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## Aging and Long Term Care

### **SB-219 (Wiener) - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Long-Term Care Facility Resident's Bill of Rights.**

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 would have established requirements for private agencies that charge a fee to refer potential residents to adult residential facilities, including Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs). Specifically, this bill would have required facilities to disclose to potential residents if a paid referral agency is used prior to an admission agreement being signed, prohibited a referral agency or its employees from holding the power of attorney for a client and prohibited the sharing of personal information by referral agencies, as specified. Among other things, the bill also would have required 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 - Died - Appropriations

### **SB-1026 (Jackson) - Older adults and persons with disabilities: fall prevention.**

This bill would have repealed obsolete statutes that establish programs within the California Department of Aging (CDA) and instead establish the Dignity at Home and Fall Prevention Program, which would have required CDA to provide grants to area agencies on aging for injury prevention services, as specified.

**Status:** Assembly - Died - Appropriations

### **SB-1040 (Dodd) - In-home supportive services: natural disaster.**

This bill makes adjustments to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program that would take effect in the event of a state of emergency to allow recipients to continue receiving services and providers to obtain replacement payroll checks, if their checks were damaged or uncashed as a result of the emergency. This bill specifies that recipients of IHSS services are among the low-income persons given first priority for loans from the Predevelopment Loans Fund, in the event of a natural disaster. This bill also requires a county, including a city and county, at the next update to its emergency plan, to integrate and require the assessment and provision of supportive services to IHSS recipients.

**Status:** Chapter 789, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-550 (Reyes) - State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program: funding.**

This bill would have increased the base allocation for the local ombudsman program, which assists elderly persons in long-term health care facilities and residential care facilities by, among other things, investigating and seeking to resolve complaints against these facilities, from \$35,000 to \$100,000 per fiscal year in any year in which funds are made available for allocation.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Human Services

### **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 Disabilities 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) - Care facilities: criminal record clearances.**

This bill would have permitted specified licensees who operate more than one of the same type of care facility to coordinate the criminal record clearances for individuals associated with its facilities, as specified, and required such licensees to update the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) regarding individuals associated with its facilities, as specified. This bill would have expanded a requirement for CDSS to maintain criminal record clearances of individuals in its active file.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2397 (Oberholte) - Health and human services: information sharing: administrative actions.**

This bill would have required, rather than permit, the California Department of Aging, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Care Services, the California Department of Social Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority to share information with respect to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or individuals who have been the subject of any administrative action resulting in the denial of a license, permit, or certificate of approval, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2719 (Irwin) - Aging.**

This bill expands the definition of "greatest social need," as used by the California Department of Aging in their allocation of state and federal funds to programs for older individuals, to include cultural and social isolation caused by sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

**Status:** Chapter 202, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-3098 (Friedman) - Residential care facilities for the elderly: emergency plans.**

The bill requires Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) to have emergency and disaster plans and requires RCFEs to provide training on the emergency and disaster plan to each staff member, as specified. The bill also requires an RCFE to review and make updates to the emergency and disaster plan annually, as specified, and to conduct a drill for various emergency situations at least once quarterly for each shift. The bill requires RCFEs to make the emergency and disaster plan available, upon request, to any

responsible party for a resident and the local long-term care ombudsman, and requires an applicant seeking a license for a new facility to submit the emergency and disaster plan with the initial license application. The bill requires the Community Care Licensing Division within the California Department of Social Services to confirm, during annual visits, that the emergency and disaster plan is on file at the facility and includes required content and encourage the facility to have the plan reviewed by local emergency authorities.

**Status:** Chapter 348, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-3200 (Kalra) - Public social services: SSI/SSP.**

This bill would have reinstated, as of January 1, 2019, the annual cost-of-living adjustment for the State Supplementary Payment, as specified and subject to an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

### **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

## **CalFresh**

### **SB-61 (Hertzberg) - Personal income taxes: voluntary contributions: Emergency Food Assistance Fund.**

As introduced, this bill would have changed the name of the Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund to the Emergency Food for Families Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund (Fund) and extended the provisions that apply to that voluntary contribution fund until January 1, 2026. This bill would have made a continuous appropriation from the Fund to the Franchise Tax Board and the Controller for reimbursement of all costs incurred in the administration of these provisions and to the State Department of Social Services for allocation to the CalFood Program. The bill was subsequently amended to address an issue that is out of this committee's jurisdiction.

**Status:** Chapter 723, Statutes of 2017

### **SB-167 (Skinner) - Housing Accountability Act.**

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 Supplemental Security Income claims under the prerelease program. It additionally would have required the California Department of Social Services to request a federal waiver to allow for pre-enrollment into CalFresh for individuals in prison. The bill was subsequently amended to address an issue outside of this committee's jurisdiction.

**Status:** Chapter 368, Statutes of 2017

### **SB-278 (Wiener) - CalFresh: overissuance.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to determine if 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 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 percent 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 benefits, requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to communicate with counties regarding how to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program, and requires 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 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-675 (Skinner) - Electronic benefits transfer system.**

This bill would have required 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 would have required 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 - Died - In Floor Process

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

This bill would have required the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish and maintain a statewide memorandum 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 Supplemental Security Income claims under the prerelease program. This bill would have also required the California Department of Social Services, 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 - Died - Appropriations

### **SB-900 (Wiener) - Electronic benefits transfer system: CalFresh supplemental benefits.**

This bill establishes the California Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Project and corresponding grant program and requires the California Department of Social Services to include within the Electronic Benefit Transfer system a supplemental benefit mechanism that allows authorized retailers to deliver and redeem supplemental CalFresh benefits, as specified. Provisions of this bill were enacted in AB 1811 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018).

**Status:** Assembly - Died - Human Services

### **SB-926 (Skinner) - CalWORKs and CalFresh: work requirements.**

This bill would have created new prohibitions for sanctioning California Work and Responsibility to Kids recipients and added new conditions under which good cause exists for not meeting federal work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which is the CalFresh program in California, related to unpredictable work schedules and workplace rights violations, as specified. This bill would have required the county human services agency to provide benefit recipients with information regarding workplace rights.

**Status:** Senate - Died - In Floor Process

### **SB-1274 (McGuire) - Developmental services: data exchange.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide information to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) about DDS consumers' participation in California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids and CalFresh in order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the state's Employment First Policy. In order to protect the privacy of this shared information, provisions of this bill require DDS maintain the confidentiality of any information provided to it by CDSS, as it would maintain the confidentiality of any such information DDS acquired directly.

**Status:** Chapter 466, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-164 (Arambula) - Food assistance.**

This bill would have required 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 required that benefits be provided under the mechanism contingent upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose. The bill would have required the mechanism to be designed to issue nutrition benefits using the Electronic Benefits Transfer system, and designed in a manner that can target various populations, depending on the purpose of the specific benefit.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

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

This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission 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 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-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) - CalFresh: employment social enterprises.**

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

**Status:** Chapter 340, Statutes of 2017

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

This bill prohibits a person subject to the federal 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. It authorizes the California Department of Social Services to implement the bill by all-county letters or similar, 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-1892 (Jones-Sawyer) - CalFresh.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to issue guidance to counties participating in CalFresh Employment and Training (CFET) program with instructions for providing CFET support services or client reimbursements. This bill also requires CDSS guidance to include instructions for reimbursing a portion of the cost of Internet service or telephone services, and expands the definition of "participant who faces multiple barriers to employment."

**Status:** Chapter 381, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-1894 (Weber) - Postsecondary education: student hunger.**

This bill authorizes the Department of Social Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Chancellor of the California State University (CSU) in order to allow a qualifying food facility located on a CSU campus to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP), even if the CSU campus is located in a county that does not participate in the RMP.

**Status:** Chapter 746, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-1952 (Mayes) - Social services: access to food.**

This bill would have established the Envision a Hunger-Free California Act of 2018, which would require the California Department of Social Services, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Education and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to develop a plan to end hunger and require the plan to include identification of barriers to food access.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

### **AB-1957 (Berman) - Social Services Modernization, Efficiency, and Due Process Protection Act of 2018.**

This bill establishes the Social Services Modernization, Efficiency & Due Process Protection Act of 2018 which allows applicants for and recipients of certain public benefits to elect to receive certain information and communication electronically, where available, and establishes the parameters of that communication while ensuring the data security and privacy rights of applicants and recipients.

**Status:** Chapter 384, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2030 (Limón) - CalWORKs: accommodations.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to include, in certain public social services application and redetermination forms, questions regarding the need for accommodation related to disability or domestic violence. This bill also requires the Office of Systems Integration to collaborate with county welfare departments to include related notifications in the State Automated Welfare System and make the notifications immediately visible to the caseworker opening the case file.

**Status:** Chapter 485, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2152 (Weber) - CalFresh: able-bodied adults without dependents.**

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services to establish a definition of “food insecurity” and develop a tool that would screen for food insecurity and other basic needs deprivation and that would help counties identify a person who should be evaluated to determine if they are unfit for employment and therefore exempt from the federal able bodied adult without dependents time limit, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2313 (Mark Stone) - Electronic benefits transfer system.**

This bill establishes protections for recipients of public benefits whose benefits have been stolen by specifying that unauthorized use of benefits includes, but is not limited to, use that results from unauthorized solicitation, request, or representation and if the recipient knowingly provides their benefit card number and their personal identification number to an unauthorized 3<sup>rd</sup> party that the recipient mistakenly believed to be an authorized party. This bill also authorizes the California Department of Social Services to issue mass reimbursements for the loss of cash benefits due to a data breach, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 712, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-3224 (Thurmond) - Public social services: county employees.**

This bill requires all eligibility decisions for Medi-Cal, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, and CalFresh, which are made at the county level in California, are made exclusively by a merit or civil service employee of the county.

**Status:** Chapter 179, Statutes of 2018

## CalWORKS

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

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services, 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 program to achieve economic independence, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the grant-funded programs.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

### **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 benefits, requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to communicate with counties regarding how to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program, and requires 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 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 program benefits and calculating grant amounts.

**Status:** Chapter 463, Statutes of 2017

### **SB-926 (Skinner) - CalWORKs and CalFresh: work requirements.**

This bill would have created new prohibitions for sanctioning California Work and Responsibility to Kids recipients and added new conditions under which good cause exists for not meeting federal work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which is the CalFresh program in California, related to unpredictable work schedules and workplace rights violations, as specified. This bill would have required the county human services agency to provide benefit recipients with information regarding workplace rights.

**Status:** Senate - Died - In Floor Process

### **SB-982 (Mitchell) - CalWORKs: grant amount.**

This bill would have raised the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids maximum aid payment (MAP) schedule incrementally over three years beginning in 2019, and reinstated the MAP cost-of-living adjustment as of January 1, 2020, subject to express reference to funding for these purposes in the annual Budget Act. Provisions of this bill were enacted in AB 1811 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018).

**Status:** Assembly - Died - Appropriations

### **SB-1274 (McGuire) - Developmental services: data exchange.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide information to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) about DDS consumers' participation in California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids and CalFresh in order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the state's Employment First Policy. In order to protect the privacy of this shared information, provisions of this bill require DDS maintain the confidentiality of any information provided to it by CDSS, as it would maintain the confidentiality of any such information DDS acquired directly.

**Status:** Chapter 466, Statutes of 2018

### **SB-1359 (McGuire) - Child care services: CalWORKs: Stage 2.**

This bill would have provided that it is the intent of the Legislature that families that are former recipients of aid, or are transitioning off aid, receive their child care assistance in the same fashion as other low-income working families and that it is the intent of the Legislature that families no longer rely on county welfare departments to obtain child care subsidies beyond the time they are receiving other services from the county welfare department and make other changes to stage two child care under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Education

### **SB-1446 (Glazer) - CalWORKs: welfare-to-work.**

This bill requires the county welfare department to deem a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipient to be in compliance with CalWORKs' welfare-to-work (WTW) requirements if the county knows that the recipient meets federally required minimum average of WTW participation, as specified. This bill requires the county to provide necessary supportive services for these recipients and exempts these recipients from sanctions for failure or refusal to comply with WTW program requirements.

**Status:** Chapter 740, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-60 (Santiago) - Subsidized child care and development services: stages of child care: CalWORKs.**

This bill would have required the sharing of certain defined information between a county welfare department and local child care contractors that provide California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage 2 and Stage 3 child care services in order to ensure there is no disruption in child care services when a family transitions between CalWORKs child care stages.

**Status:** Vetoed

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

This bill would have created 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 - Died - Human Services

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

The bill makes California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids 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 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-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-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 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 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 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 would have established 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 Provisions of this bill were enacted in AB 1811 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018).

**Status:** Senate - Died - 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 a high school diploma or 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 such a recipient 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

### **AB-1921 (Maienschein) - CalWORKs: housing assistance.**

This bill would have authorized payments under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) housing assistance program to a housing provider with which CalWORKs families have executed a valid lease, sublease, or shared housing-agreement. The bill also would have deleted the requirement that a provider of housing who is in the business of renting properties must have a history of renting properties in order to receive payments from the housing assistance program.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-1957 (Berman) - Social Services Modernization, Efficiency, and Due Process Protection Act of 2018.**

This bill establishes the Social Services Modernization, Efficiency & Due Process Protection Act of 2018 which allows applicants for and recipients of certain public benefits to elect to receive certain information and communication electronically, where available, and establishes the parameters of that communication while ensuring the data security and privacy rights of applicants and recipients.

**Status:** Chapter 384, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-1992 (Chu) - CalWORKs eligibility: immunizations.**

This bill would have recast procedures for obtaining verification that a child within a CalWORKs assistance unit who is not required to be in school has received all age-appropriate immunizations. It would have removed the exemption from immunization requirements if immunizations are contrary to the applicant's or recipient's beliefs.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2030 (Limón) - CalWORKs: accommodations.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to include, in certain public social services application and redetermination forms, questions regarding the need for accommodation related to disability or domestic violence. This bill also requires the Office

of Systems Integration to collaborate with county welfare departments to include related notifications in the State Automated Welfare System and make the notifications immediately visible to the caseworker opening the case file.

**Status:** Chapter 485, Statutes of 2018

**AB-2111 (Quirk) - CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigent exception.**

This bill would have required a county, to the extent permitted by federal law and other instructions, to renew the 12-month indigent immigrant exception for additional 12-month periods for a sponsored California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids applicant or recipient who is deemed to meet the indigence exception and clarifies that such "sponsor-deeming" is subject to exceptions allowed by federal law.

**Status:** Vetoed

**AB-2269 (Lackey) - CalWORKs: eligibility.**

This bill would have increased the maximum age until which a child in a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance unit who is attending high school or the equivalent level of training on a full-time basis, as specified, may receive CalWORKs assistance from less than 19 years of age to less than 20 years of age.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

**AB-2313 (Mark Stone) - Electronic benefits transfer system.**

This bill establishes protections for recipients of public benefits who are victims of electronic benefit theft by specifying that an unauthorized use of benefits includes, but is not limited to, use that results from an unauthorized solicitation, request, or representation and if the recipient knowingly provides their benefit card number and their personal identification number to an unauthorized third party that the recipient mistakenly believed to be an authorized party. This bill also authorizes the California Department of Social Services to issue mass reimbursements to recipients for the loss of cash benefits due to a data breach, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 712, Statutes of 2018

**AB-2326 (Rubio) - CalWORKs: welfare-to-work: exemption.**

This bill would have recast and expanded California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids welfare-to-work (WTW) exemptions that apply to parents or caregivers who have a child 24 months of age or younger and pregnant women who are the sole member of their assistance units, and it would have adopted notification and assistance requirements related to exempt individuals' ability to volunteer for WTW activities.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

### **AB-3224 (Thurmond) - Public social services: county employees.**

This bill requires all eligibility decisions for Medi-Cal, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, and CalFresh, which are made at the county level in California, are made exclusively by a merit or civil service employee of the county.

**Status:** Chapter 179, Statutes of 2018

## **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 would have increased 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 - Died - Appropriations

### **SB-1158 (McGuire) - Specialized license plates: “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” license plate program.**

This bill would have increased the fees for initial special license plates under the “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” (Kids’ Plate) program and revised allocation of funds derived from that program to reduce the percentage provided to the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division, increase the percentage allocated to the Department of Public Health (CDPH), and provide a new allocation to the Emergency Medical Services Authority. The bill would have modified the list of specified child health and safety concerns administered by CDPH.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

### **SB-1359 (McGuire) - Child care services: CalWORKs: Stage 2.**

This bill would have provided that it is the intent of the Legislature that families that are former recipients of aid, or are transitioning off aid, receive their child care assistance in the same fashion as other low-income working families and that it is the intent of the Legislature that families no longer rely on county welfare departments to obtain child care subsidies beyond the time they are receiving other services from the county welfare department and make other changes to stage two child care under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Education

**AB-60 (Santiago) - Subsidized child care and development services: stages of child care: CalWORKs.**

This bill would have required the sharing of certain defined information between a county welfare department and local child care contractors that provide California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage 2 and Stage 3 child care services in order to ensure there is no disruption in child care services when a family transitions between CalWORKs child care stages.

**Status:** Vetoed

**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.**

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-605 (Mullin) - Day care centers: birth to first grade license option.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to adopt regulations to create a child care center license to serve infant, toddler, preschool, and schoolage children and requires all day care centers to be licensed as child care centers before January 1, 2024. This bill requires the regulations to include components for infant, toddler, preschool, and schoolage children, health and safety standards for children in care, and enhanced ability to transition children from one age group to the next.

**Status:** Chapter 574, Statutes of 2018

### **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: military families.**

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

### **AB-1883 (Weber) - Child care and development services.**

This bill would have excluded the basic allowance for housing (BAH) for certain military households from being counted as income for the purposes of determining eligibility for

subsidized child care and changed certain requirements related to the administration of alternative payment programs.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

**AB-2292 (Aguiar-Curry) - Child care: reimbursement rates: startup costs: grants.**

This bill would have established the Family Child Care Recruitment and Training Program of 2018 to recruit, train and support new family child care providers. This bill would also have adjusted the reimbursement rate for infant and toddler care and increased access to inclusive early care and education environments, and infant and toddler care by providing grants for one-time infrastructure costs.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

**AB-2370 (Holden) - Lead exposure: child day care facilities: family day care homes.**

This bill requires all licensed child day care facilities to, upon enrolling any child, provide parents or guardians with certain written information related to the risks and effects of lead exposure and blood lead testing recommendations and requirements, and subjects certain child day care centers to requirements related to testing drinking water for lead contamination levels.

**Status:** Chapter 676, Statutes of 2018

**AB-2397 (Oberholte) - Health and human services: information sharing: administrative actions.**

This bill would have required, rather than permit, the California Department of Aging, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Care Services, the California Department of Social Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority to share information with respect to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or individuals who have been the subject of any administrative action resulting in the denial of a license, permit, or certificate of approval, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed

**AB-2626 (Mullin) - Child care services.**

This bill makes, as of July 1, 2019, a number of changes regarding subsidized child care and California State Preschool Programs (CSPPs), including, among others: raising the income eligibility threshold for families initially applying for subsidized child care services; removing certain age restrictions for CSPP; providing for staff training for providers of contracted center-based care; and increasing flexibility in funding adjustments for contractors.

**Status:** Chapter 945, Statutes of 2018

**AB-2698 (Rubio) - California state preschool programs: general child care and development programs: mental health consultation services: adjustment factors.**

This bill defines early childhood mental health consultation service. The bill declares Legislative intent encouraging the provision of such services in California State Preschool Programs, general child care and development programs, and family child care home education networks that are funded by a general child care and development program. This bill also requires, under certain circumstances, the application of a reimbursement rate adjustment factor for children served in programs where these services are provided.

**Status:** Chapter 946, Statutes of 2018

**AB-2960 (Thurmond) - Child care and development services: online portal.**

This bill requires, subject to the availability of funding, the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to develop an online portal for California's comprehensive child care and development services by June 30, 2022; convene a workgroup to evaluate and provide recommendations to the SPI on any necessary modifications or improvements to the portal, as specified; and submit the Legislature a comprehensive plan for implementing the recommendation of the workgroup, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 829, Statutes of 2018

## **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 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. The bill expands access to student records by authorizing specified STRTP staff 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 would have required 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 - Died - Human Services

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

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services 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 would have established 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 proposed to establish the pilot program 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 would have required the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention to administer the home visitation program and authorize CDSS to contract out for management, training, and evaluation. Additionally, it would have required CDSS to secure an independent evaluator to evaluate the effectiveness of each pilot program and require CDSS to report interim results of the evaluation to the Legislature, as specified.

**Status:** Assembly - Died - 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 have required the California Department of Social Services to convene a working group 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 would have expressed 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. This bill would have made other related changes.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Human Services

### **SB-925 (Beall) - Foster care.**

This bill requires the inclusion of the child's or youth's Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), if one has been appointed, on the child's or youth's child and family team (CFT). This bill would not require the inclusion of a CASA on a child's or youth's CFT if the child or youth objects to the inclusion of their CASA, as provided.

**Status:** Chapter 151, Statutes of 2018

### **SB-1083 (Mitchell) - Resource family approval.**

This bill makes changes to resource family approvals (RFA) related to foster family homes that have not yet been approved as resource family homes. These changes include: allowing a resource family applicant who withdraws an application prior to its approval or denial to submit the reapplication within 12 months of withdrawal; requiring, for a child who is placed on an emergency basis with a family that has successfully completed the home environmental assessment, that the permanency assessment be completed within 90 days of the application to become a resource family, unless good cause exists; and, instructs the county, if additional time is needed to complete permanency assessments, to document the reasons for the delay and provide a timeframe for the completion of the permanency assessments. The bill extends from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2020 the deadline for RFA and the approval of certified family homes and all foster family home licenses.

**Status:** Chapter 935, Statutes of 2018

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

The bill makes California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids 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 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-404 (Mark Stone) - Foster care.**

This bill adopts changes to further facilitate implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform originally enacted by AB 403 (Stone, Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015) and enhanced by AB 1997 (Stone, Chapter 612, Statutes of 2016) to better serve children and youth in California's child welfare services system and reduce the reliance on long-term congregate foster care placements. This bill establishes Intensive Services Foster Care for children with high needs; creates an option to license respite caregivers; 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 appeal process for denied applications; and makes other substantive and technical changes.  
**Status:** Chapter 732, 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.

**Status:** Chapter 704, Statutes of 2017

**AB-507 (Rubio) - Resource families: preapproval training and annual training.**

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.**

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.**

This bill prohibits the California State University or a campus of the California Community Colleges from considering supervised independent living placement 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 such payments to be made directly to the minor dependent.

**Status:** Chapter 710, Statutes of 2017

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

This bill would have required 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 also would have required a youth confined in a juvenile hall or juvenile ranch, camp, or forestry camp, to have access to technology for education and permitted access to be provided to maintain contact with family members. Additionally, this bill would have required that foster youth be provided with reasonable access to computer technology and the Internet.

**Status:** Assembly - Died - In Desk Process

### **AB-991 (Reyes) - Foster youth: independent living services.**

This bill would have required each county department of social services to publish on the county's Internet Web site, if the county has an Internet Web site, information related to all services offered to participants in the Independent Living Program, and required the Department of Social Services to provide access to this information through their Internet Web site.

**Status:** Senate - Died - In Floor Process

### **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. It 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 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 would have required 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 would have required 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 would have required CDSS to review the database and assess for capacity twice a year.

**Status:** Senate - Died - 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-1437 (Patterson) - Care facilities: criminal record clearances.**

This bill would have permitted specified licensees who operate more than one of the same type of care facility to coordinate the criminal record clearances for individuals associated with its facilities, as specified, and required such licensees to update the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) regarding individuals associated with its facilities, as specified. This bill would have expanded a requirement for CDSS to maintain criminal record clearances of individuals in its active file.

**Status:** Vetoed

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

This bill would have required 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 would have required 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 - Died - 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 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

### **AB-1694 (Mark Stone) - Foster care payments: income.**

This bill repeals recently enacted statutory language that excludes foster care payments from being considered income for the purposes of determining eligibility and benefit amounts for certain state or federal education and other programs, as permitted by federal law. This bill includes an urgency provision.

**Status:** Chapter 10, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-1784 (Maienschein) - Resource families: pilot program: supportive services.**

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish a pilot program to provide additional supports and services to resource families through coaching. This bill would also have required the coaches to inform participating

resource families of available state and county supportive services, including, but not limited to, the availability of respite services for emergency and nonemergency situations, availability of and access to 24-hour resource hotlines, where available, and mental health services for foster youth. Participation in the coaching pilot project provided for in this bill would have been voluntary.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

### **AB-1930 (Mark Stone) - Foster care.**

This bill adopts changes to further facilitate implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform originally enacted by AB 403 (Stone, Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015) and enhanced by AB 1997 (Stone, Chapter 612, Statutes of 2016) and AB 404 (Stone, Chapter 732, Statutes of 2017) to better serve children and youth in California's child welfare services system by moving away from the use of long-term congregate foster care placements.

Among other technical and substantive changes, this bill provides immunity from liability for caregivers in specific circumstances, as provided, if they are found to be exercising the "reasonable and prudent parent standard"; allows a foster child to remain in the care of an alternative caregiver for up to 72 hours without prior approval of the foster child's social worker or probation officer, subject to the reasonable and prudent parent standard; clarifies that the foster parents shall endeavor to provide an alternative caregiver with certain information regarding the care of the foster child, as provided; and provides that the required out of county placement notice may be waived if the child and family team has determined that the out of county placement is in the best interest of the child, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 910, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2043 (Arambula) - Foster children and youth: family urgent response system.**

This bill would have required county child welfare, probation, and behavioral health agencies to establish county-based Family Urgent Response Systems for the provision of mobile crisis-response services to current or former foster youth and their caregivers and the California Department of Social Services to establish a statewide crisis hotline. It would have made implementation of these provisions contingent upon the appropriation of funds for these purposes in the annual Budget Act or another statute.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2083 (Cooley) - Foster youth: trauma-informed system of care.**

This bill requires each county to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to describe the roles and responsibilities certain entities that serve youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma, and instructs the Secretary of California Health and

Human Services Agency, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to implement and review aspects of the MOUs.

**Status:** Chapter 815, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2119 (Gloria) - Foster care: gender affirming health care and behavioral health services.**

This bill clarifies the right of foster youth to gender affirming health care and gender affirming mental health care and requires the California Department of Social Services to, in consultation with stakeholders, develop and issue written guidance regarding foster youth access to gender affirming health care and gender affirming mental health care by January 1, 2020. This bill also makes a number of Legislative findings and declarations related to the experiences, needs, and rights of transgender or gender nonconforming children and adolescents. Additionally, this bill defines gender affirming health care meaning medically necessary health care that respects the gender identity of the patient, as experienced and defined by the patient, and gender affirming mental health care as meaning mental health care or behavioral health care that respects the gender identity of the patient, as experienced and defined by the patient.

**Status:** Chapter 385, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2207 (Eggman) - Commercially sexually exploited children.**

This bill makes Legislative findings and declarations related to the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in California, the intersection between CSEC and the child welfare system, and the provision of services to these youth by the state, and places a deadline of January 1, 2020, on the requirement in current law that the California Department of Social Services, in consultation with stakeholders, must develop model policies, procedures, and protocols to assist counties in achieving certain goals related to the commercial sexual exploitation of youth receiving child welfare services, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 757, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2247 (Gipson) - Foster youth: placement changes.**

This bill requires a social worker or placement agency to implement a placement preservation strategy prior to changing a dependent child's placement, and requires at least 14 days' written notice to be given prior to a placement change, except in instances where delayed placement or prior notice of a placement change would endanger a child's health or safety or where all specified parties have agreed to waive these requirements.

**Status:** Chapter 674, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2337 (Gipson) - Nonminor dependents.**

This bill expands the circumstances under which a nonminor dependent under the age of 21 who was previously a dependent or delinquent child of the juvenile court may petition the court to assume dependency jurisdiction to include youth who would have received Kinship Guardian Assistance Program (Kin-GAP) payments were it not for the receipt of

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or other aid from the federal Social Security Administration (SSA), and extends eligibility to Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care, adoption assistance payments, and Kin-GAP, to nonminor dependents who, but for the receipt of SSI benefits or other aid from the federal SSA, would have received benefits, under certain circumstances, and makes technical changes.

**Status:** Chapter 539, Statutes of 2018

#### **AB-2448 (Gipson) - Juveniles: rights: computing technology.**

This bill grants youth confined in or committed to certain juvenile facilities, as well as individuals in foster care, the right to reasonable access to computer technology and the Internet.

**Status:** Chapter 997, Statutes of 2018

#### **AB-2605 (Gipson) - Foster care facilities.**

When it was heard in the Senate Human Services Committee, this bill would have required group homes, transitional shelter care facilities, short-term residential therapeutic programs, and temporary shelter care facilities to develop protocols regarding contacting law enforcement when staff is responding to the conduct of a youth residing in a facility, and required those protocols to be included in a facility's emergency intervention plan and plan of operation. The bill was subsequently amended to address labor issues, which are outside of the jurisdiction of this committee.

**Status:** Chapter 584, Statutes of 2018

#### **AB-2830 (Reyes) - County agencies: interns and student assistants: hiring preference.**

This bill requires each county, except a charter county, to develop a program that gives a preference to qualified applicants who are members of a disadvantaged group defined as, but not limited to, foster youth, homeless youth, formerly homeless youth, or formerly incarcerated youth for the hiring of internship and student assistant positions.

**Status:** Chapter 878, Statutes of 2018

#### **AB-3006 (Mark Stone) - Child welfare services: recipients who are deaf and hard of hearing.**

This bill would have required each county welfare department to designate one staff person to serve as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Coordinator in order to ensure the provision of child welfare services to youth who are deaf or hard of hearing, and required the California Department of Social Services to create a Deaf Services Manager within the Child and Family Services Division to oversee implementation of the requirements of this bill. This bill was not heard by the Senate Human Services Committee.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Human Services

### **AB-3007 (Eduardo Garcia) - Children of incarcerated parents: support and services.**

This bill would have authorized the County of Riverside to establish a program that would provide comprehensive social services to children who reside in the county, whose parents are currently, or were, incarcerated at the local, state, or federal level.

**Status:** Assembly - Died - In Floor Process

## **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) - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Long-Term Care Facility Resident's Bill of Rights.**

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, non-substantive 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 would have established requirements for private agencies that charge a fee to refer potential residents to adult residential facilities, including Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs). Specifically, this bill would have required facilities to disclose to potential residents if a paid referral agency is used prior to an admission agreement being signed, prohibited a referral agency or its employees from holding the power of attorney for a client and prohibited the sharing of personal information by referral agencies, as specified. Among other things, the bill also would have required 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 - Died - Appropriations

### **SB-1158 (McGuire) - Specialized license plates: “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” license plate program.**

This bill would have increased the fees for initial special license plates under the “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” (Kids’ Plate) program and revised allocation of funds derived from that program to reduce the percentage provided to the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division, increase the percentage allocated to the Department of Public Health (CDPH), and provide a new allocation to the Emergency Medical Services Authority. The bill would have modified the list of specified child health and safety concerns administered by CDPH.

**Status:** Senate- Died - 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 - Died - Rules

### **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-550 (Reyes) - State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program: funding.**

This bill would have increased the base allocation for the local ombudsman program, which assists elderly persons in long-term health care facilities and residential care facilities by, among other things, investigating and seeking to resolve complaints against these facilities, from \$35,000 to \$100,000 per fiscal year in any year in which funds are made available for allocation.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Human Services

### **AB-605 (Mullin) - Day care centers: birth to first grade license option.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to adopt regulations to create a child care center license to serve infant, toddler, preschool, and schoolage children and requires all day care centers to be licensed as child care centers before January 1, 2024. This bill requires the regulations to include components for infant, toddler, preschool, and schoolage children, health and safety standards for children in care, and enhanced ability to transition children from one age group to the next.

**Status:** Chapter 574, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-1437 (Patterson) - Care facilities: criminal record clearances.**

This bill would have permitted specified licensees who operate more than one of the same type of care facility to coordinate the criminal record clearances for individuals associated with its facilities, as specified, and required such licensees to update the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) regarding individuals associated with its facilities, as specified. This bill would have expanded a requirement for CDSS to maintain criminal record clearances of individuals in its active file.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-1914 (Flora) - Presence at health care facilities: conviction of crimes.**

Prior to being amended into its current subject area, this bill would have added four additional crimes to the list of crimes for which a criminal record exemption may not be granted for purposes of licensure, permitting, certification, employment, volunteering, or residence in certain community care facilities, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 708, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2370 (Holden) - Lead exposure: child day care facilities: family day care homes.**

This bill requires all licensed child day care facilities to, upon enrolling any child, provide parents or guardians with certain written information related to the risks and effects of lead exposure and blood lead testing recommendations and requirements, and subjects certain child day care centers to requirements related to testing drinking water for lead contamination levels.

**Status:** Chapter 676, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2397 (Oberholte) - Health and human services: information sharing: administrative actions.**

This bill would have required, rather than permit, the California Department of Aging, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Care Services, the California Department of Social Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority to share information with respect to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or individuals who have been the subject of any administrative action resulting in the denial of a license, permit, or certificate of approval, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2455 (Kalra) - Home care aide registry: disclosure of personal contact information.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to, for any new home care aide registration or renewal of registration occurring on or after July 1, 2019, provide an electronic copy of a registered home care aide's name and specified contact information, upon request, to specified labor organizations, provided the aide has not opted out of sharing this information. This bill also prohibits certain uses of the acquired contact information.

**Status:** Chapter 917, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-3088 (Chu) - Continuing care contracts: retirement communities.**

This bill would have expanded a requirement for Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) to file an actuary's opinion with the California Department of Social Services at least once every five years to include all CCRCs, not just those that offer Type A contracts, until January 1, 2030. This bill also would have required each CCRC to conduct a review of its facility at least once every five years for purposes of estimating maintenance costs.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-3098 (Friedman) - Residential care facilities for the elderly: emergency plans.**

The bill requires Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) to have emergency and disaster plans and requires RCFEs to provide training on the emergency and disaster plan to each staff member, as specified. The bill also requires an RCFE to review and make updates to the emergency and disaster plan annually, as specified, and to conduct a drill for various emergency situations at least once quarterly for each shift. The bill requires RCFEs to make the emergency and disaster plan available, upon request, to any responsible party for a resident and the local long-term care ombudsman, and requires an applicant seeking a license for a new facility to submit the emergency and disaster plan with the initial license application. The bill requires the Community Care Licensing Division within the California Department of Social Services to confirm, during annual visits, that the emergency and disaster plan is on file at the facility and includes required content and encourage the facility to have the plan reviewed by local emergency authorities.

**Status:** Chapter 348, Statutes of 2018

## **Developmental Services, Rehabilitative Services**

### **SB-134 (Hernandez) - Regional center contracts.**

This bill requires a contract between the Department of Developmental Services and a regional center operator renewed or entered into on and after January 1, 2019, to include procedures for employee retention, aimed at ensuring continuity of staff employment and consumer services in the event that operation of a regional center is transferred to a new contractor. This bill also requires regional centers to include additional information, such as a regional center's administrative management's compensation, be posted on the regional center's internet website to increase transparency.

**Status:** Chapter 975, Statutes of 2018

### **SB-175 (McGuire) - Developmental services: Canyon Springs Community Facility.**

This bill, an urgency measure, proposes to allow, until June 30, 2021, the Canyon Springs Community Facility to operate an acute crisis center for no more than 10 individuals in order to ensure continued availability of a state-operated crisis care option, if it is needed, while community based capacity is increased.

**Status:** Chapter 884, Statutes of 2018

### **SB-283 (Wilk) - Developmental services: traumatic brain injuries.**

This bill would have expanded the age for a person to be eligible for services under the Department of Developmental Services 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 - Died - 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 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:** Chapter 402, Statutes of 2018

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

The bill would have made 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 would have prohibited the lack of parent or caregiver participation from being used to deny or reduce medically necessary behavioral health treatment.

**Status:** Senate - Died - In Floor Process

### **SB-433 (Mendoza) - Developmental services: data exchange.**

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

**Status:** Assembly- Died - Utilities and Energy

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

The bill would have required the Department of Developmental Services 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 - Died - 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

### **SB-1107 (Leyva) - Public social services: family home agencies.**

This bill authorizes private for-profit agencies to be selected as family home agencies (FHA) within the developmental disabilities system.

**Status:** Chapter 112, Statutes of 2018

### **SB-1274 (McGuire) - Developmental services: data exchange.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide information to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) about DDS consumers' participation in California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids and CalFresh in order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Employment First Policy. The bill also requires DDS maintain the confidentiality of any information provided to it, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 466, Statutes of 2018

### **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 - Died - Rules

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

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

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

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

This bill would have deleted 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 - Died - 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 provider, 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 would have required Regional Centers (RCs) to develop a process by which all vendor contracts are reviewed at least once every two years, and required the outcome of those reviews to be documented in the RC's files. It additionally would have required 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 prohibited employment as an in-home respite provider if an applicant has specified convictions. The bill also would have required the Department of Developmental Services to conduct an in-depth review of in-home respite provider rates, as specified, and report results to the Legislature.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

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

This bill would have permitted 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 would have deleted existing statute requiring the Department of Developmental Services to conduct a

demonstration project to establish community-based vocational development services, making the statutory authorization effective statewide without a demonstration project.

**Status:** Assembly - Died - In Desk Process

### **AB-2171 (Frazier) - Individuals with disabilities: special education and related services.**

This bill would have expanded the required contents of an individualized education program for students who are 16 years of age, if the student qualifies for specified services, to include information on how the local educational agency will support the student in preparing for, obtaining, or retaining competitive and integrated employment.

**Status:** Senate - Died - In Floor Process

## **Homelessness Assistance**

### **SB-918 (Wiener) - Homeless Youth Act of 2018.**

This bill establishes the Homeless Youth Act of 2018 to better serve the state's homeless youth population and requires the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (Council) to take on additional related responsibilities that are focused on addressing the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. Under SB 918, the Council will be required to set specific, measurable goals aimed at preventing and ending youth homelessness. It also tasks the Council with coordinating funding, policy, and practice efforts related to youth homelessness and engaging stakeholder input while developing policy, practices, and programs. Additionally, to the extent that funding is made available, the Council is charged with providing technical assistance and program development support to increase capacity among new and existing service providers.

**Status:** Chapter 841, Statutes of 2018

### **SB-1012 (Delgado) - Homeless multidisciplinary personnel team.**

This bill allows personnel of a city within a county that has established a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team (MDT) to request to participate in that MDT and requires the county to allow for city personnel participation, unless the county determines that such participation would hinder compliance with the requirements and obligations of the MDT or otherwise conflict with the county's goals and objectives.

**Status:** Chapter 786, Statutes of 2018

### **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 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 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 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 CDSS to address the specific and unique needs of survivors of domestic abuse, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 691, Statutes of 2017

### **AB-1921 (Maienschein) - CalWORKs: housing assistance.**

This bill would have authorized payments under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) housing assistance program to a housing provider with which CalWORKs families have executed a valid lease, sublease, or shared housing-agreement. The bill also would have deleted the requirement that a provider of housing who is in the business of renting properties must have a history of renting properties in order to receive payments from the housing assistance program.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2602 (McCarty) - Homeless youth emergency service projects.**

This bill would have established a homeless youth emergency service project in Sacramento County and specified that any grant awarded to establish a homeless youth emergency service project in Sacramento County shall not reduce the funding provided for existing projects in any of the other three participating counties or in the City and County of San Francisco.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-3085 (Calderon) - New Beginnings California Program.**

This bill would have established the New Beginnings California Program to provide a maximum of 50 grants, to be awarded annually, to cities or local continuums of care programs that provide matching funds to implement, expand, or continue employment programs for homeless individuals.

**Status:** Vetoed

## **Immigration**

### **SB-6 (Hueso) - Immigrants: removal proceedings: legal services.**

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 would have 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. The bill was subsequently amended to address tribal gaming matters, which is outside of this committee's jurisdiction.

**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

### **SJR-29 (Pan) - Immigration.**

This resolution calls upon the President of United States and the United States Congress to acknowledge that the separation of immigrant children from their families at the border is detrimental to the short- and long-term physical and mental well-being of children.

**Status:** Chapter 245, Statutes of 2018

### **SR-114 (De León) - Immigration.**

This joint resolution expresses the Senate's denunciation of the separation of immigrant families and calls for just and humane immigration proceedings that: protect family units;

ensure the welfare of children and domestic violence survivors; and provide for an accessible asylum process.

**Status:** Passed

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

This bill would have required 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 would have authorized CDSS to include post-conviction relief services to deported veterans in the contract. The bill proposed to establish 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 - Died - Appropriations

### **AB-1862 (Santiago) - Immigration services: grants.**

This bill would have appropriated \$10 million to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in Fiscal Year 2017-18 to be made available to entities under contract with CDSS to provide services on behalf of clients who are current or former recipients of federal Temporary Protected Status, as specified.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Rules

### **AJR-46 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - Federal zero tolerance immigration policy: family separation.**

This joint resolution expresses the California Legislature's denunciation of the separation of immigrant families and urges President Trump and all relevant federal agencies and departments to cease the implementation of the "zero tolerance" federal immigration policy, as well as requests that the administration not propose additional inhumane immigration policies in the future.

**Status:** Chapter 204, Statutes of 2018

## **In-Home Supportive Services**

### **SB-1040 (Dodd) - In-home supportive services: natural disaster.**

This bill makes adjustments to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program that would take effect in the event of a state of emergency to allow recipients to continue receiving services and providers to obtain replacement payroll checks, if their checks were damaged or uncashed as a result of the emergency. This bill specifies that recipients of IHSS services are among the low-income persons given first priority for loans from the Predevelopment Loans Fund, in the event of a natural disaster. This bill also requires a county, including a city and county, at the next update to its emergency plan,

to integrate and require the assessment and provision of supportive services to IHSS recipients.

**Status:** Chapter 789, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-237 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - Pilot Program for Increased Access to Responsible Small Dollar Loans.**

When it was referred to this committee, this bill defined “payroll period” for providers of in-home supportive services or waiver personal care services to mean two workweeks. It was subsequently amended to address policy area outside of this committee's jurisdiction.

**Status:** Chapter 1016, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-432 (Thurmond) - Personal care services.**

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

**Status:** Assembly - Died - In Desk Process

### **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 would have required 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 would have prohibited a labor organization from using this information for any purpose other than employee organizing, representation, and assistance activities, and prohibited the labor organization from disclosing this information to any other party. The bill also would have required 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:** Assembly - Died - In Desk Process

### **AB-1909 (Nazarian) - In-home supportive services: written content translation.**

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide translations of written content, as defined, in languages spoken by a substantial number of providers of in-home supportive services in California. This bill would have permitted CDSS to work with counties and the County Welfare Directors Association to repurpose existing, county-produced translations of written content.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2872 (Carrillo) - In-home supportive services: peer-to-peer training.**

This bill would have established voluntary peer-to-peer training for In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers and a process through which IHSS providers who conduct the training will be compensated.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-3082 (Gonzalez Fletcher) - In-home supportive services.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to develop or identify educational material about sexual harassment and the prevention thereof to be made available to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers and recipients; requires CDSS to develop or identify a proposed method for uniform data collection to identify the prevalence of sexual harassment in the IHSS program; and requires CDSS to provide information regarding the educational materials and the data collection method to the Legislature, as specified.

**Status:** Chapter 948, Statutes of 2018

## **Public Services, Social Services & other Human Services**

### **SB-167 (Skinner) - Housing Accountability Act.**

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 Supplemental Security Income claims under the prerelease program. It additionally would have required the California Department of Social Services to request a federal waiver to allow for pre-enrollment into CalFresh for individuals in prison. The bill was subsequently amended to address an issue outside of this committee's jurisdiction.

**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 would have established, 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 proposed to establish the pilot program 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 would have required the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention to administer the home visitation program and authorize CDSS to contract out for management, training, and evaluation. Additionally, it would have required CDSS to secure an independent evaluator to evaluate the effectiveness of each pilot program and require CDSS to report interim results of the evaluation to the Legislature, as specified.

**Status:** Assembly - Died - Appropriations

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

This bill would have required the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish and maintain a statewide memorandum 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 Supplemental Security Income claims under the prerelease program. This bill would have also required the California Department of Social Services, on or before March 31, 2018, to request a waiver to allow for the pre-enrollment 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 - Died - Appropriations

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

This bill would have required 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 would have expressed 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. This bill would have made other related changes.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Human Services

### **SB-1158 (McGuire) - Specialized license plates: “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” license plate program.**

This bill would have increased the fees for initial special license plates under the “Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids” (Kids’ Plate) program and revised allocation of funds derived from that program to reduce the percentage provided to the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division, increase the percentage allocated to the Department of Public Health (CDPH), and provide a new allocation to the Emergency Medical Services Authority. The bill would have modified the list of specified child health and safety concerns administered by CDPH.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

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

The bill would have required counties to exclude an eligible employable veteran from the existing prohibition against receiving General Assistance (GA) for more than three months in any 12-month period. The bill would have allowed 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 - Died - Veterans Affairs

### **AB-164 (Arambula) - Food assistance.**

This bill would have required 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. The bill required that benefits be provided under the mechanism contingent upon the appropriation of funds for that purpose. The bill would have required the mechanism to be designed to issue nutrition benefits using the Electronic Benefits Transfer system, and designed in a manner that can target various populations, depending on the purpose of the specific benefit. Provisions of this bill were enacted via SB 89 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 24 Statutes of 2017).

**Status:** Senate - Died - 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 would have required the California Department of Social Services 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 - Died - Appropriations

#### **AB-432 (Thurmond) - Personal care services.**

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

**Status:** Assembly - Died - In Desk Process

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

This bill authorizes the California Department of Social Services 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-597 (Mark Stone) - Child abuse and neglect: information: computerized database.**

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 would have required 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 would have prohibited a labor organization from using this information for any purpose other than employee organizing, representation, and assistance activities, and prohibited the labor organization from disclosing this information to any other party. The bill also would have required 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:** Assembly – Died - In Desk Process

### **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

### **AB-1957 (Berman) - Social Services Modernization, Efficiency, and Due Process Protection Act of 2018.**

This bill establishes the Social Services Modernization, Efficiency & Due Process Protection Act of 2018 which allows applicants for and recipients of certain public benefits to elect to receive certain information and communication electronically, where available, and establishes the parameters of that communication while ensuring the data security and privacy rights of applicants and recipients.

**Status:** Chapter 384, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2030 (Limón) - CalWORKs: accommodations.**

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to include, in certain public social services application and redetermination forms, questions regarding the need for accommodation related to disability or domestic violence. This bill also requires the Office of Systems Integration to collaborate with county welfare departments to include related notifications in the State Automated Welfare System and make the notifications immediately visible to the caseworker opening the case file.

**Status:** Chapter 485, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2397 (Oberholte) - Health and human services: information sharing: administrative actions.**

This bill would have required, rather than permit, the California Department of Aging, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Care Services, the California Department of Social Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority to share information with respect to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or individuals who

have been the subject of any administrative action resulting in the denial of a license, permit, or certificate of approval, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **AB-2821 (Mayes) - Integrated and comprehensive health and human services system.**

This bill authorizes any county to, upon approval of its county board of supervisors and the California Health and Human Services Agency, operate an integrated and comprehensive health and human services system, and specifies the purview and requirements of this system.

**Status:** Chapter 325, Statutes of 2018

### **AB-2933 (Medina) - Public social services: county liaison for higher education.**

This bill would have required a county human services agency, or any other county agency responsible for social services, health services, or behavioral health services programs to designate an agency liaison for higher education. Additionally, this bill would have required the liaison to be the single point of contact in the county agency for academic counselors and other relevant staff at community colleges located within the county.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

### **AB-3006 (Mark Stone) - Child welfare services: recipients who are deaf and hard of hearing.**

This bill would have required each county welfare department to designate one staff person to serve as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Coordinator in order to ensure the provision of child welfare services to youth who are deaf or hard of hearing, and required the California Department of Social Services to create a Deaf Services Manager within the Child and Family Services Division to oversee implementation of the requirements of this bill. This bill was not heard by the Senate Human Services Committee.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Human Services

### **AB-3007 (Eduardo Garcia) - Children of incarcerated parents: support and services.**

This bill would have authorized the County of Riverside to establish a program that would provide comprehensive social services to children who reside in the county, whose parents are currently, or were, incarcerated at the local, state, or federal level.

**Status:** Assembly - Died - In Floor Process

### **AB-3200 (Kalra) - Public social services: SSI/SSP.**

This bill would have reinstated, as of January 1, 2019, the annual cost-of-living adjustment for the State Supplementary Payment, as specified and subject to an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

**Status:** Senate - Died - Appropriations

### **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

## **Veto Messages**

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

The bill would have made 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 would have prohibited the lack of parent or caregiver participation from being used to deny or reduce medically necessary behavioral health treatment.

**Status:** Vetoed

### **Governor's Veto Message:**

To the Members of the California State Senate

I am returning Senate Bill 399 without my signature.

This bill would revise qualification standards for providers of behavioral health treatment for individuals with autism. Standards for autism providers were updated last year. I'm not inclined to revise them again.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **SB-926 (Skinner) - CalWORKs and CalFresh: work requirements.**

This bill would have created new prohibitions for sanctioning California Work and Responsibility to Kids recipients and added new conditions under which good cause exists for not meeting federal work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which is the CalFresh program in California, related to unpredictable work schedules and workplace rights violations, as specified. This bill would have required the county human services agency to provide benefit recipients with information regarding workplace rights.

**Status:** Vetoed

#### **Governor's Veto Message:**

To the Members of the California State Senate

I am returning Senate Bill 926 without my signature.

This bill defines certain good cause exemptions for CalWORKs and CalFresh recipients who could otherwise be sanctioned for failing to work.

This bill is unnecessary because existing law provides county welfare departments with broad authority to grant good cause exemptions from work requirements to ensure recipients are not unjustly penalized.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-60 (Santiago) - Subsidized child care and development services: stages of child care: CalWORKs.**

This bill would have required the sharing of certain defined information between a county welfare department and local child care contractors that provide California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage 2 and Stage 3 child care services in order to ensure there is no disruption in child care services when a family transitions between CalWORKs child care stages.

**Status:** Vetoed

***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 60 without my signature.

This bill would require certain information to be automatically shared between county welfare departments and local child care contractors to facilitate an effortless transition of families between child care programs. This is a good goal, as any interruption in child care coverage for a family can be devastating, particularly for working parents in the CalWORKS program.

However, this bill impacts an entitlement program and the changes contemplated in this bill have the potential to cost the state \$50 million a year and is more properly considered as part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

**AB-432 (Thurmond) - Personal care services.**

This bill would have established county public authorities and nonprofit consortia as the employers of record for providers of waiver personal care services (WPCS) and adopted related changes in order to establish parity between WPCS and in-home supportive services 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 would have required 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 also would have required a youth confined in a juvenile hall or juvenile ranch, camp, or forestry camp, to have access to technology for education and permitted access to be provided to maintain contact with family members. Additionally, this bill would have required 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-1437 (Patterson) - Care facilities: criminal record clearances.**

This bill would have permitted specified licensees who operate more than one of the same type of care facility to coordinate the criminal record clearances for individuals associated with its facilities, as specified, and required such licensees to update the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) regarding individuals associated with its facilities, as specified. This bill would have expanded a requirement for CDSS to maintain criminal record clearances of individuals in its active file.

**Status:** Vetoed

### ***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1437 without my signature.

This bill would create a new process to centralize criminal record clearances for employees of an owner of multiple licensed residential facilities.

The Department of Social Services has two simple processes for transferring employee criminal record clearances among facilities run by the same owner, one of which is nearly identical to this bill. A third process is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-1909 (Nazarian) - In-home supportive services: written content translation.**

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide translations of written content, as defined, in languages spoken by a substantial number of providers of in-home supportive services in California. This bill would have permitted CDSS to work with counties and the County Welfare Directors Association to repurpose existing, county-produced translations of written content.

**Status:** Vetoed

***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1909 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Social Services to translate all written documents and materials for providers in the in-home supportive services (IHHS) program. Materials in this program are translated by counties with the assistance of the department. I believe current arrangements are working reasonably well and should be continued.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

**AB-1921 (Maienschein) - CalWORKs: housing assistance.**

This bill would have authorized payments under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) housing assistance program to a housing provider with which CalWORKs families have executed a valid lease, sublease, or shared housing-agreement. The bill also would have deleted the requirement that a provider of housing who is in the business of renting properties must have a history of renting properties in order to receive payments from the housing assistance program.

**Status:** Vetoed

***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following Assembly Bills without my signature:

AB 1921, AB 1992 and AB 2111

Each of these bills would make changes to the CalWORKs program that result in significant, ongoing funding commitments. As such, I believe they should be considered as part of the budget process when all funding commitments are considered and prioritized.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-1992 (Chu) - CalWORKs eligibility: immunizations.**

This bill would have recast procedures for obtaining verification that a child within a CalWORKs assistance unit who is not required to be in school has received all age-appropriate immunizations. This bill also would have removed the exemption from immunization requirements if immunizations are contrary to the applicant's or recipient's beliefs.

**Status:** Vetoed

### ***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following Assembly Bills without my signature:

AB 1921, AB 1992 and AB 2111

Each of these bills would make changes to the CalWORKs program that result in significant, ongoing funding commitments. As such, I believe they should be considered as part of the budget process when all funding commitments are considered and prioritized.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-2043 (Arambula) - Foster children and youth: family urgent response system.**

This bill would have required county child welfare, probation, and behavioral health agencies to establish county-based Family Urgent Response Systems for the provision of mobile crisis-response services to current or former foster youth and their caregivers and the California Department of Social Services to establish a statewide crisis hotline. It would have made implementation of these provisions contingent upon the appropriation of funds for these purposes in the annual Budget Act or another statute.

**Status:** Vetoed

***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following five bills without my signature:

AB 2043, AB 2342, AB 2593, SB 1125 and SB 1148

Each of these bills require significant, ongoing general fund commitments. As such, I believe they should be considered as part of the budget process.

Sincerely,  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.

**AB-2111 (Quirk) - CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigent exception.**

This bill would have required a county, to the extent permitted by federal law and other instructions, to renew the 12-month indigent immigrant exception for additional 12-month periods for a sponsored California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids applicant or recipient who is deemed to meet the indigence exception and clarifies that such "sponsor-deeming" is subject to exceptions allowed by federal law.

**Status:** Vetoed

***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following Assembly Bills without my signature:

AB 1921, AB 1992 and AB 2111

Each of these bills would make changes to the CalWORKs program that result in significant, ongoing funding commitments. As such, I believe they should be considered as part of the budget process when all funding commitments are considered and prioritized.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-2152 (Weber) - CalFresh: able-bodied adults without dependents.**

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services to establish a definition of “food insecurity” and develop a tool that would screen for food insecurity and other basic needs deprivation and that would help counties identify a person who should be evaluated to determine if they are unfit for employment and therefore exempt from the federal able bodied adult without dependents time limit, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed

#### ***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2152 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Social Services to develop a hunger screening tool to assist in the determination of whether CalFresh recipients may be exempted from time limitations on benefits.

CalFresh is a federally-funded nutrition benefit program which includes work requirements and exemptions prescribed by federal rules. Instead of codifying state policies in this program, I urge the department and counties to continue to work together to ensure those facing extreme hunger have access to these benefits.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-2397 (Obernolte) - Health and human services: information sharing: administrative actions.**

This bill would have required, rather than permit, the California Department of Aging, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Care Services, the California Department of Social Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority to share information with respect to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or individuals who have been the subject of any administrative action resulting in the denial of a license, permit, or certificate of approval, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed

#### ***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2397 without my signature.

This bill would mandate that the Departments of Aging, Health Care Services, Public Health, Social Services and the Emergency Medical Services Authority, share information regarding adverse administrative actions against licensees, facilities or providers.

This bill is unnecessary because the information called for is already being shared as authorized under current law.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-2602 (McCarty) - Homeless youth emergency service projects.**

This bill would have established a homeless youth emergency service project in Sacramento County and specified that any grant awarded to establish a homeless youth emergency service project in Sacramento County shall not reduce the funding provided for existing projects in any of the other three participating counties or in the City and County of San Francisco.

**Status:** Vetoed

### ***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2602 without my signature.

This bill requires the Office of Emergency Services to enter into a grant award agreement to fund a homeless youth emergency service project in Sacramento County that must begin operating by October 1, 2019.

The bill directs the Office to establish the project but does not provide funding for its operation. Services to the state's homeless youth are important, but mandating this project without a funding source would be unwise. This project should be carefully evaluated during the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-2872 (Carrillo) - In-home supportive services: peer-to-peer training.**

This bill would have established voluntary peer-to-peer training for In-home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers and a process through which IHSS providers who conduct the training will be compensated.

**Status:** Vetoed

#### ***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2872 without my signature.

This bill would establish a peer-to-peer training course for In-Home Supportive Services providers and require those providers who conduct the training to be compensated. This bill is unnecessary because IHSS providers are currently required to attend a training program that covers virtually the same subjects listed in this bill.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

### **AB-3085 (Calderon) - New Beginnings California Program.**

This bill would have established the New Beginnings California Program, within the Department of Community Services and Development, to provide a maximum of 50 grants, to be awarded annually, to cities or local continuums of care programs that provide matching funds to implement, expand, or continue employment programs for homeless individuals.

**Status:** Vetoed

#### ***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3085 without my signature.

This bill would establish a new grant program at the Department of Community Services and Development to fund local employment programs for homeless individuals.

This year's budget includes approximately \$5 billion in funding related to housing and homelessness including \$500 million to local governments. Additional funding through a new homelessness grant program should be contemplated in next year's budget process.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

**AB-3088 (Chu) - Continuing care contracts: retirement communities.**

This bill would have expanded a requirement for Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) to file an actuary's opinion with the California Department of Social Services at least once every five years to include all CCRCs, not just those that offer Type A contracts, until January 1, 2030. This bill also would have required each CCRC to conduct a review of its facility at least once every five years for purposes of estimating maintenance costs.

**Status:** Vetoed

***Governor's Veto Message:***

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3088 without my signature.

This bill requires all Continuing Care Retirement Communities to obtain an actuarial study every five years.

These communities, which combine housing with long term health care services and supports, have a wide range of ownership interests, business models and facilities. An actuarial study may be one indication of financial viability, but the Department of Social Services uses a variety of methods to monitor the long term fiscal health of these communities.

Instead of mandating an actuarial study be done by every Continuing Care Retirement Community, the department will continue to work with residents and management to determine appropriate means to measure fiscal viability.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.