits without incurring a fee, charge, or surcharge, as well as a requirement that the EBT system be designed to inform recipients when the system does not function or is expected to not function for an extended period of time. This bill also requires the EBT system to have an Internet Web site that will, at no additional cost to the recipient, provide information on how to have a lost or stolen EBT card and PIN replaced and allow an authorized representative or head of household to view transaction history detail, and it codifies the requirement that the same information be available via the EBT system 24-hour toll-free telephone hotline. Finally, this bill includes technical clean-up to AB 2252 (John A. Pérez), Chapter 180, Statutes of 2014.

AB 1653 (Garcia) CalWORKs: victims of domestic violence
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill requires a county to waive a program requirement for a CalWORKs applicant or recipient identified as a current or past victim of domestic abuse if the requirement would encourage the individual to return to the abuser or would otherwise be detrimental to, or unfairly penalize, the individual or his or her family. This bill also requires counties to waive welfare-to-work requirements for a victim of domestic violence when good cause exists and requires counties to notify CalWORKs applicants and recipients that victims of abuse have a right to request a waiver of program requirements through the use of a standard, statewide notice developed by DSS, in consultation with other stakeholders, or a department-approved county notice. Finally, this bill provides that a CalWORKs applicant or recipient is not required to disclose his or her status, or the status of another member of the assistance unit, as a domestic violence victim in order to receive aid, and provides that the failure to disclose abuse and request services shall not prejudice a recipient's disclosure and request for services at a later date.

AB 1654 (Bonilla) CalWORKs: assignment of child support
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill aligns state statute with federal incentives by increasing the monthly amount of child support passed through to a custodial parent participating in the CalWORKs program from the current \$50 for all aided children to \$100 for one aided child and \$200 for two or more aided children without counting the passed-through amount as income or resources for the CalWORKs assistance unit.

AB 1776 (Nazarian) Public social services: hearings.
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill seeks to make the state hearing process for public social services more efficient by requiring counties to offer recipients conditional withdrawals of state hearing proceedings when the county cannot find evidence to validate an alleged CalWORKs overpayment or CalFresh overissuance. This bill also allows a recipient of public social services to receive notices of action and other communications related to state hearings electronically.

AB 1882 (Cooley) CalWORKs: relative caregivers
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill requires a county welfare department to screen a relative or non-relative extended family member (NREFM) with whom a child in foster care is placed to determine whether the relative or NREFM qualifies for CalWORKs or the Approved Relative Caregiver (ARC) Funding Option Program. This bill also requires an infant supplement to be paid under CalWORKs and the ARC Funding Option Program to a teen parent who is placed with his or her child in the home of a relative caregiver, as specified.

AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Public social services: eligibility: noncitizens
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill provides that noncitizens who meet eligibility requirements and are lawfully present in the United States are eligible for aid under the CalWORKs program and eligible for nutrition assistance under the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

AB 2354 (Conway) Electronic benefits transfer cards: photo identification
Died; Failed passage in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill requires an initial or replacement electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card issued on or after January 1, 2015, as permitted by federal law, to have a photograph of the person to whom the card is issued printed on either the front or back of the card.

AB 2382 (Bradford) CalWORKs: eligibility: truancy

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 905, Statutes of 2014.

This bill eliminates the double penalty for truancy assessed against children under age 16 in CalWORKs recipient families by deleting the requirement that any adults in an assistance unit lose aid due to a child in the assistance unit under age 16 not meeting the school attendance requirement within CalWORKs eligibility criteria. This bill also requires further review of the reasons a child over 16 in a CalWORKs recipient family may not be meeting compulsory education requirements and consideration of good cause prior to withdrawing that child's grant amount, and requires that a child whose needs are not considered in the family's grant computation due to not meeting school attendance requirements remain eligible for services that may lead to attendance in school.

AB 2435 (Hagman) CalWORKs: ineligibility

Died; failed passage in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) or a local sheriff's department to notify a county welfare department that administers CalWORKs of persons released on probation or parole who have been prohibited from residing with a minor as a condition of release. This bill also authorizes a county welfare department that administers CalWORKs to notify law enforcement of anyone reported to the department by CDCR or a local sheriff's department who applies for benefits under the CalWORKs program if the department has reason to believe that the applicant is residing with a minor as a condition for eligibility to receive benefits under the CalWORKs program.

SB 252 (Liu) CalWORKs: welfare-to-work requirements

Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 563, Statutes of 2013.

This bill clarifies that pregnant women who are 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 to 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.

CHILD CARE

AB 260 (Gordon) Individualized county child care subsidy plans

Chaptered by the 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 must include a recommendation as to 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.

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

This bill makes a number of changes to the Child Care and Development Services Act. 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 requires 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), this bill requires the CDE to request the Controller to make a payment to a child care contractor via direct deposit, upon the contractor's request.

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

This bill amends the California Child Day Care Facilities Act 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.

AB 812 (Mitchell) Child care: contracts: termination and suspension
Chaptered by the 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.

AB 835 (Muratsuchi) Child care: facilities: loans
Died; not heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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.

AB 1819 (Hall) Family day care home: smoking prohibition
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 459, Statutes of 2014.

This bill expands the existing prohibition against smoking in a family day care home from only during the hours of operation to at any time.

AB 2101 (Levine) Child care: alternative payment programs and contractors: electronic records
Died on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill authorizes Alternative Payment Programs and child care providers to use an electronic signature and maintain records electronically, or in another alternative format, provided that state and federal standards are met.

AB 2621 (Garcia) Child day care facilities: licensing information
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 474, Statutes of 2014.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to post on its Internet Web site child day care home information that includes the name, the status of the home's license and the number of licensing visits conducted in the home, including the number of substantiated and inconclusive complaint inspections, noncompliant inspections, and citations. This bill also requires DSS to include information to reflect the preceding five-year period and update the information on a monthly basis.

SB 443 (Walters) Organized camps
Died; not heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

This bill revises the definition of an "organized camp" to include definitions for an "organized day camp" and an "organized resident camp," and it increases organized camp operational requirements.

SB 1123 (Liu) Child care and development services
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill establishes new services under General Child Care and Development Programs for infants and toddlers and makes changes to eligibility, adult- and teacher-to-child ratios, and staffing requirements in classrooms.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/FOSTER CARE

AB 196 (Mansoor) Foster parent evaluations
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill requires the 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.

AB 352 (Hall) Foster care: smoke-free environment

Chaptered by the 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.

AB 388 (Chesbro) Juveniles

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 760, Statutes of 2014.

This bill provides additional clarification on how juvenile courts may consider a child's status as a dependent minor when determining whether to place that child into delinquency and requires the Department of Social Services to make additional licensing information and monitoring requirements for child welfare placements, including group homes, available to the public.

AB 413 (Chávez) Foster care: specialized foster care homes

Chaptered by the 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.

AB 506 (Mitchell) HIV testing: infants

Chaptered by the 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 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.

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

This bill expands the definition of a non-relative 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.

AB 643 (Stone) Public schools: pupil records: confidentiality
Chaptered by the 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 a 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 758 (Frazier) Child abuse and neglect: reports
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

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.

AB 787 (Stone) Foster care
Chaptered by the 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 Section 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 an NMD while maintaining jurisdiction over the youth as a nonminor, and adjusts eligibility for NMD status to include that an 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.

AB 985 (Cooley) Guardianship and adoption assistance

This bill was amended July 3, 2014 and removed from the Committee's jurisdiction.

As heard in committee (April 30, 2013), this bill extended 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 age 16.

AB 1089 (Ian C. Calderon) Foster care

Chaptered by the Secretary of State - Chapter 761, Statutes of 2014.

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

AB 1133 (Mitchell) Foster children: special health care needs

Chaptered by the 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 non-relative 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.

AB 1171 (Levine) Child welfare services: electronic records

Died; 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.

AB 1187 (Mansoor) Foster care funds: subsidized child care for foster parents

Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill requires DSS 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.

AB 1658 (Jones-Sawyer) Foster care: consumer credit reports

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 762, Statutes of 2014.

This bill requires county child welfare agencies to undertake specific actions regarding a child's consumer credit record when he or she is 16 years of age or older and is in foster care, including inquiring as to whether the child has any consumer credit history.

AB 1761 (Hall) Dependent children: placement

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 765, Statutes of 2014.

This bill clarifies that a minor who is removed from the custody of his or her parents may be temporarily placed with a relative or non-relative extended family member (NREFM) after a detention hearing and pending a dispositional hearing. It also furthers the intent of the Legislature that children be immediately placed with a responsible relative by clarifying that a social worker's ability to place a child in the home of an appropriate relative or a NREFM is not limited pending the consideration of placement with other relatives that have requested preferential consideration.

AB 1766 (Nazarian) Foster youth: transitional housing pilot project

Died; held in the Assembly Human Services Committee without recommendation.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS), at the option of the County of Los Angeles, to implement a pilot project in the county in conjunction with the University of California, a nonprofit child advocacy organization, and a local education agency to establish a group home called the "University-Affiliated First Star High School Academy" (Academy). This bill requires the Academy to be licensed as a transitional housing placement provider (THPP) but serve foster children who are attending high school and are at least 14 years of age, but not older than 21 years of age, and establishes new staffing ratios for the Academy. This bill also requires the Academy to be reimbursed at 160% of the monthly THPP rate. Lastly, this bill requires DSS to submit a report evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot project to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2020 and sunsets the pilot on January 1, 2024.

AB 1828 (Donnelly) Child welfare: investigations: video and audio recording

Died; held in the Assembly Human Services Committee without recommendation.

This bill requires county child protective services social workers to conduct video or audio recordings of their investigations into allegations of abuse of a minor, and it specifies whether and how such recordings can be used in dependency proceedings.

AB 1878 (Stone) Foster care: data

Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill makes a number of statutory changes to improve the sharing and protection of information and data related to children in foster care, including requiring the development of a model child welfare interagency data and information memorandum of understanding and a model school district

data and information sharing policy. This bill also requires increased information and data sharing between school districts and child welfare agencies and requires certain information to be inputted into specified local and statewide data systems to improve the coordination and delivery of services and supports to children in foster care. Additionally, this bill expands training for foster caregivers, social workers, and Court Appointed Special Advocates, and it adds information and data sharing outcome components to the California Child and Family Services Review System.

AB 1978 (Jones-Sawyer) Child welfare services

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 768, Statutes of 2014.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS), in consultation with counties and labor organizations, to establish a process by January 1, 2016 to receive voluntary disclosures from social workers if a social worker has reasonable cause to believe that a policy, procedure, or practice related to the provision of child welfare services by a county child welfare agency, as defined, endangers the health or well-being of a child or children or meets other specified conditions. This bill prohibits DSS from disclosing to any person or entity the identity of a social worker making a disclosure pursuant to these provisions unless the social worker has consented to the disclosure or there is an immediate risk to the health and safety of a child. Additionally, this bill requires DSS, no later than January 1, 2018, to report to the Legislature, and post on its Internet Web site, the total number of relevant disclosures received, a summary description of the issues raised in those disclosures and the actions taken by the department in response to those disclosures. Lastly, this bill authorizes a county social worker to comment publicly on information released as the result of a child death review provided that the comments are within the scope of information released by the custodian of records and commented on publicly by the county welfare department or agency.

AB 2035 (Chesbro) Sexually exploited and trafficked minors

Vetoed by the Governor.

This bill clarifies that a juvenile who is determined to be a victim of commercial or sexual exploitation may be rendered a dependent of the court and adds training on cultural competency and sensitivity relative to the needs of sexually exploited and trafficked minors in out-of-home care to the training requirements for individuals providing assistance and support to dependents of the court.

AB 2061 (Chau) Child welfare services: families experiencing homelessness

Died; on the Senate Floor Inactive file.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to encourage participating counties to consider the use of innovative, evidence-based strategies with the optional portion of their federal Title IV-E waiver capped allocation demonstration project to assist families that include a child placed in foster care, who are receiving child welfare services, and who are experiencing homelessness, to achieve supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent housing, as described.

AB 2228 (Cooley) Crisis nurses

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 735, Statutes of 2014.

This bill revises provisions related to crisis nursery programs by specifying that a crisis nursery may operate as a crisis residential overnight program and a crisis day services program. This bill also

establishes the maximum licensed capacity for a crisis residential overnight program at 14 children and provides that the capacity for crisis day services is based on a facility's square footage, requires that the licensee designate at least one lead caregiver to be present at the crisis nursery at all times when children are present, and increases caregiver training requirements. Additionally, this bill modifies requirements related to counting volunteers in the staff-to-child ratio in a crisis nursery, restructures the maximum number of days crisis day services can be provided, and establishes caregiver requirements for caring for children with health conditions requiring medication.

AB 2391 (Ian C. Calderon) Dependent children: placement
Died; not heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

This bill clarifies that, after the dispositional hearing for a child in foster care, preferential consideration shall be given, on a case-by-case basis, to a relative of the child for purposes of placement, and it requires the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court, effective January 1, 2016, to implement this clarification.

AB 2454 (Quirk-Silva) Foster youth: nonminor dependents
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 769, Statutes of 2014.

This bill permits a former nonminor dependent (NMD) to voluntarily re-enter extended foster care, upon the approval of the juvenile court, if the NMD was receiving assistance through the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (Kin-GAP) or Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) after attaining 18 years of age, and if his or her guardian(s) or adoptive parent(s) fail to provide ongoing support and, therefore, no longer receive Kin-GAP or AAP assistance on behalf of the NMD.

AB 2573 (Stone) Foster care: transition jurisdiction
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill provides that the juvenile court may assume or resume transition jurisdiction of a former nonminor dependent without consideration of whether the rehabilitative goals of the nonminor have been met, as specified.

AB 2583 (Dababneh) Foster parent evaluations
Died, held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, foster parents, caregivers, and current and former foster youth, to develop and implement a foster parent evaluation process by January 1, 2016. This bill specifies that the evaluation process shall allow foster youth over 12 years of age and nonminor dependents to provide feedback on the quality of care they receive in licensed or certified foster care homes or group homes at least once per year and upon any exit from those homes.

AB 2668 (Quirk-Silva) Foster care: nonminor dependent parents
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 770, Statutes of 2014.

This bill permits a parenting nonminor dependent (NMD) who is participating in a supervised independent living plan to enter into a parenting support plan, which may be developed between the

NMD, an identified responsible adult, and a representative of the county child welfare agency or probation department, for the purpose of identifying additional support and assisting the NMD parent in providing the best care plan for his or her child.

SB 342 (Yee) Foster children: social worker: visits

Chaptered by the 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.

SB 343 (Yee) Dependent children: documents

Died; 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 it recasts Section 391 of the Welfare and Institutions Code regarding the termination of a minor or nonminor's dependency jurisdiction.

SB 522 (Hueso) Foster Family Home and Small Family Home Insurance Fund

Chaptered by the 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.

SB 528 (Yee) Dependents: care and treatment: minor parents and nonminor dependent parents

Chaptered by the 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.

SB 738 (Yee) Sexually exploited and trafficked minors
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

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, in consultation with the California Child Welfare Council, to develop a State Plan to Serve and Protect Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Minors that is to be submitted to the Legislature, Judicial Council, and the Governor no later than January 30, 2015. 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.

SB 996 (Evans) Juveniles: dependent children: documents
Vetoed by the Governor.

This bill requires specific information and assistance to be provided to minors and nonminors in foster care and recasts and revises Section 391 of the Welfare and Institutions Code regarding the termination of a minor or nonminor's dependency jurisdiction.

SB 1023 (Liu) Community colleges: foster youth
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 771, Statutes of 2014.

This bill permits the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to enter into agreements with up to ten community college districts to establish the Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program to support community college students who are currently, or were formerly, in foster care.

SB 1136 (Huff) Foster care providers: criminal records
Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 222, Statutes of 2014.

This bill permits county child welfare agencies (CWAs) to receive additional criminal history and licensing information for certified and licensed foster care providers and permits county CWAs to request individual criminal summary information, as defined, for the purposes of assessing the appropriateness of a foster care placement.

SB 1252 (Torres) Public social services: former foster youth: transitional housing
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 774, Statutes of 2014

This bill authorizes a county to, at its option, extend transitional housing services to a former foster youth over 21 years of age but not more than 25 years of age, and for a total of 36 cumulative months, if the former foster youth is completing secondary education or is enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary education.

SB 1460 (Committee on Human Services) Child welfare
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 772, Statutes of 2014.

This bill brings California's child welfare laws into compliance with federal laws and regulations pertaining to the Multi Ethnic Placement Act (MEPA), the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS), the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, the Adam Walsh Act, the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and resource family approval.

COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

AB 261 (Chesbro) Residential care facilities for the elderly: fees and charges
Chaptered by the 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. This bill prohibits an 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 an 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 an 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.

AB 364 (Ian C. Calderon) Community care facilities: unannounced visits
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

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

AB 559 (Gordon) Residential care facilities for the elderly
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

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.

AB 581 (Ammiano) Care facilities: retaliation
Chaptered by the 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.

AB 663 (Gomez) Care facilities: training requirements

Chaptered by the 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.

AB 1436 (Waldron) Community care facilities

Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to post on its Internet Web site information pertaining to residential care facility for the elderly inspection and consultation reports, violations, and complaints.

AB 1454 (Ian C. Calderon) Care facilities: regulatory visits

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to conduct additional licensing inspection visits of all community care facilities that fall under the jurisdiction of the California Child Day Care Facilities Act, the Community Care Facilities Act, and the Residential Care Facility for the Elderly Act and phases in a requirement that, beginning July 1, 2017, DSS conduct at least one unannounced inspection visit of each facility on an annual basis.

AB 1523 (Atkins) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs): liability insurance

Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 205, Statutes of 2014.

This bill requires RCFEs, on or after July 1, 2015, to acquire liability insurance in the amount of at least \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 million in total to cover injury to residents and guests caused by negligent acts, omissions to act, or neglect by the licensee or its employees.

AB 1554 (Skinner) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs)

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill makes numerous changes, effective July 1, 2015, to the complaint investigation process used by the Department of Social Services (DSS) when responding to complaints submitted against RCFEs and affords complainants two levels of appeal. This bill also requires DSS to assess an immediate civil penalty, as specified, for interfering with a complaint investigation or for retaliating against residents or staff involved in an investigation.

AB 1570 (Chesbro) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE)
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 698, Statutes of 2014.

This bill increases training requirements for RCFE licensees from 40 to 80 hours and increases staff training requirements by 30 hours. This bill also enhances licensee and staff training by adding coursework related to residents' rights, management of antipsychotic medication, managing Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and managing the physical environment, including maintenance and housekeeping. It also improves the RCFE state-administered exam by requiring it to include at least 100 questions and by requiring the Department of Social Services to annually review the exam for rigor and quality and make changes necessary to reflect changes in statute and regulations. Lastly, this bill requires all RCFE direct care staff to receive 12 initial hours of dementia care training and eight hours annually thereafter, and it delays implementation of all new training requirements until January 1, 2016.

AB 1571 (Eggman) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE): licensing and regulation
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill requires prospective RCFE licensees to provide the Department of Social Services (DSS) detailed information related to facility ownership and authorizes DSS to deny an application for licensure based on a prospective licensee's prior history of noncompliance with RCFE requirements. This bill also requires DSS to develop and maintain an RCFE consumer information system on its Internet Web site that includes general facility information, facility inspection reports, and enforcement actions by July 1, 2015, and it requires DSS to develop and implement an RCFE rating system to allow consumer comparison by July 1, 2019.

AB 1899 (Brown) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE)
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 700, Statutes of 2014.

This bill excludes a licensee who abandons an RCFE and its residents from licensure in any facility licensed by the Department of Social Services without the right to petition for reinstatement.

AB 2044 (Rodriguez) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE)
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 701, Statutes of 2014.

This bill requires at least one administrator, facility manager, or designated substitute who is at least 21 years of age and has adequate qualifications, as specified, to be on the premises of an RCFE 24 hours per day. This bill also requires RCFE staff training to include training on building and fire safety and how to appropriately respond to emergencies, and it requires that at least one staff member who has cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training is on duty and on the premises at all times.

AB 2162 (Fox) Fire protection: residential care facilities

Died; failed passage in the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee.

This bill requires all residential care facilities for the elderly and adult residential facilities with six or fewer residents to have an approved, operable automatic fire sprinkler system installed no later than January 1, 2019.

AB 2236 (Maienschein) Care facilities: civil penalties

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 813, Statutes of 2014.

This bill increases civil penalty amounts applied to violations determined by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to have resulted in death or serious bodily injury, or determined by DSS to constitute physical abuse, for all facilities licensed by DSS, beginning July 1, 2015. This bill also establishes a formal appeals process for violations that are determined to constitute physical abuse or that have resulted in death or serious bodily injury, and provides that if, in addition to an assessment of civil penalties, DSS elects to file an administrative action to suspend or revoke the facility license that includes violations relating to the assessment of the civil penalties, DSS review of the pending appeal shall cease and the assessment of the civil penalties shall be heard as part of the administrative action process.

AB 2386 (Mullin) Care facilities: carbon monoxide detectors

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 503, Statutes of 2014.

This bill requires all community care facilities, including child care facilities, adult care facilities, and residential care facilities for the elderly to have one or more carbon monoxide detectors installed in the facility.

AB 2632 (Maienschein) Care facilities

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 824, Statutes of 2014.

This bill prohibits the Department of Social Services from providing a criminal record clearance for a person applying for employment in a community care facility, a foster family home, a residential care facility, or a child care facility with a record of an arrest for a non-exemptible crime, as specified, prior to the completion of an investigation of the person's arrest record.

SB 894 (Corbett) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE): revocation of license

Held on the Assembly 3rd reading file.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide the Office of the State Long-Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman a precautionary notification if the department is preparing to issue a temporary suspension or revocation of an RCFE license so that the Office may prepare to provide advocacy services to residents. This bill also requires DSS to contact the Office of the State LTC Ombudsman and local placement and advocacy agencies upon substantiating that a violation has occurred in an RCFE that threatens any resident's health and safety and results in the assessment of a penalty or leads to the filing for revocation of the license.

SB 895 (Corbett) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE)
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 704, Statutes of 2014.

This bill requires an RCFE to remedy a deficiency within 10 days of notification of the deficiency from the Department of Social Services (DSS) unless the plan of correction specifies otherwise. This bill also requires DSS to post specified facility inspection report information on its Internet Web site and to design a poster to be posted in every RCFE containing information on the appropriate reporting agency in case of a complaint or emergency.

SB 911 (Block) Residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE)
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 705, Statutes of 2014.

This bill increases RCFE administrator training and continuing education requirements and increases the amount of training necessary for staff who assist residents with the self-administration of medications, including an increase in the required number of hands-on training hours. This bill also prohibits any licensee or employee of the licensee from discriminating or retaliating against an RCFE resident or employee on the basis that the person dialed or called 911 and provides that any violation of this prohibition is subject to civil penalty. Additionally, this bill requires RCFEs that accept or retain residents with prohibited health conditions, as specified, to assist those residents with accessing home health or hospice services, and requires RCFEs that accept or retain residents with restricted health conditions to ensure any prescribed medical care is provided to those residents by an appropriately skilled professional, as defined. Lastly, this bill adds new training requirements for all RCFE staff related to serving residents with postural supports, restricted conditions or health services, and hospice care, and it delays implementation of all of these requirements until January 1, 2016.

SB 1153 (Leno) Residential care facilities for the elderly
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 706, Statutes of 2014.

This bill permits the Department of Social Services to suspend admissions to a residential care facility for the elderly if the facility has violated the law in a way that threatens resident health, safety, or personal rights and the violation has not been corrected immediately, or if the facility has failed to pay a civil penalty, as specified.

SB 1382 (Block) Residential care facilities for the elderly
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 707, Statutes of 2014.

This bill increases licensing fees in residential care facilities for the elderly by 20% relative to the fee amounts that existed prior to the 10% increase made by SB 855 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee), Chapter 29, Statutes of 2014, a 2014-15 Human Services Budget Trailer Bill.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

AB 954 (Maienschein) Developmental services: habilitation

Died; 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.

AB 1041 (Chesbro) Developmental services: Employment First Policy

Chaptered by the 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.

AB 1089 (Ian C. Calderon) Foster care

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 761, Statutes of 2014.

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.

AB 1112 (Ammiano) As introduced: Developmental services: habilitation

This bill was amended on September 11, 2013 and removed from the Committee's jurisdiction.

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.

AB 1231 (V. Manuel Pérez) Regional centers: telehealth

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.

AB 1232 (V. Manuel Pérez) Developmental services: quality assessment system
Chaptered by the 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.

AB 1534 (Linder) Area agencies on aging: independent living centers: funding
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill creates a continuous appropriation from the Federal Trust Fund to the California Department of Aging (CDA) to support area agencies on aging, and a similar continuous appropriation to the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to support independent living centers, during fiscal years in which the state Budget Act is not enacted by July 1. This bill also authorizes the Department of Finance to reduce the CDA and DOR Budget Act allocations by the respective payment amounts made by the Federal Trust Fund, and it provides that if the state Budget Act is not enacted by July 1, continuously appropriated payments shall be made to CDA and DOR on July 15 and on the 15th of each month thereafter until the state Budget Act is enacted.

AB 1595 (Chesbro) State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 409, Statutes of 2014.

This bill brings state statute with respect to the structure, function, and responsibilities of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) into conformity with the requirements set forth in the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. Provisions of this bill ensure the SCDD's autonomy and authority over all of its processes and functions, including the elimination of local area boards and the authority to establish and maintain an organizational structure of its choosing that is accessible and responsive to the diverse geographic, racial, ethnic, and language needs of persons with developmental disabilities and their families throughout California.

AB 1626 (Maienschein) Developmental services: habilitation
Died on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill increases the rates and fees paid to supported employment services providers for individuals with developmental disabilities served by regional centers. 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.

AB 1687 (Conway) Persons with Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights
Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 178, Statutes of 2014.

This bill renames the list of rights granted to persons with developmental disabilities included in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4502 the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights and adds to the list of rights granted to persons with developmental disabilities the right to a prompt investigation of any alleged abuse against them.

AB 1688 (Conway) Developmental centers: crime
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill requires a local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction within the city or county in which a developmental center is located to respond within 24 hours of receiving an allegation that a crime has occurred at a developmental center. This bill also requires reimbursement to cities and counties for costs related to the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed by developmental center employees against developmental center residents.

AB 1753 (Holden) Developmental services: regional centers: vendorization
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill authorizes a developmental services vendor to provide services specified in a regional center consumer's individual program plan upon the request of a consumer, or his or her representative, if the service vendor is not vendorized by the regional center serving the consumer but is vendorized by another regional center and meets other specified criteria. This bill also adds to the information a regional center must provide on its Internet Web site a list of services provided directly to consumers by the regional center or through service vendors or contractors that adheres to a statewide formatting standard and is updated at least quarterly.

AB 2041 (Jones) Developmental services: regional centers: behavioral health treatment
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill aligns the definitions of Behavior Management Assistant and Behavior Management Consultant for purposes of regional center vendorization with the definition for behavioral health treatment provided for in statute related to health plan and insurance coverage of specified treatments for individuals with pervasive developmental disorder or autism. This bill also requires the Department of Developmental Services to update its regulations to reflect these changes.

AB 2299 (Nazarian) Developmental services: health insurance copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill increases the ability for regional centers to pay copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles associated with private insurance coverage on behalf of regional center consumers with family adjusted gross income over 400 percent of the federal poverty level by adding to the criteria required for such payments that the consumer is facing financial hardship or that the payment will allow the consumer to maintain his or her health care coverage.

AB 2349 (Yamada) Developmental services: Sonoma Developmental Center
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill establishes the Office of Community Care Coordination on the Sonoma Developmental Center campus and requires the Office to develop a plan to address the needs of former developmental center residents and to expand and enhance existing community services and supports by January 1, 2016.

AB 2359 (Rodriguez) Services for the developmentally disabled: regional centers
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill requires a regional center to ensure that any person or entity hired to provide services and support to individuals with developmental disabilities does so in a manner consistent with all laws and regulations applicable to developmental centers.

SB 137 (Emmerson) Developmental services: regional centers
Died; 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 Internet Web sites.

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.

SB 208 (Lara) Public social services: contracting
Chaptered by the 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.

SB 367 (Block) Developmental services: regional centers: cultural and linguistic competency
Chaptered by the 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.

SB 468 (Emmerson) Developmental services: statewide Self-Determination Program
Chaptered by the 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.

SB 555 (Correa) Developmental services: regional centers: individual program plans and individualized family service plans
Chaptered by the 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.

SB 577 (Pavley) Autism and other developmental disabilities: employment
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 431, Statutes of 2014.

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to conduct a four-year demonstration project in five regional centers to determine whether community-based vocational development services increase integrated competitive employment outcomes and reduce purchase of service costs for working age adults receiving regional center services. This bill defines community-based vocational development services as services provided to enhance community employment readiness, which may include the use of discovery and job exploration opportunities; social skill development services necessary to obtain and maintain community employment; services to use internship, apprenticeship, and volunteer opportunities to provide community-based vocational development skills development opportunities; services to access and participate in postsecondary education or career technical education; and building a network of community and employment opportunities. This bill also establishes a \$40 per hour rate for community-based vocational development services for a maximum of 75 hours per calendar quarter, establishes a four-year limit for consumer participation in such services, and requires DDS to secure federal Medicaid funding for the service prior to implementation.

SB 579 (Berryhill) Developmental services: Commission on Oversight Efficiency and Quality Enhancement Models

Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill establishes a 12-member Commission on Oversight Efficiency and Quality Enhancement Models to investigate and report out methods of implementing more unified and consistent assessment and enforcement processes pertaining to services provided to regional center consumers.

SB 651 (Pavley) Developmental centers and state hospitals
Chaptered by the 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.

SB 1093 (Liu) Developmental services: regional centers: culturally and linguistically competent services

Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 402, Statutes of 2014.

This bill expands the scope of regional center consumer demographic and purchase of service data that the Department of Developmental Services and regional centers are required to annually compile and report on their respective Internet Web sites to include consumer residence type, subcategorized by age, race or ethnicity, and primary language. This bill also increases community access to regional center public meetings and clarifies that independent living services can be included in a consumer's individual program plan regardless of whether the consumer lives independently in his or her own home or with another person.

SB 1160 (Beall) Developmental services: employment
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill reduces the allowable minimum job coach-to-consumer ratio for group supported employment services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities from 1:3 to 1:2 and redefines individualized services to mean job coaching and other supported employment services that decrease over time, consistent with the consumer's individual program plan and abilities, with the goal of achieving stabilization when possible. This bill also authorizes the Department of Developmental Services to approve supported employment services at the reduced job coach-to-consumer ratio using criteria such as the availability of transportation, the business needs of the employer, consumer wages, and opportunities for integration within the worksite.

SB 1445 (Evans) Developmental services: regional centers: individual program plans: telehealth

Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 260, Statutes of 2014.

This bill clarifies that services and supports provided to regional center consumers under the Lanterman Act can be provided through the use of telehealth.

HOMELESS YOUTH

AB 346 (Stone) Runaway and homeless youth shelters

Chaptered by the 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 an 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 an RHYS must comply.

AB 1283 (Bonilla) Homeless youth: service providers

Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

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 an Internet Web site for runaway and homeless youth that would include a directory of service providers and the rights of homeless and runaway youth.

AB 2001 (Ammiano) Homeless youth: child welfare services

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill authorizes counties that participate in the federal Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project to establish a pilot program, with the approval of the Department of Social Services (DSS), to develop and implement alternative child welfare services to meet the individual needs of homeless youth. This bill also requires DSS to evaluate the pilot program and report its findings to the Legislature by January 1, 2019 along with a recommendation as to whether the program should continue. Additionally, this bill requires DSS to establish a working group to develop policy and practice recommendations to ensure that homeless, unaccompanied minors have access to appropriate placements and services through the state's child welfare system.

AB 2591 (Weber) Homeless youth: basic material needs assistance

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill creates a Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs Assistance Program and requires the Department of Social Services to proportionally allocate funding, appropriated by the Legislature, to counties that elect to establish and operate such a program to provide school supplies, dental supplies and other hygienic products, shoes, clothes, blankets, and other basic material needs to their homeless children.

SB 177 (Liu) Homeless Youth Education Success Act
Chaptered by the 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.

SB 347 (Beall) Youth shelters: funding
Chaptered by the 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.

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

AB 322 (Yamada) Home Care Services Act of 2013
Died; 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.

AB 421 (Williams) Health and home care: worker training
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

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.

AB 485 (Gomez) In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
Died; held on the Assembly Floor.

This bill disconnects implementation of statewide collective bargaining authority for the IHSS program from the state's Coordinated Care Initiative and implements it separately under the new Statewide California IHSS Authority, beginning January 1, 2015.

AB 784 (Weber) In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS): provider health care benefits
Died; not heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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

AB 987 (Jones) As amended 4-1-13 - Personal and Home Care Aide training program
As amended 1-6-14 (Maienschein): Mental health conservatorship hearings for the gravely disabled

The January 6, 2014 amendments removed this bill from the Committee's jurisdiction.

As referred to the Committee, this bill required 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 to be hired in the training program.

AB 1217 (Lowenthal) Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act
Chaptered by the 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 1533 (Waldron) In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS): criminal background checks
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill requires the state Department of Justice to request and review criminal history information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in addition to completing its own criminal background check for individuals seeking to become IHSS providers.

AB 1703 (Hall) In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS): reading services for blind and visually impaired recipients

Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill adds reading and completing financial and other documents for blind or visually impaired IHSS recipients to the list of authorized IHSS provider duties.

AB 1863 (Jones) Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill amends the Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act to include domestic home care aide referral agencies.

AB 2556 (Chau) Home care organizations
Died; not heard in the Senate Human Services Committee.

This bill delays implementation of the Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act from January 1, 2015 until January 1, 2016 and makes technical changes to comply with the Department of Justice's criminal background process.

AB 2641 (Patterson) In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program: provider exclusions: crimes
Died; not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

This bill eliminates the ability for IHSS recipients to provide an individual waiver of the 10-year exclusion for a potential IHSS provider who has committed a non-exemptible crime.

PUBLIC SERVICES/OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES
--

AB 845 (Cooley) Shaken baby syndrome
Died; held on 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.

AB 883 (Cooley) Child sexual abuse: prevention pilot program
Vetoed by the Governor.

This bill establishes and pilots the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program in three counties that volunteer and are selected by the Department of Social Services based on the department's determination that the counties have significant incidences of child sexual abuse or commercially sexually exploited children and have a public or private nonprofit organization with experience in child sexual abuse issues or commercial sexual exploitation issues that can administer the pilot program. This bill also appropriates \$50,000 from the state General Fund to each participating county, on an annual basis, to reduce and prevent child sexual abuse and requires the funds to only be used to supplement the expansion of existing programs or the collaboration of separate existing programs within the county, or fund newly created programs within the county if no current

programs exist, to serve the needs of children at risk of sexual abuse or commercial sexual exploitation.

AB 1280 (John A. Pérez) Public assistance payments and unemployment compensation benefits: electronic fund transfer: qualifying accounts
Chaptered by the 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 to a credit or automatic overdraft feature, and grants the recipient all consumer protections provided under federal law for payroll card accounts.

AB 1534 (Linder) Area agencies on aging: independent living centers: funding
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill creates a continuous appropriation from the Federal Trust Fund to the California Department of Aging (CDA) to support area agencies on aging, and a similar continuous appropriation to the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to support independent living centers, during fiscal years in which the state Budget Act is not enacted by July 1. This bill also authorizes the Department of Finance to reduce the CDA and DOR Budget Act allocations by the respective payment amounts made by the Federal Trust Fund, and it provides that if the state Budget Act is not enacted by July 1, continuously appropriated payments shall be made to CDA and DOR on July 15 and on the 15th of each month thereafter until the state Budget Act is enacted.

AB 2187 (Cooley) County children's trust funds
Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 61, Statutes of 2014.

This bill maintains birth certificate fees collected for child abuse prevention and intervention services in the county in which a newborn child will reside rather than the county in which the child is born if the child is born outside of the county in which his or her mother resides. This bill deletes the requirement that a portion of birth certificate fees goes to a county children's trust fund in the county in which a child is born but will not reside unless a child is born outside of a mother's county of residence due to the county of residence not having a licensed health facility that provides maternity services.

AB 2252 (John A. Pérez) Child support payments: electronic fund transfer: qualifying accounts
Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 180, Statutes of 2014.

This bill applies federal safeguards and consumer protection standards to child support benefits by requiring that child support benefits distributed through electronic funds transfer are only 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 to a

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

AB 2311 (Bradford) General assistance: employable veterans
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file.

This bill excludes employable veterans who were honorably discharged from the Armed Forces from the county option to limit the provision of general assistance/general relief (GA/GR) to only three months in a 12-month period for individuals who have been offered an opportunity to attend job skills or job training sessions. This bill also authorizes a county to continue to apply the three-month GA/GR limitation to any employable individual, including veterans who were honorably discharged from the Armed Forces, provided that the board of supervisors of the county enacts an ordinance providing that any employable individual is subject to the limitation.

AB 2379 (Weber) Abuse of elders and dependent adults: multidisciplinary teams
Chaptered by the Secretary of State – Chapter 62, Statutes of 2014.

This bill adds child welfare services personnel to the list of named individuals that may be included on a multidisciplinary personnel team for the purpose of the prevention, identification, management, treatment and provision of services to abused elderly or dependent adults.

AB 2547 (Beth Gaines) Placer county Integrated Health and Human Services Program
Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Chapter 272, Statutes of 2014.

This bill deletes the pilot status for the Placer County Integrated Health and Human Services Pilot Program, thereby extending the county's program for the funding and delivery of services and benefits through an integrated and comprehensive county health and human services system indefinitely.

AJR 40 (Mullin) Federal poverty level measurement
Chaptered by the Secretary of State. Resolution Chapter 163, Statutes of 2014.

This resolution memorializes the California Legislature's request to the President of the United States and Congress to use the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) to guide the reform and updating of the Official Poverty Measure (OPM), citing among the deficiencies of the current measure that low-income working families in California are especially disadvantaged by the OPM due to the state's high cost of living, which results in the denial of federally-funded assistance to families living above the federal poverty line, but who are unable to meet their basic needs.

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

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

SB 602 (Committee on Human Services) Child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment projects

Chaptered by the 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.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGES

AB 883 (Cooley) Child sexual abuse: prevention pilot program

I am returning Assembly Bill 883 without my signature.

This bill would establish a child sexual abuse prevention pilot program, allowing up to three counties to receive \$50,000 annually for four years to provide child sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation prevention and intervention services.

While this bill is undoubtedly well intentioned, it doesn't provide the criteria or funding necessary for counties to participate or for the Department of Social Services to conduct this pilot program. It may also duplicate efforts that have just gotten underway with the passage of this year's budget to combat and reduce the growing problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children.

AB 1231 (V. Manuel Perez) Regional centers: telehealth

I am returning Assembly Bill 1231 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Developmental Services to inform regional centers that any appropriate health care service, including dentistry, may be provided through telehealth. The bill would additionally require the department to ask regional centers to consider using telehealth in their parent training programs and provide technical assistance on telehealth.

Everything required by this bill either can be done, or is already being done, under existing law.

AB 2035 (Chesbro) Sexually exploited and trafficked minors

I am returning Assembly Bill 2035 without my signature.

Efforts have just gotten underway with the passage of this year's budget to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children, who are also victims of human trafficking. Much discussion and collaboration took place in developing the blueprint intended to aid these young boys and girls. In fact, the budget provides a growing proportion of funds for planning, prevention and intervention activities.

This bill, however, is premature. More investigation and discussion needs to take place before local

authorities are in a solid position to curb the tragedy of young people who are forced to work under illegal and unacceptable conditions.

I am directing the Department of Social Services to assemble relevant parties to explore all avenues that can be pursued to alleviate this suffering.

SB 158 (Correa) Autism services: demonstration program

I am returning Senate Bill 158 without my signature.

The bill seeks to give the Department of Developmental Services permission to establish a voluntary program with no identified funding to focus attention on autism spectrum disorders and underserved communities.

Understanding the needs of disparate communities is a responsibility and goal the department, regional centers, and the three University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities all share. The bill imparts no new authority, alters no mission, and provides no new money to these efforts. As such, the work that the bill seeks to promote is already underway, to the best extent of available resources.

If new federal or private resources should become available, the infrastructure and the will to do more are already there.

SB 996 (Evans) Juveniles: dependent children: documents

I am returning Senate Bill 996 without my signature.

This bill would revise both the timeframes and frequency with which a county social worker must submit a report to the juvenile court verifying that certain documents and services have been provided to a youth prior to exiting foster care. The bill would also add financial literacy to the written materials required to be presented to the foster youth.

Having access to one's own vital documents is necessary in the transition to adulthood. Some reports suggest that not all youth feel responsible enough at age 16 to handle these documents, and that providing them at an earlier age, as this bill requires, may exacerbate the problem of identity theft for foster youth.

I would encourage county social workers, foster youth advocates, and court representatives to work on a solution that takes these variables into account.