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Aging and Long Term Care

SB-219 (Wiener) - Long-term care facilities: rights of residents.

This bill enacts the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Long-Term Care Facility Residents' Bill of Rights and makes it unlawful for any long-term care facility, as defined, to take specified actions on the basis of a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) status.

Status: Chapter 483, Statutes of 2017

SB-413 (Morrell) - Dementia: major neurocognitive disorder.

This bill replaces references to the term "dementia" with the term "major neurocognitive disorders" in existing law with regard to licensure and operation of residential care facilities for the elderly and conservatorships. This bill also makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Status: Chapter 122, Statutes of 2017

SB-648 (Mendoza) - Health and care facilities: private referral agencies.

This bill establishes requirements for private agencies that charge a fee to refer potential residents to adult residential facilities, including Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE). Specifically, this bill requires facilities to disclose to potential residents if a paid referral agency is used prior to an admission agreement being signed, prohibits a referral agency or its employees from holding the power of attorney for a client and prohibits the sharing of personal information by referral agencies, as specified. The bill requires facilities and referral agencies to maintain specific documentation, and requires referral agencies to maintain liability insurance. It adds employees of a private referral agency to the existing list of mandated reporters of elder abuse. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to track consumer complaints about private referral agencies, authorizes CDSS to levy civil penalties, as specified, and requires the department to submit a report to the Legislature of the effectiveness of existing statutory remedies related to private referral agencies by January 1, 2023.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

children with high needs, creates an option to license respite caregivers, and defines outcome requirements for Foster Family Agencies; makes various changes to the Resource Family Approval process, including the means to transfer a resource family approval, remove a resource family from inactive status and makes changes to the

AB-713 (Chu) - Continuing care retirement facilities: transfers of residents.

The bill authorizes a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) to transfer a resident if he or she develops a physical or mental condition that is detrimental to the health, safety, or well-being of the resident or another person. This bill requires a CCRC to use specified assessment tools and to share copies of the completed assessment with the resident or the resident's responsible person. In cases of disputed transfer decisions, this bill requires CCRCs to provide specified documentation of the resident's mental and physical function to the resident or the resident's responsible person. In the event of a transfer dispute, the bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide a description of the steps a CCRC took and the factors a CCRC considered in deciding to transfer a resident, as prescribed. The bill requires CDSS to specify whether the transfer is appropriate and necessary in its decision.

Status: Chapter 613, Statutes of 2017

AB-1021 (Baker) - In-home supportive services: application.

This bill requires each county to accept applications for In Home Supportive Services benefits by telephone, through facsimile, or in person, or by email or other electronic means if the county is capable of accepting online applications or applications via email for benefits.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2017

AB-1200 (Cervantes) - Aging and Disability Resource Connection program.

This bill establishes the Aging and Disability Resource Connection program to provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and supports programs and to assist older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in accessing long-term services and supports programs at the local level, as specified.

Status: Chapter 618, Statutes of 2017

AB-1437 (Patterson) - California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act: licensing.

This bill prohibits an individual who is employed at a residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) and who possesses a current criminal record clearance from being required to transfer his or her criminal record clearance to another RCFE operated by the same licensee. This bill also exempts an individual who is a certified RCFE administrator from having to repeat the licensure certification program when applying for licensure in order to open a new RCFE.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

AJR-8 (Kalra) - Public social services: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

This measure calls on California's Representatives in Congress to vote against cuts to, and proposals to privatize, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and calls on the President of the United States to veto any legislation to cut or privatize these programs.

Status: Chapter 96, Statutes of 2017

CalWORKs, CalFresh

SB-167 (Skinner) - Housing Accountability Act.

This bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of this committee prior to being heard. As it was referred to the Human Services committee, this bill would have required the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish memoranda of understanding with the federal Social Security Administration to allow a person incarcerated in a correctional institution to apply for and receive a replacement social security card and to allow the administration to process SSI claims under the prerelease program. It additionally would have required the state Department of Social Services to request a federal waiver to allow for pre-enrollment into CalFresh for individuals in prison. The amended bill makes several changes to the Housing Accountability Act.

Status: Chapter 368, Statutes of 2017

SB-232 (Bates) - Parental Empowerment Pilot Project.

This bill would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, to design and implement a 5-year pilot project to provide grants to private organizations that assist individuals receiving benefits from the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program to achieve economic independence, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the grant-funded programs.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

SB-278 (Wiener) - CalFresh: overissuance.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to determine whether there is adequate information to set a minimum statewide cost-effective threshold for collecting CalFresh overissuances from former CalFresh recipients caused by an administrative error, and, if it determines that there is adequate information and other specified criteria are met, to set a minimum statewide cost-effective threshold for collecting these CalFresh overissuances. The bill also defines "mass overissuance" as an overissuance that is caused by the same action or inaction, and impacts the greater of either 8% of the county CalFresh caseload or 1,000 or more CalFresh households within the county. It requires a county human services agency to notify CDSS when a mass overissuance has been identified, and requires the notification to include information as to whether the mass overissuance was caused by either negligence or fraud on the

part of the county human services agency in the certification of applicant households, as specified; or a major systemic error by the state or county human services agency, as specified.

Status: Chapter 388, Statutes of 2017

SB-282 (Wiener) - CalFresh and CalWORKs.

This bill establishes the "Reducing Hunger Among Vulnerable Californians Act of 2017" to, among other things, increase access to employment services for noncustodial parents of children receiving California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits, require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to communicate with counties regarding how to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program, and require CDSS to seek partial federal reimbursement for CalFresh Employment and Training-related subsidized employment services..

Status: Chapter 355, Statutes of 2017

SB-360 (Skinner) - Public social services: prosecution for overpayment or overissuance of benefits.

This bill prohibits a person from being subject to criminal prosecution, as specified, for an overpayment or overissuance of CalFresh or California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits if the county is in receipt of any information indicating any potential for an overpayment or overissuance but the county has not notified the benefit recipient of the overpayment or overissuance.

Status: Chapter 390, Statutes of 2017

SB-380 (Bradford) - CalWORKs: child support.

This bill allows a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance unit to receive the full child support payments for a stepsibling or half-sibling in that unit, and prohibits those child support payments from impacting CalWORKs eligibility or benefit level determination, as specified.

Status: Chapter 729, Statutes of 2017

SB-570 (Newman) - CalWORKs.

This bill exempts United States Department of Veterans Affairs education, training, vocation, or rehabilitation benefits received by a veteran, or spouse or dependent of a veteran who died in the line of duty or has a service-connected disability, from being considered as income for purposes of determining eligibility for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program benefits and calculating grant amounts.

Status: Chapter 463, Statutes of 2017

SB-675 (Skinner) - Electronic benefits transfer system.

This bill requires the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) system used to distribute CalFresh and other public assistance benefits to only permit online purchase of food from retailers that comply with various specified requirements. This bill requires the EBT system to prohibit payment of delivery fees for online food purchases using CalFresh food benefits and creates other requirements for online food purchases via the EBT system.

Status: Assembly-In Floor Process

SB-708 (Skinner) - Supplemental Security Income and CalFresh: preenrollment.

This bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to establish and maintain a statewide memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) to allow a person incarcerated in a correctional institution to apply for and receive a replacement social security card and to allow the administration to process SSI claims under the prerelease program. This bill would also require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), on or before March 31, 2018, to request a waiver to allow for the preenrollment of otherwise eligible applicants to the CalFresh program up to one month prior to the applicants' reentry into the community from a county jail or the state prison.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-164 (Arambula) - Food assistance.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop a mechanism to respond to changing needs for food assistance and to allow CDSS flexibility to provide nutrition benefits for certain populations, as specified, on and after July 1, 2018. The bill requires that benefits be provided under the mechanism contingent upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose by the Legislature. The bill requires that the mechanism be designed to issue nutrition benefits using the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) system, and be designed in a manner that can target various populations, depending on the purpose of the specific benefit.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-214 (Weber) - Postsecondary education: student hunger.

This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to notify specified Cal Grant recipients of those students' eligibility for the exemption from the CalFresh program student eligibility rules. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to maintain and regularly update a list of programs in which student participation makes the student eligible for the exemption from the CalFresh student eligibility rules.

Status: Chapter 134, Statutes of 2017

AB-227 (Mayes) - CalWORKs: education incentives.

This bill creates the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Educational Opportunity and Attainment Program to offer education grants to eligible CalWORKs participants who complete certain educational programs.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Human Services

AB-236 (Maienschein) - CalWORKs: housing assistance.

The bill makes California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) temporary shelter assistance available, as specified, to homeless families who would be eligible except for the fact that the families' child or children have been removed from the family unit by county child welfare services. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to gather information regarding costs of a nightly shelter and best practices for transitioning families from a temporary shelter to a permanent shelter and to provide that information to the Legislature, as specified.

Status: Chapter 545, Statutes of 2017

AB-323 (Berman) - CalFresh: emergency food provider referrals.

This bill authorizes county human services agencies to refer CalFresh applicants and recipients to the 2-1-1 dial code so that applicants and recipients may access information about emergency food providers and supplemental food assistance providers in lieu of the county providing a similar list, if the county deems the 2-1-1 method to be the most appropriate.

Status: Chapter 68, Statutes of 2017

AB-415 (Chiu, Reyes) - CalFresh: employment social enterprises.

This bill allows the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to contract with employment social enterprises to provide CalFresh Employment and Training services, as specified.

Status: Chapter 340, Statutes of 2017

AB-480 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - CalWORKs: welfare-to-work: necessary supportive services.

This bill adds diaper costs of up to \$30 a month to the list of supportive services available to CalWORKs recipients who are Welfare to Work participants.

Status: Chapter 690, Statutes of 2017

AB-557 (Rubio) - CalWORKs: victims of abuse.

This bill makes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) homeless assistance benefits available to applicants who are past or present victims of domestic violence, as specified, and makes other changes to the CalWORKs program specific to victims of domestic violence. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to report annually to the Legislature data on welfare-to-work recipients who have been identified as potential victims of domestic abuse. The report must also include a list of counties that require domestic violence survivors to be offered waivers to specified CalWORKs requirements, and a summary of actions taken by the CDSS to address the specific and unique needs of survivors of domestic abuse, as specified.

Status: Chapter 691, Statutes of 2017

AB-563 (Arambula) - CalFresh Employment and Training program.

This bill prohibits a person who is subject to the able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) time limit from being subjected to mandatory placement in CalFresh Employment and Training (E&T). The bill includes job search training and job retention, among others, as CalFresh E&T components that a county may offer. This bill authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement these provisions by all-county letters or similar instructions, upon certification that sufficient federal funds are available, as specified.

Status: Chapter 343, Statutes of 2017

AB-607 (Gloria) - Public social services: disaster assistance services.

This bill establishes the Community Resiliency and Disaster Preparedness Act of 2017 to provide for expanded and improved disaster readiness and response in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and CalFresh programs.

Status: Chapter 501, Statutes of 2017

AB-818 (Burke) - CalWORKs: welfare to work.

This bill permits a recipient of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits to request an extension to the 24-month welfare-to-work time clock in order to obtain a high school education or its equivalent, or to participate in education or activities subsequent to the acquisition of a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Status: Chapter 141, Statutes of 2017

AB-910 (Ridley-Thomas) - CalWORKs: welfare-to-work activities: hours.

This bill clarifies welfare-to-work requirements for a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance unit with two parents in which one parent is living with a disability, and for assistance units consisting solely of a pregnant woman.

Status: Chapter 318, Statutes of 2017

AB-992 (Arambula) - CalWORKs: Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program.

This bill establishes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program in the California Department of Social Services to offer a voluntary home visiting program to CalWORKs assistance units with a pregnant recipient or a child up to 24 months of age.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Human Services

AB-1604 (Nazarian) - CalWORKs: welfare-to-work: education.

This bill permits a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipient who has not received his or her high school diploma or its equivalent to participate in a high school education program or high school equivalency program prior to participation in other specified CalWORKs activities. Among other provisions, the bill prohibits a county from requiring a CalWORKs recipient to participate in assessment before the recipient may engage in a high school education or equivalency program and permits a recipient who has not received a high school diploma or equivalent and who declines to participate in a high school education or equivalency program to choose instead to participate in certain specified services, such as mental health or substance abuse services.

Status: Chapter 303, Statutes of 2017

Child Care

SB-401 (Pan) - Child care facilities: state employees.

This bill replaces existing space requirements for child care facilities in state-owned office buildings with a requirement that the indoor activity space and outdoor activity space comply with requirements in specified regulations.

Status: Chapter 235, Statutes of 2017

SB-441 (Cannella) - Alternative payment programs: reimbursement.

This bill increases the administrative and support services allowance for Alternative Payment Programs that operate with contracts valuing less than \$3 million, or a migrant alternative payment program that operates an individual contract in any dollar amount, from 17.5 percent of the total contract amount, to 22 percent.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-26 (Caballero) - Child care and development: child care resource and referral programs: assistance to license-exempt child care providers.

This bill requires the California Department of Education to establish and administer a pilot program to provide outreach, training, and technical assistance to license-exempt child care providers through child care resource and referral (R&R) programs that choose to participate in the pilot program, as specified.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 26 without my signature.

The California Department of Education currently offers several programs that provide assistance to license-exempt child care providers. Additionally, resource and referral agencies already provide low-cost or free training in health, safety, child development and sound business practices.

A new pilot program, undifferentiated from existing programs, seems unnecessary to establish at this time.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB-258 (Arambula) - Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plan: County of Fresno.

This bill authorizes the County of Fresno to establish a five-year pilot program for the purpose of developing and implementing an individualized county child care subsidy plan that meets the particular needs of families in Fresno county.

Status: Chapter 697, Statutes of 2017

AB-273 (Aguiar-Curry) - Child care services: eligibility.

This bill expands eligibility for federal and state subsidized child development services to families who need child care because the parents are engaged in an educational program for

English language learners, or to attain a high school diploma or general educational development certificate.

Status: Chapter 689, Statutes of 2017

AB-300 (Caballero) - Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plans: Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.

This bill modifies Santa Clara County's existing authorization to establish a subsidized child care pilot program and authorizes the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz to establish a five-year pilot program for purposes of developing and implementing an individualized county child care subsidy plan that meets the particular needs of families in those counties.

Status: Chapter 699, Statutes of 2017

AB-377 (Frazier) - Child care subsidy plans: Counties of San Diego and Solano.

This bill authorizes the Counties of San Diego and Solano to establish a five-year pilot program for purposes of developing and implementing an individualized county child care subsidy plan that meets the particular needs of families in those counties.

Status: Chapter 701, Statutes of 2017

AB-435 (Thurmond) - Child care subsidy plans: Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma.

This bill modifies Alameda County's existing authorization to create a subsidized child care pilot program and authorizes the Counties of Contra Costa, Marin and Sonoma to establish a five-year pilot program for purposes of developing and implementing an individualized county child care subsidy plan that meets the particular needs of families in those counties.

Status: Chapter 703, Statutes of 2017

AB-603 (Quirk-Silva) - Child care: alternative payment programs: child care providers: electronic payments: notice of service changes.

This bill requires, by January 1, 2019, alternative payment programs to establish a program of electronic banking for child care providers, and to provide notice to a child care provider of changes in reimbursement amounts for child care services, a change in the hours of care, rate, or schedules, an increase or decrease in parent fees, or termination of services.

Status: Chapter 706, Statutes of 2017

AB-676 (Limón) - Child care and development: occupational health and safety training.

This bill requires the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation to establish and maintain an Early Educators' Occupational Safety and Health Training Program relating to occupational health and safety risks that are specific to early education professionals. It requires the training program to include specified components. The bill requires an early educator to attend the training within six years of it first being offered, or within three months of the person becoming an early educator, whichever occurs later. This bill also establishes the Early Educators' Safety and Health Education Fund to establish and maintain the training.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-752 (Rubio) - Child care: state preschool programs: expulsion.

This bill prohibits State Preschool providers from expelling or disenrolling a child as a result of the child's behavior, unless certain steps are taken.

Status: Chapter 708, Statutes of 2017

AB-1106 (Weber) - Child care and development services: alternative payment programs.

This bill requires alternative payment programs to have no less than 36 months to expend funds allocated to that program in any fiscal year.

Status: Chapter 716, Statutes of 2017

Child Welfare, Foster Care, Adoptions

SB-12 (Beall) - Foster youth: postsecondary education: financial aid assistance.

This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop an automated system to verify a student's status as a foster youth to aid in the processing of applications for state or federal financial aid. It additionally expands the authorization for additional funds and support for foster youth from up to 10 community college districts to up to 20 community college districts, and requires that a case plan for a foster child 16 or older identify the persons who are responsible for assisting with applications for postsecondary education and related financial aid.

Status: Chapter 722, Statutes of 2017

SB-190 (Mitchell) - Juveniles.

This bill limits the authority of local agencies to assess and collect specified fees against families of persons subject to the juvenile delinquency system, including dependent minors who are involved with both systems.

Status: Chapter 678, Statutes of 2017

SB-213 (Mitchell) - Placement of children: criminal records check.

This bill streamlines the background check process for prospective foster and adoptive parents by establishing a list of non-exemptible crimes, a list of crimes for which an exemption may be granted and a list of crimes for which exemptions must be granted, absent a reasonable belief that the person is not of good character at present. The bill maintains the prohibition against placing a foster child in the home of a foster parent, resource family parent, relative, non-relative or other caregiver if any adult in the home has a felony conviction for child abuse or neglect, spousal abuse, crimes against a child, or other specified violent felonies. It requires that any crime not falling into the specified non-exemptible or exemptible lists be presumed exemptible, as specified.

Status: Chapter 733, Statutes of 2017

SB-233 (Beall) - Foster children: records.

This bill requires a local educational agency to permit a foster family agency, short-term residential treatment program (STRTP) staff, and a caregiver, as specified, access to student records, and makes other changes relative to the handling of a foster youth's student records and education information. Specifically, the bill expands access to student records by authorizing STRTP staff responsible for the education or case management of a student, and a caregiver who has direct responsibility for the care of the student (including a certified or licensed foster parent, an approved relative or non-related extended family member, or a resource family) to access the current or most recent records of grades, transcripts, attendance, discipline, online communication, special education assessments, and any individualized education program or 504 plan. It additionally expands existing access to include records of attendance and discipline.. The bill also establishes the right and obligation of the caregiver to access and maintain educational information about the child, regardless of whether the caregiver has been appointed as the student's educational rights holder.

Status: Chapter 829, Statutes of 2017

SB-245 (Leyva) - Foster youth: sexual health education.

This bill requires sexual health education to be included in the foster care case plan for youth 10 years of age and older and for the California Department of Social Services to develop a curriculum and training for case management workers and foster care providers, as specified.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Human Services

SB-332 (Stern) - Voter registration: foster youth.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to include information relating to voter registration, including identifying the voter registration page on the Secretary of

State's Internet Web site, on specific forms used for a dependent or nonminor dependent, as specified.

Status: Chapter 161, Statutes of 2017

SB-426 (Pan) - Community-based home visitation pilot program.

This bill establishes, until January 1, 2025, the Community-Based Home Visitation Program as a pilot program in up to three counties in order to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention services. The bill establishes the pilot program, as specified, through one family resource center in each county, to be implemented to the extent an appropriation is made for the purposes of this bill. It requires the Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention to administer the home visitation program and authorizes CDSS to contract out for management, training, and evaluation. Additionally, it requires CDSS to secure an independent evaluator to evaluate the effectiveness of each pilot program and requires the department to report interim results of the evaluation to the Legislature, as specified.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

SB-438 (Roth) - Juveniles: legal guardianship: successor guardian.

This bill authorizes the assessment of a legal guardian for a foster child to also include the naming of a prospective successor guardian if one is identified. This bill, in the event of the incapacity or death of an appointed guardian, authorizes the named successor guardian to be assessed and appointed pursuant to the existing procedures that govern the appointment of a legal guardian.

Status: Chapter 307, Statutes of 2017

SB-612 (Mitchell) - Foster care: transitional housing.

This bill alters guidelines for the Transitional Housing program for former and current foster youth by permitting adults to supervise youth without living onsite with them, and to allow nonminor dependents to live independently in an apartment or home, as specified. This bill expands educational qualifications for managers and caseworkers of transitional housing programs, as specified, and authorizes a home to be both certified under a foster family agency and licensed as a transitional placement facility. The bill prohibits a minor from solely signing a rental agreement or lease.

Status: Chapter 731, Statutes of 2017

SB-767 (Atkins) - Sexually exploited children: foster care.

This bill would require the California Department of Social Services to convene, no later than July 1, 2018, a working group to meet no less than quarterly and to include representatives of county child welfare, mental health, and probation agencies or departments, and organizations

that provide placement, treatment, and services for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC), for the purpose of developing placement options for these victims, as specified. It expresses Legislative intent to authorize each county to, among other things, create a specialized foster family placement protocol for CSEC youth to provide these victims with safety, treatment, and appropriate services. Makes other related changes.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Human Services

AB-236 (Maienschein) - CalWORKs: housing assistance.

The bill makes California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) temporary shelter assistance available, as specified, to homeless families who would be eligible except for the fact that the families' child or children have been removed from the family unit by county child welfare services. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to gather information regarding costs of a nightly shelter and best practices for transitioning families from a temporary shelter to a permanent shelter and to provide that information to the Legislature, as specified.

Status: Chapter 545, Statutes of 2017

AB-501 (Ridley-Thomas) - Mental health: community care facilities.

This bill authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to license a short-term residential therapeutic program as a children's crisis residential program, as defined, to provide care for children who have serious behavioral health disorders, among other conditions. This bill permits referral into

a crisis center by a parent, physician, licensed mental health professional, or by the representative of a public or private entity who is authorized to make decisions on behalf of the child. This bill makes related changes.

Status: Chapter 704, Statutes of 2017

AB-507 (Rubio) - Resource families: training topics.

This bill requires each entity that is responsible for approving a resource family to make recommendations to the resource family regarding training topics that support the case plans, goals, and needs of each child in the home, as specified, and permits a county to require a resource family to receive additional relevant specialized training.

Status: Chapter 705, Statutes of 2017

AB-597 (Mark Stone) - Child abuse and neglect: information: computerized database system.

This bill authorizes the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo to jointly establish a computerized database to be used by those counties, provider agencies and local education

agencies to share specified identifying information about families at risk for child abuse or neglect. This bill requires any personally identifiable data shared for research purposes to remain confidential, requires participating counties to develop a confidentiality protocol, and requires the database be decommissioned if the statewide child welfare information system is able to share identifying information about families at risk for child abuse or neglect.

Status: Chapter 581, Statutes of 2017

AB-604 (Gipson) - Nonminor dependents: extended foster care benefits.

This bill requires the juvenile court to assume transition jurisdiction over a youth who was arrested for or convicted of any nonviolent offense committed while he or she was a victim of human trafficking regardless of a court order vacating the underlying adjudication, as specified.

Status: Chapter 707, Statutes of 2017

AB-766 (Friedman) - Foster youth: students of the California State University and California Community Colleges.

This bill prohibits the California State University (CSU) or a campus of the California Community Colleges (CCC) from considering supervised independent living placement (SILP) payments when determining a minor foster youth's eligibility for a waiver of fees or any other financial aid. It additionally provides eligibility for extended foster youth payments to minor dependents whose placement is a college dormitory in which the youth is living independently, and authorizes extended foster youth payments to be made directly to a minor dependent whose placement is a college dormitory in which the youth is living independently.

Status: Chapter 710, Statutes of 2017

AB-811 (Gipson) - Juveniles: rights: computing technology.

This bill requires a youth confined in a facility of the Division of Juvenile Justice to be provided reasonable access to computer technology and the Internet for the purposes of education and maintaining contact with family members. This bill additionally requires a youth confined in a juvenile hall or juvenile ranch, camp, or forestry camp, to have access to technology for education and permits access to be provided to maintain contact with family members.

Additionally, this bill requires that foster youth be provided with reasonable access to computer technology and the Internet.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 811 without my signature.

This bill requires that reasonable access to computer technology and the internet be provided to foster youth, as well as youth confined in Department of Juvenile Justice or local juvenile facilities.

While I agree with this bill's intent, the inclusion of state facilities alone will cost upwards of \$15 million for infrastructure upgrades. Also, the reasonable access standard in this bill is vague, and could lead to implementation questions on top of the potentially costly state mandate created by the legislation.

I therefore urge the proponents to revisit the local aspects of this bill in the future, taking these concerns under advisement. In the meantime I am directing the Department of Juvenile Justice to present a plan in the coming year to provide computer and internet access as soon as is practicable, and that can be budgeted for accordingly.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB-1006 (Maienschein) - Foster youth.

This bill requires a social worker or probation officer to provide the prospective adoptive family of a dependent child or ward of the court with information about the importance of working with mental health providers that have specialized adoption clinical training, as specified. This bill defines “specialized permanency services,” as those designed for and with a child to address the child’s history of trauma, separation and loss, as specified. This bill requires the case plan for a child who has been in care for three years or more to describe the specialized permanency services provided, or why such services were not provided, and makes related changes.

Status: Chapter 714, Statutes of 2017

AB-1227 (Bonta) - Human Trafficking Prevention Education and Training Act.

This bill establishes the Human Trafficking Prevention Education and Training Act, which allows schools to provide training on human trafficking. Specifically, this bill adds information on human trafficking to the existing requirement for comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education instruction for students in grades 7-12, which includes information on sexual harassment, sexual assault, adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence. This bill also expands the scope of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)

Program within the California Department of Social Services to include a focus on prevention for children who may become victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

Status: Chapter 558, Statutes of 2017

AB-1332 (Bloom) - Juveniles: dependents: removal.

This bill enables the removal of a child from the physical custody of a parent with whom the child did not reside, by providing the juvenile court with statutory authority to find clear and convincing evidence that there would be a substantial danger to the physical health, safety, protection, or physical or emotional well-being of the child if placed with that parent.

Status: Chapter 665, Statutes of 2017

AB-1371 (Mark Stone) - Juveniles: ward, dependent, and nonminor dependent parents.

This bill affirms and expands the rights of minors, nonminor dependents and wards of the court who are parents to consult with legal counsel prior to their children being removed from their custody.

Status: Chapter 666, Statutes of 2017

AB-1375 (Dababneh) - Foster care: placements: database.

This bill requires certain placement settings that provide care to foster youth, nonminor dependents, and wards of the delinquency court to provide the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) with a daily census of available beds and a comprehensive listing of the services provided, as specified. The bill requires CDSS to create and maintain a database on the department's Internet Web site that would allow county child welfare departments and county probation departments to view the list in order to place foster children and wards in settings that are in the best interest of the child. It also requires CDSS to review the database and assess for capacity twice a year.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-1401 (Maienschein) - Juveniles: protective custody warrant.

This bill authorizes a court to issue a protective custody warrant without first filing a petition in the juvenile dependency court under specified conditions, including that there is a risk to the child's safety and no reasonable means to protect the child exists without removal. It requires any child taken into protective custody to be delivered immediately to a social worker who shall investigate the facts and circumstances of the case and attempt to maintain the child with the child's family through the provision of services.

Status: Chapter 262, Statutes of 2017

AB-1446 (Cooley) - Dependent children: periodic review hearing.

This bill requires a periodic court review of any case in which a foster child is residing for more than five consecutive calendar days in emergency shelter care, a temporary shelter care facility, or a transitional shelter care facility, or due to the lack of placement is inappropriately residing in a place that is not a licensed or approved shelter, home or facility. This bill requires the periodic reviews to be held at least every three days and to include a review of the efforts made by the social worker to identify and locate adult relatives of the child or nonminor dependent

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

AB-1567 (Holden) - Public postsecondary education: California State University: California Community Colleges: foster youth: Higher Education Outreach and Assistance Act for Foster Youth.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and county welfare departments to share relevant information about foster youth at a California State University and the California Community Colleges, and requires each campus to communicate eligibility for financial aid and campus supports with applicants and enrolled students who are current or former foster youth.

Status: Chapter 763, Statutes of 2017

Community Care Licensing

SB-213 (Mitchell) - Placement of children: criminal records check.

This bill streamlines the background check process for prospective foster and adoptive parents by establishing a list of non-exemptible crimes, a list of crimes for which an exemption may be granted and a list of crimes for which exemptions must be granted, absent a reasonable belief that the person is not of good character at present. The bill maintains the prohibition against placing a foster child in the home of a foster parent, resource family parent, relative, non-relative or other caregiver if any adult in the home has a felony conviction for child abuse or neglect, spousal abuse, crimes against a child, or other specified violent felonies. It requires that any crime not falling into the specified non-exemptible or exemptible lists be presumed exemptible, as specified.

Status: Chapter 733, Statutes of 2017

SB-219 (Wiener) - Long-term care facilities: rights of residents.

This bill enacts the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Long-Term Care Facility Residents' Bill of Rights and makes it unlawful for any long-term care facility, as defined, to take specified actions on the basis of a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) status.

Status: Chapter 483, Statutes of 2017

SB-401 (Pan) - Child care facilities: state employees.

This bill replaces existing space requirements for child care facilities in state-owned office buildings with a requirement that the indoor activity space and outdoor activity space comply with requirements in specified regulations.

Status: Chapter 235, Statutes of 2017

SB-413 (Morrell) - Dementia: major neurocognitive disorder.

This bill replaces references to the term “dementia” with the term “major neurocognitive disorders” in existing law with regard to licensure and operation of residential care facilities for the elderly and conservatorships. This bill also makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Status: Chapter 122, Statutes of 2017

SB-612 (Mitchell) - Foster care: transitional housing.

This bill alters guidelines for the Transitional Housing program for former and current foster youth by permitting adults to supervise youth without living onsite with them, and to allow nonminor dependents to live independently in an apartment or home, as specified. This bill expands educational qualifications for managers and caseworkers of transitional housing programs, as specified, and authorizes a home to be both certified under a foster family agency and licensed as a transitional placement facility. The bill prohibits a minor from solely signing a rental agreement or lease.

Status: Chapter 731, Statutes of 2017

SB-648 (Mendoza) - Health and care facilities: private referral agencies.

This bill establishes requirements for private agencies that charge a fee to refer potential residents to adult residential facilities, including Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE). Specifically, this bill requires facilities to disclose to potential residents if a paid referral agency is used prior to an admission agreement being signed, prohibits a referral agency or its employees from holding the power of attorney for a client and prohibits the sharing of personal information by referral agencies, as specified. The bill requires facilities and referral agencies to maintain specific documentation, and requires referral agencies to maintain liability insurance. It adds employees of a private referral agency to the existing list of mandated reporters of elder abuse. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to track consumer complaints about private referral agencies, authorizes CDSS to levy civil penalties, as specified, and requires the department to submit a report to the Legislature of the effectiveness of existing statutory remedies related to private referral agencies by January 1, 2023.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-251 (Bonta) - Health and care facilities: dialysis clinics.

This bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Human Services Committee prior to being heard. When it was referred to this committee, it modified existing statute regarding joint licensing regulations established by the Department of Developmental Services and state Department of Public Health. As amended, the bill addresses dialysis clinics.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

AB-501 (Ridley-Thomas) - Mental health: community care facilities.

This bill authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to license a short-term residential therapeutic program as a children's crisis residential program, as defined, to provide care for children who have serious behavioral health disorders, among other conditions. This bill permits referral into

a crisis center by a parent, physician, licensed mental health professional, or by the representative of a public or private entity who is authorized to make decisions on behalf of the child. This bill makes related changes.

Status: Chapter 704, Statutes of 2017

AB-1437 (Patterson) - California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act: licensing.

This bill prohibits an individual who is employed at a residential care facility for the elderly (RCFE) and who possesses a current criminal record clearance from being required to transfer his or her criminal record clearance to another RCFE operated by the same licensee. This bill also exempts an individual who is a certified RCFE administrator from having to repeat the licensure certification program when applying for licensure in order to open a new RCFE.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

Developmental Services, Rehabilitative Services

SB-283 (Wilk) - Developmental services.

This bill expands the age for a person to be eligible for services under the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to include persons who have suffered an acquired brain injury, including, but not limited to, a traumatic brain injury, between the ages of 18 and 22.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

SB-398 (Monning) - Acquired brain trauma.

This bill removes the sunset date on the state's traumatic brain injury (TBI) program and enables the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to require that service providers are compliant with any operational certification standards in order to receive ongoing funding. The bill additionally deletes a requirement to seek and references to use a Medi-Cal home and community based services waiver to help fund the TBI program, as the waiver was researched and found not to be a viable resource.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Human Services

SB-399 (Portantino) - Health care coverage: pervasive developmental disorder or autism.

The bill makes several changes to the mandate on health plans and health insurers to provide coverage for behavioral health treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism, including revising the definition of behavioral health treatment to include other evidence-based behavior interventions that maintain the functioning of the individual, and broadening the eligibility criteria to become a qualified autism service professional and paraprofessional. The bill also prohibits a lack of parent or caregiver participation from being used to deny or reduce medically necessary behavioral health treatment.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Health

SB-433 (Mendoza) - Gas corporations: zero-carbon and low-carbon hydrogen.

This bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of this committee; however its contents were moved into AB 1696. As it was heard in this committee, SB 433 authorized data sharing between the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and Employment Development Department (EDD) in order to assess and implement statewide employment goals for individuals with developmental disabilities, as specified.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Utilities and Energy

SB-499 (Stone) - Developmental services: regional centers.

The bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to increase funding provided to a regional center to enable the regional center and the regional center's purchase-of-service vendors to fund certain costs related to minimum wage requirements, including local minimum wage mandates.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

SB-613 (De León) - Immigration status.

This bill repeals the requirement for the state departments of Developmental Services and State Hospitals and the Division of Juvenile Justice to cooperate with the United States Department of Homeland Security in arranging for the deportation of individuals who are confined in their institutions.

Status: Chapter 774, Statutes of 2017

AB-251 (Bonta) - Health and care facilities: dialysis clinics.

This bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Human Services Committee prior to being heard. When it was referred to this committee, it modified existing statute regarding joint licensing regulations established by the Department of Developmental Services and state Department of Public Health. As amended, the bill addresses dialysis clinics.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

AB-279 (Holden) - Developmental disabilities: regional centers.

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to include in its cost model for service rates any changes to local minimum wage in California. It also authorizes the adjustment of provider rates if it is necessary to pay employees no less than minimum wage.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-763 (Salas) - Independent Living Centers: funding.

This bill deletes provisions in current law that make an Independent Living Center (ILC) eligible for state funding only under certain circumstances, thereby permitting three of the state's 28 ILCs to receive the same \$235,000 in state base funding annually that the others receive.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-959 (Holden) - Developmental services: regional centers.

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to maintain on its Internet Web site a list with brief descriptions of the services purchased by regional centers, or provided directly to consumers by regional centers. The bill requires each regional center's Web site to link to the DDS list. This bill also requires regional centers to provide information to a consumer or his or her parents, legal guardian, conservator, or authorized representative in a manner that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

Status: Chapter 474, Statutes of 2017

AB-1074 (Maienschein) - Health care coverage: pervasive developmental disorder or autism.

This bill changes the requirements for a qualified autism service provider and paraprofessionals who provide behavioral health therapy coverage for health care service plans and health insurers. Specifically, this bill permits a qualified autism service paraprofessional to be supervised by a qualified autism service professional; indicates that behavioral health treatment may include clinical case management and case supervision under the direction and supervision of a qualified autism service provide, deletes a requirement that a behavior service provider must be approved as a vendor by a Regional Center based on provider definitions in specified regulations; and instead requires a behavior service provider to meet the education and experience qualifications described in the specified regulations; and, makes other technical changes.

Status: Chapter 385, Statutes of 2017

AB-1380 (Santiago) - Developmental services: regional center services.

This bill requires regional center to develop a process by which all vendor contracts are reviewed at least once every two years, and requires the outcome of those reviews to be documented in the regional center's files. It additionally requires an employer to submit the fingerprints of a prospective in-home respite worker to the Department of Justice for a criminal background check prior to employment and prohibits employment as an in-home respite provider if an applicant has specified convictions. The bill also requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to conduct an in-depth review of in-home respite provider rates, as specified, and report results to the Legislature.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-1607 (Frazier) - Developmental services: integrated competitive employment.

This bill permits a consumer with a stated goal of competitive integrated employment to use tailored day services in conjunction with a supported employment program or work activity program, if specified criteria are met. This bill additionally deletes existing statute requiring the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to conduct a demonstration project to establish community-based vocational development services, making the statutory authorization effective statewide without a demonstration project.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1607 without my signature.

This bill authorizes developmentally disabled consumers to participate in more than one adult day services program to receive services focused on employment. It also establishes community-based vocational development services as a new statewide program for these consumers.

These additional services have merit; however, they should be evaluated in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Homelessness Assistance

AB-210 (Santiago) - Homeless multidisciplinary personnel team.

This bill permits a county to establish a homeless adult, and family multidisciplinary personnel team with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services within that county and to allow provider agencies to share confidential information in order to coordinate housing and supportive services to ensure continuity of care. The bill includes various privacy protections to maintain the confidentiality of personal information, and specifies the agencies and non-governmental agencies that may participate on a team.

Status: Chapter 544, Statutes of 2017

AB-236 (Maienschein) - CalWORKs: housing assistance.

The bill makes California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) temporary shelter assistance available, as specified, to homeless families who would be eligible except for the fact that the families' child or children have been removed from the family unit by county child welfare services. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to gather information regarding costs of a nightly shelter and best practices for transitioning families from a temporary shelter to a permanent shelter and to provide that information to the Legislature, as specified.

Status: Chapter 545, Statutes of 2017

AB-557 (Rubio) - CalWORKs: victims of abuse.

This bill makes the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) homeless assistance benefits available to applicants who are past or present victims of domestic violence, as specified, and makes other changes to the CalWORKs program specific to victims of domestic violence. This bill also requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to report annually to the Legislature data on welfare-to-work recipients who have been identified as potential victims of domestic abuse. The report must also include a list of counties that require domestic violence survivors to be offered waivers to specified CalWORKs requirements, and a summary of actions taken by the CDSS to address the specific and unique needs of survivors of domestic abuse, as specified.

Status: Chapter 691, Statutes of 2017

Immigration

SB-6 (Hueso) - Tribal gaming: compact ratification.

This bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of the Human Services Committee after it was heard. When it was heard in this committee, it established the Due Process for All Act by expanding existing immigrant legal services contracts administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to include immigrants facing deportation. The bill authorized CDSS to establish specific contracting priorities, required the state to consider the use of an umbrella nonprofit organization to administer the contracts and set criteria for qualifying contractors. It prohibited legal services from being provided to individuals who have been convicted of specified violent crimes. The bill additionally established the California Universal Representation Trust Fund to accept donations from private foundations and philanthropic entities in order to serve more people.

Status: Chapter 455, Statutes of 2017

SB-613 (De León) - Immigration status.

This bill repeals the requirement for the state departments of Developmental Services and State Hospitals and the Division of Juvenile Justice to cooperate with the United States Department of Homeland Security in arranging for the deportation of individuals who are confined in their institutions.

Status: Chapter 774, Statutes of 2017

AB-3 (Bonta) - Crimes: repeat offenders and recidivism reduction.

This bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of this committee prior to being heard. As referred, it would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to issue requests for proposal and issue grants to qualified legal services projects or qualified support centers that meet specified requirements, for the provision of legal training, written materials, mentoring, and

technical assistance to county offices of the public defender in this state and attorneys contracted by counties to provide indigent criminal defense on issues relating to the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and obtaining relief for prior invalid convictions for noncitizen defendants.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Public Safety

AB-386 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - Legal services for deported veterans.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), subject to annual funding, to provide legal services to deported veterans through a contract, as specified. This bill authorizes CDSS to include post-conviction relief services to deported veterans in the contract. This bill establishes the Veteran Reentry Assistance Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, to accept donations from private foundations and other philanthropic entities to expand the number of individuals who may be provided legal services, as specified.

Status: Senate-In Floor Process

In-Home Supportive Services

AB-237 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - In-home supportive services.

This bill defines “payroll period” for providers of in-home supportive services or waiver personal care services to mean two workweeks.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Human Services

AB-432 (Thurmond) - Personal care services.

This bill establishes county public authorities and nonprofit consortia as the employers of record for providers of waiver personal care services (WPCS) and adopts related changes in order to establish parity between WPCS and in-home supportive services (IHSS) providers for purposes of labor relations.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 432 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a county to contract with either a nonprofit consortium or a public authority

to be the employer of record for providers of waiver personal care services. The bill also requires the wages and benefits negotiated by the county for these providers to be equal to the wages and benefits for In-Home Supportive Services providers.

This bill could lead to unknown General Fund costs in the near term by giving counties collective bargaining authority over a state administered program that does not include a county share of cost. As with other program expansions, this is more appropriately considered as a part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB-1021 (Baker) - In-home supportive services: application.

This bill requires each county to accept applications for In Home Supportive Services benefits by telephone, through facsimile, or in person, or by email or other electronic means if the county is capable of accepting online applications or applications via email for benefits.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2017

AB-1513 (Kalra) - Registered home care aides: disclosure of contact information.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide a copy of a registered home care aide's name, telephone number, and cellular telephone number, if available and on file with CDSS, to a labor organization, upon request. This bill prohibits a labor organization from using this information for any purpose other than employee organizing, representation, and assistance activities, and prohibits the labor organization from disclosing this information to any other party. The bill also requires CDSS to establish a simple opt-out procedure by which a registered home care aide may request that his or her contact information not be disclosed.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1513 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to provide labor organizations with the names and telephone numbers of home care aides on the department's Home Care Registry unless a home care aide opts out of allowing this information to be shared.

Home care aides have placed their names and personal contact information on the Registry for the purpose of allowing consumers and their families to determine whether an aide has undergone a criminal background check and received training. I am concerned about now releasing the personal information of these home care aides, who joined the registry without knowing that their information would be disclosed as prescribed by this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Public Services, Social Services & other Human Services

SB-167 (Skinner) - Housing Accountability Act.

This bill was amended out of the jurisdiction of this committee prior to being heard. As it was referred to the Human Services committee, this bill would have required the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish memoranda of understanding with the federal Social Security Administration to allow a person incarcerated in a correctional institution to apply for and receive a replacement social security card and to allow the administration to process SSI claims under the prerelease program. It additionally would have required the state Department of Social Services to request a federal waiver to allow for pre-enrollment into CalFresh for individuals in prison. The amended bill makes several changes to the Housing Accountability Act.

Status: Chapter 368, Statutes of 2017

SB-380 (Bradford) - CalWORKs: child support.

This bill allows a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance unit to receive the full child support payments for a stepsibling or half-sibling in that unit, and prohibits those child support payments from impacting CalWORKs eligibility or benefit level determination, as specified.

Status: Chapter 729, Statutes of 2017

SB-426 (Pan) - Community-based home visitation pilot program.

This bill establishes, until January 1, 2025, the Community-Based Home Visitation Program as a pilot program in up to three counties in order to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention services. The bill establishes the pilot program, as specified, through one family resource center in each county, to be implemented to the extent an appropriation is made for the purposes of this bill. It requires the Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention to administer the home visitation program and authorizes CDSS to contract out for management, training, and evaluation. Additionally, it requires CDSS to secure an independent evaluator to evaluate the effectiveness of each pilot program and requires the department to report interim results of the evaluation to the Legislature, as specified.

Status: Assembly-In Committee Process - Appropriations

SB-570 (Newman) - CalWORKs.

This bill exempts United States Department of Veterans Affairs education, training, vocation, or rehabilitation benefits received by a veteran, or spouse or dependent of a veteran who died in the line of duty or has a service-connected disability, from being considered as income for purposes of determining eligibility for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program benefits and calculating grant amounts.

Status: Chapter 463, Statutes of 2017

SB-708 (Skinner) - Supplemental Security Income and CalFresh: preenrollment.

This bill requires the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to establish and maintain a statewide memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) to allow a person incarcerated in a correctional institution to apply for and receive a replacement social security card and to allow the administration to process SSI claims under the prerelease program. This bill would also require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), on or before March 31, 2018, to request a waiver to allow for the preenrollment of otherwise eligible applicants to the CalFresh program up to one month prior to the applicants' reentry into the community from a county jail or the state prison.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

SB-767 (Atkins) - Sexually exploited children: foster care.

This bill would require the California Department of Social Services to convene, no later than July 1, 2018, a working group to meet no less than quarterly and to include representatives of county child welfare, mental health, and probation agencies or departments, and organizations that provide placement, treatment, and services for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC), for the purpose of developing placement options for these victims, as specified. It

expresses Legislative intent to authorize each county to, among other things, create a specialized foster family placement protocol for CSEC youth to provide these victims with safety, treatment, and appropriate services. Makes other related changes.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Human Services

AB-85 (Rodriguez) - General assistance: employable veterans.

This bill enacts the “General Assistance ‘Thank You for Your Service’ Act of 2017.” The bill requires counties to exclude an eligible employable veteran from the existing prohibition against receiving general assistance for more than three months in any 12-month period. The bill also allows a county to opt out of the extended eligibility period for GA for eligible veterans by enacting an ordinance, by July 1, 2018, stating that an eligible veteran is subject to the three month limitation.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Veterans Affairs

AB-164 (Arambula) - Food assistance.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop a mechanism to respond to changing needs for food assistance and to allow CDSS flexibility to provide nutrition benefits for certain populations, as specified, on and after July 1, 2018. The bill requires that benefits be provided under the mechanism contingent upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose by the Legislature. The bill requires that the mechanism be designed to issue nutrition benefits using the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) system, and be designed in a manner that can target various populations, depending on the purpose of the specific benefit.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-210 (Santiago) - Homeless multidisciplinary personnel team.

This bill permits a county to establish a homeless adult, and family multidisciplinary personnel team with the goal of facilitating the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services within that county and to allow provider agencies to share confidential information in order to coordinate housing and supportive services to ensure continuity of care. The bill includes various privacy protections to maintain the confidentiality of personal information, and specifies the agencies and non-governmental agencies that may participate on a team.

Status: Chapter 544, Statutes of 2017

AB-322 (Mullin) - Public social services for deaf persons.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), to provide deaf access program services to deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals who reside in a linguistically isolated household, as defined, and upon appropriation by the Legislature.

Status: Senate-In Committee Process - Appropriations

AB-563 (Arambula) - CalFresh Employment and Training program.

This bill prohibits a person who is subject to the able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) time limit from being subjected to mandatory placement in CalFresh Employment and Training (E&T). The bill includes job search training and job retention, among others, as CalFresh E&T components that a county may offer. This bill authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement these provisions by all-county letters or similar instructions, upon certification that sufficient federal funds are available, as specified.

Status: Chapter 343, Statutes of 2017

AB-597 (Mark Stone) - Child abuse and neglect: information: computerized database system.

This bill authorizes the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo to jointly establish a computerized database to be used by those counties, provider agencies and local education agencies to share specified identifying information about families at risk for child abuse or neglect. This bill requires any personally identifiable data shared for research purposes to remain confidential, requires participating counties to develop a confidentiality protocol, and requires the database be decommissioned if the statewide child welfare information system is able to share identifying information about families at risk for child abuse or neglect.

Status: Chapter 581, Statutes of 2017

AB-1513 (Kalra) - Registered home care aides: disclosure of contact information.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide a copy of a registered home care aide's name, telephone number, and cellular telephone number, if available and on file with CDSS, to a labor organization, upon request. This bill prohibits a labor organization from using this information for any purpose other than employee organizing, representation, and assistance activities, and prohibits the labor organization from disclosing this information to any other party. The bill also requires CDSS to establish a simple opt-out procedure by which a registered home care aide may request that his or her contact information not be disclosed.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1513 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to provide labor organizations with the names and telephone numbers of home care aides on the department's Home Care Registry unless a home care aide opts out of allowing this information to be shared.

Home care aides have placed their names and personal contact information on the Registry for the purpose of allowing consumers and their families to determine whether an aide has undergone a criminal background check and received training. I am concerned about now releasing the personal information of these home care aides, who joined the registry without knowing that their information would be disclosed as prescribed by this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB-1520 (Burke) - Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force.

This bill establishes the Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force for the purpose of submitting a report to the Legislature and the executive administration of the state, as specified, that recommends future comprehensive strategies to address deep child poverty and reducing child poverty in the state, as specified.

Status: Chapter 415, Statutes of 2017

AJR-8 (Kalra) - Public social services: Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

This measure calls on California's Representatives in Congress to vote against cuts to, and proposals to privatize, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and calls on the President of the United States to veto any legislation to cut or privatize these programs.

Status: Chapter 96, Statutes of 2017

Signing Messages

AB-258 (Arambula) - Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plan: County of Fresno.

This bill authorizes the County of Fresno to establish a five-year pilot program for the purpose of developing and implementing an individualized county child care subsidy plan that meets the particular needs of families in Fresno county.

Status: Chapter 697, Statutes of 2017

AB-300 (Caballero) - Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plans: Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.

This bill modifies Santa Clara County's existing authorization to establish a subsidized child care pilot program and authorizes the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz to establish a five-year pilot program for purposes of developing and implementing an individualized county child care subsidy plan that meets the particular needs of families in those counties.

Status: Chapter 699, Statutes of 2017

AB-377 (Frazier) - Child care subsidy plans: Counties of San Diego and Solano.

This bill authorizes the Counties of San Diego and Solano to establish a five-year pilot program for purposes of developing and implementing an individualized county child care subsidy plan that meets the particular needs of families in those counties.

Status: Chapter 701, Statutes of 2017

AB-435 (Thurmond) - Child care subsidy plans: Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma.

This bill modifies Alameda County's existing authorization to create a subsidized child care pilot program and authorizes the Counties of Contra Costa, Marin and Sonoma to establish a five-year pilot program for purposes of developing and implementing an individualized county child care subsidy plan that

meets the particular needs of families in those counties.

Status: Chapter 703, Statutes of 2017

Veto Messages

AB-26 (Caballero) - Child care and development: child care resource and referral programs: assistance to license-exempt child care providers.

This bill requires the California Department of Education to establish and administer a pilot program to provide outreach, training, and technical assistance to license-exempt child care providers through child care resource and referral (R&R) programs that choose to participate in the pilot program, as specified.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 26 without my signature.

The California Department of Education currently offers several programs that provide assistance to license-exempt child care providers. Additionally, resource and referral agencies already provide low-cost or free training in health, safety, child development and sound business practices.

A new pilot program, undifferentiated from existing programs, seems unnecessary to establish at this time.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB-432 (Thurmond) - Personal care services.

This bill establishes county public authorities and nonprofit consortia as the employers of record for providers of waiver personal care services (WPCS) and adopts related changes in order to establish parity between WPCS and in-home supportive services (IHSS) providers for purposes of labor relations.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 432 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a county to contract with either a nonprofit consortium or a public authority to be the employer of record for providers of waiver personal care services. The bill also requires the wages and benefits negotiated by the county for these providers to be equal to the wages and benefits for In-Home Supportive Services providers.

This bill could lead to unknown General Fund costs in the near term by giving counties collective bargaining authority over a state administered program that does not include a county share of cost. As with other program expansions, this is more appropriately considered as a part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB-811 (Gipson) - Juveniles: rights: computing technology.

This bill requires a youth confined in a facility of the Division of Juvenile Justice to be provided reasonable access to computer technology and the Internet for the purposes of education and maintaining contact with family members. This bill additionally requires a youth confined in a juvenile hall or juvenile ranch, camp, or forestry camp, to have access to technology for education and permits access to be provided to maintain contact with family members.

Additionally, this bill requires that foster youth be provided with reasonable access to computer technology and the Internet.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 811 without my signature.

This bill requires that reasonable access to computer technology and the internet be provided to

foster youth, as well as youth confined in Department of Juvenile Justice or local juvenile facilities.

While I agree with this bill's intent, the inclusion of state facilities alone will cost upwards of \$15 million for infrastructure upgrades. Also, the reasonable access standard in this bill is vague, and could lead to implementation questions on top of the potentially costly state mandate created by the legislation.

I therefore urge the proponents to revisit the local aspects of this bill in the future, taking these concerns under advisement. In the meantime I am directing the Department of Juvenile Justice to present a plan in the coming year to provide computer and internet access as soon as is practicable, and that can be budgeted for accordingly.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

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Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

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the purpose of allowing consumers and their families to determine whether an aide has undergone a criminal background check and received training. I am concerned about now releasing the personal information of these home care aides, who joined the registry without knowing that their information would be disclosed as prescribed by this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

AB-1607 (Frazier) - Developmental services: integrated competitive employment.

This bill permits a consumer with a stated goal of competitive integrated employment to use tailored day services in conjunction with a supported employment program or work activity program, if specified criteria are met. This bill additionally deletes existing statute requiring the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to conduct a demonstration project to establish community-based vocational development services, making the statutory authorization effective statewide without a demonstration project.

Status: Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1607 without my signature.

This bill authorizes developmentally disabled consumers to participate in more than one adult day services program to receive services focused on employment. It also establishes community-based vocational development services as a new statewide program for these consumers.

These additional services have merit; however, they should be evaluated in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.