

Child Care Legislative Summary, 2009

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California Assembly Bills			Date is either when the position was published or when I verified it.
ABX3-9	Eliminate the First 5 Mass Media Communications Account	Dead	
AB 12 Beall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFDC Foster care: Abolishes <u>Revises</u> the current “Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (Kin-GAP) (which, as a part of the CalWORKs program, provides aid on behalf of eligible children who are placed in the home of a relative caretaker) to provide state-funded assistance for youth not eligible under the federally funded program and requires the state to institute a different federal kinship guardianship assistance program. Follow the link for details of the new program. • Extends age to 21 • “No appropriation from the General Fund would be made for the purposes of implementing these provisions.” • 3-23 amendment adds “including nonminor dependents” (defined as a (1) current or former dependent child or ward of the juvenile court (2) between 18 and 21 (3) in foster care under the responsibility of the county welfare department, county probation department, or Indian tribe that entered into an agreement pursuant to Section 10553.1 and is in a transitional independent living case plan) to a number of foster care provisions, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Placing kids of varying needs and designations in the same home ○ Foster care homes have to meet the same regs as for younger kids • By 7-1-11, a list of stakeholders shall “revise regulations regarding health and safety standards for licensing foster family homes and community care facilities in which nonminor dependents... are placed”; the regs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “shall have the greatest amount of freedom that will safely prepare them for self-sufficiency” ○ “Nonminors who remain in the same community care facility with children under 18 years of age need not be subject to criminal background clearances” ○ By 7-1-10, DSS shall (in consultation with the stakeholders) issue ACLs to be in effect between 10-1-10 to 6-30-11. DSS can issue emergency regs. • The California Community Care Facilities Act does not apply to “any supervised independent living setting for nonminor dependents” who are placed by the juvenile court, supervised by the county welfare department, probation department, or Indian tribe • “Nonminor dependents” remain under the jurisdiction of the juvenile courts • Does not give custody to the county welfare department; the kid retains all his or her legal decision-making authority as an adult. • Sets procedures to apply for nonminor dependent status • Status must be reviewed at least every 6 months • States requirements for reviews and reports • Before terminating a kid from dependency care, a report has to include info about the kid’s Indian heritage or tribal connections, family history as known, photos in the possession of the county welfare department (except forensic photos), whereabouts of any siblings under juvenile court jurisdiction (unless the court finds a danger there), social security care, driver’s license, birth certificate, health and education summary, parents’ death certificate if appropriate, a letter describing the kid’s foster care history, proof of citizenship, help applying for Medi-Cal or college, or maintaining relationships with important people in their lives. <p>4-13 amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands jurisdiction of juvenile court to adjudge a child placed voluntarily in an approved home of a relative for not more than 180 days a dependent of the court 	<p>Human Services committee</p> <p>3-23 09 amended</p> <p>4-13 amended</p> <p>4-15 passed committee</p> <p>5-0</p> <p>To Appropriations</p> <p>4-29 amended</p> <p>5-20 Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>Hearing date 5-28</p> <p>5-28 hearing postponed by committee</p> <p>1-25-10 Amended and passed by Appropriations 13-4</p> <p>Passed by Assembly 72-0</p> <p>Referred to Senate Human Services and Judiciary committees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes limits on child welfare services for voluntarily placed children from 6 months to 180 days. Changes rather than abolishes the Kin-GAP program, as highlighted above. Makes many small changes that people involved in this program should follow the link to read. <p>4-29 amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently the county welfare department's annual eligibility review must coincide with one of three other annual determinations; this adds a fourth possibility Adds labor organizations to stakeholder's groups Specifies that for non-minors not to have to be background checked when they are in a facility with kids under 18, it must be the same community care facility with that they were placed in while under 18 years of age. Beginning 10-1-10, nonminors foster kids in this program can keep getting benefits as long as they are in high school or a technical school <p>1-25-10 amendment puts off effective dates for several sections</p>		
AB 89	Creates new tobacco tax of 10.5¢ a cigarette	Dead	
AB 137	Brown Act changes	Dead	
AB 304	APPs electronic banking for payments to family providers	Dead	
AB 315 De Leon	<p>Was spot bill. 4-14 amendment says <u>CDE shall consider developing</u> adopt regulations for APPs regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timeliness of payments to child care providers. Due process and complaint process. Filling out time sheets <u>attendance records</u> Manner of issuing payments to child care providers, and whether an alternative payment program may issue a single check for multiple children. Timeliness of notice to providers when a child is no longer eligible to receive subsidies. Administrative recourse and penalties for late payments to child care providers. <p>5-6 Amendment changes "time sheets" to "attendance records."</p> <p>5-29 amendment changes "shall adopt" to "shall consider developing".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "If a penalty is assessed against an APP, the program shall use only" its 19% "administrative and support service funds ... to pay the penalty." 	<p>Committee on Ed 4-14 amended 4-29 passed committee 8-2 To Appropriations 5-6 Amended 5-13 Appropriations suspense file 5-29 amended and passed Appropriations 12-5 6-3 Passed Assembly 47-30 To Senate Rules for assignment</p>	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFSCME 4-29-09 SEIU 4-29-09 <p>Oppose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCDAA 4-29-09 CAPPA 7-6-09
AB 364	Establishes a <u>pilot program</u> for an after school teacher pipeline	Dead	
AB 434 Block	<p>Reduces Prop 49 after school program local matching from 33% to 15%</p> <p>6-1 amendment changes the percent of the local matching that can be from facilities or space usage from not more than 25% to not more than 15%.</p> <p>7-15 amendment removes 6-1 amendment. Cash or in-kind matching is 1/3. The percent of the local matching that can be from facilities or space usage is not more than 25% of the match. For 2009-10 and 2010-11, total match is reduced to 15%, of which not more than 15% can be facilities or space usage.</p>	<p>4-1 passed committee 10-1 4-23 Appropriations suspense file 6-1 amended and passed Appropriations 12-5 6-3 Passed Assembly 52-25</p>	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCCCA 4-2-09 CCDAA 4-14-09 AFSCME 4-30-09 Children's Initiative 4-30-09 Fight Crime: Invest in Kids 4-30-09 League of CA After-school Providers 4-30-09 Saddleback Valley Unified

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		7-8 passed by Senate Education 9-0 To Appropriations 7-15 amended 8-17 Placed on suspense file 13-0 8-27 held under submission	School Dist 4-30-09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego After School Consortium 4-30-09 • 3 dozen other local programs or agencies 4-30-09 Oppose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Finance 4-30-09
AB 495	CDE data gathering	Dead	
AB 595	Requires both a California and an FBI criminal record clearance or an exemption to be a foster parent	Signed by the governor	
AB 627	Pilot program for nutrition and physical activity standards in exchange for a higher state meal reimbursement.	10-11 vetoed	
AB 769	State preschool priority for kids of kids who are dependents or recent wards of the juvenile court	10-22 vetoed	
AB 932	Expands Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund	Dead	
AB 983	Gutted and amended. No child care content.	9-9 Gutted and amended	
AB 997	Identifying sex offenders living in licensed residential child care, or foster care facilities.	Dead	
AB 1004	Gutted and amended. No child care content remaining.	4-16 gutted and amended	
AB 1124	Aging out out of the California Early Intervention Services Act	Dead	
AB 1195	ELQIS committee to advise in spending ARRA	Dead	
AB 1349	Funding for Prop 49 after school programs	Dead	
AB 1368	Requires staff member onsite in family child care with current certificate in pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR	10-11 signed by governor	
AB 1494	Clarifies section of Brown Act on using electronic devices or intermediaries to develop a collective concurrence	8-6 signed by governor	
AB 1831 Solorio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would require 24% of \$132 million of ASES, whichever is larger, to be used for after school programs for English language learners to “Provide instruction and practice in academic lessons that increase knowledge and usage of the English language. This shall include word recognition, spelling, reading, rules of sentence structure, writing, and speaking.” • Provides staff development money 	2-11 introduced	
AB 1876 Torlakson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows volunteers to conduct non-supervisory duties in ASES programs 	2-16 introduced	
AB 1979 Adams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires CCL to inspect all licensed centers annually. 	2-17 introduced 4-4 to Human Services	
AB 2084 Brownley	A licensed child care facility must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve only 1 percent milk or nonfat milk to children two years of age or older. • Limit juice to not more than one serving per day of 100 percent juice. • Serve no beverages with added sweeteners, either natural or artificial. • Make clean and safe drinking water readily available and accessible for consumption throughout the day, particularly with meals and snacks. 	2-18 introduced 4-4 to Human Services	
AB 2178 Torlakson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows transfer of information between schools and ASES programs, to find out if ASES improves educational outcomes 	2-18 introduced 4-4 to Education	
AB 2252 Torrico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide a universal preschool program that would be available for 3- and 4-year-old children, to be funded through the imposition of an inheritance tax. 	2-18 introduced	
AB 2323 Torlakson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CDD contractor that over-earns a contract can carry over 10% of the maximum reimbursable amount to the next year. 	2-19 introduced 3-11 to Education	Sponsored by CCDA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A CDD contractor that under-earns a contract could carry over 20% of their contract to the next year. 		
AB 2463 Brownley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conforms Ed Code to tasks R&R already does Deletes existing provision giving \$180,000 annually to R&Rs Specifies there is no income limit on getting referrals Requires written policy on referrals Loosens wording on referring to license-exempt programs Adds new duties for R&R <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training and workshops on health and safety, child development, special needs, and other topics related to professional development. Provide community resource assistance to parents, child care providers, and other community organizations by providing information about community resources, child care statistics, and initiating a child care business. Collaborate with community partners to increase awareness of child care issues and maximize federal, state, and local resources. Assist community and public agencies in planning, coordinating, and improving child care in the area. Assist the local county welfare agency in determining the child care needs of CalWORKs families, and provide CalWORKs families with information on available child care. Facilitate efforts to expand child care services in the local community based on demonstrated demand for services. 	2-19 introduced 3-11 to Human Services	Sponsored by R&R
AB 2553 Brownley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The department shall collect data that will accurately and appropriately assess the school readiness of children entering kindergarten and that reflect all of the major domains of child development, including, but not limited to, social and emotional development, physical well-being and motor development, language and comprehension development, and cognition and general knowledge.” 	2-19 introduced	
AB 2592 Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot bill stating intent of the legislature to pass legislation regarding ELQIS. 	2-19 introduced	

California Senate Bills

SB5X-1	Race to the top changes	1-7 signed by governor	
SB5X-2	P-20 (preschool through grad school) data system.	1-7 signed by governor	
SBX3 9	Would eliminate the First 5 Mass Media Communications Account	Dead	
SB 19	8-27 Gutted and amended; no child care content remaining	8-27 Gutted and amended	
SBX3-25 Cox	Eliminates state and local First 5 and puts the tobacco tax money to other purposes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing unencumbered state First 5 trust fund money goes to the state general fund. What used to be First 5 income goes to the General Fund for the Healthy Families Program and the Medi-Cal program. Funding for the Breast Cancer Fund and the Health Education Account and the Research Account shall not be subject to the requirement that all costs for this act shall be paid from First 5 money. Existing unencumbered local First 5 trust fund money will be distributed: 50% to local County Office of Education, thence to districts according to ADA; 50% to local County government, with 50% of that 50% being redistributed to cities, according to population. Existing state First 5 contracts will be administered by state HHS. Existing local First 5 contracts will be administered by the Counties. Urgency statute. Must be approved first by 2/3 of the legislature and then by 50%+ of the voters. 	Dead	Support Oppose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCDAA 4-14-09 Riverside Co CC Consortium 4-23-09 CCCCA 7-2-09

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SB 41 Cox	Would abolish First 5 and spend the tobacco-tax income on Healthy Families, Medi-Cal, and some smoking-related health programs.	Introduced 2-10 2-24 failed in committee Dead	Oppose: CCCCA 3-4-10
SCR 44 Corbett	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Legislature requests CDE to review the current RMR methodology and implementation guidelines, and see if it gives sufficient access to working poor families; • CDE must “operate an open and transparent process hold an open meeting where all vested stakeholders are fully versed in the methodology used for the regional market rate survey and are included in the planning and implementation process being undertaken by CDE to establish new rates or a new rate structure;” <p>7-8 amendment requests CDE to report to the Leg on its “hold an open meeting relating to the department’s review of current regional market rate methodology and implementation guidelines, and any recommended changes to the current methodology” by 4-1-2010.</p> <p>8-18 amendment specifies the process is an open meeting.</p> <p>8-26 amendment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • states intent of the legislature to hold hearings , with CDE participating, to review California’s current regional market rate methodology and implementation guidelines, and question whether adherence to the current regional market rate system has resulted in sufficient access for working poor families, and execute any recommended changes to the current methodology; • requests that all vested stakeholders be included in the planning and implementation for new rates or a new rate structure; • discussion items include RMR rate history, current methodology, federal and state requirements, and the regulations and implementation guidelines used to implement the regional market rate; • The joint legislative hearings should take place by April 1, 2010, so that any recommended changes • to the current regional market rate methodology can be considered in budget negotiations; a 	<p>Introduced 5-6-09</p> <p>7-8 Amended and passed Senate Education 7-0</p> <p>8-17 passed Appropriations 9-3</p> <p>8-18 amended</p> <p>8-26 amended</p> <p>9-2 Passed Senate</p> <p>To Assembly Ed Committee</p>	<p>Sponsored by CAPPA Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWDA 6-26-09 • Siskiyou Co LPC 6-26-09 • YMCA Childcare Resource Service 6-26-09 • Valley Oak Children’s Services 6-26-09
SCR 47 DeSaulnier	States the intent of the Legislature to increase the SRR for Title 5 programs in future years, as resources become available, in order to provide staff of Title V child development centers and preschools with adequate salaries and benefits, provide adequate resources to support program quality for children, and keep programs open to serve parents and children.	<p>5-14 introduced</p> <p>To committee on Rules</p> <p>6-24 Withdrawn from committee; to third reading</p> <p>8-24 passed Senate 24-11</p> <p>To Assembly Ed committee</p>	<p>Sponsored by CCDAA</p> <p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCCCCA 9-3-09
SB 177 Lowenthal	<p>Car seating requirements for kids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes requirements for kids under 6 to sit in the front seat; says the back seat has to be already full of kids under 8 instead of kids under 12. • Deletes requirement that, after a certain date, money collected in fines for seat belt violations would continue to fund the current list of projects (.3% Fish and Game Preservation Fund, 32.02% Restitution Fund, 23.99% Peace Officers' Training Fund, 25.70% Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund, 7.88% Corrections Training Fund, 0.78% Local Public Prosecutors and Public Defenders Training Fund, 8.64% Victim-Witness Assistance Fund, and 0.66% Traumatic Brain Injury Fund) 	<p>2-17 introduced</p> <p>3-9 to Transportation and Housing committee</p> <p>3-31 passed committee 7-4</p> <p>To Appropriations</p>	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFSCME 3-25-09 • CA Coalition for Children's Safety and Health 4-22-09

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletes findings about the value of seat belts. 	4-20 Determined not to involve appropriations; to the floor 4-23 passed Senate 25-11 Assembly Committee on Transportation	
SB 244 Wright	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-31 amendment replaces all previous content; adds detailed description of proposed eligibility priority for foster kids and kids with parents in the judicial system. 6-1 amendment replaces all previous content. Says CDE' "shall conduct a study regarding the feasibility of providing priority enrollment in high-quality child care and development programs for children from birth to five years of age who are in the foster care system, in relative care or reunification, or were formerly in the foster care system, who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, are homeless, or have a custodial parent in the foster care system, or are on probation or parole, or in a correctional or residential treatment facility" and report back by 12-31-2010 7-8 Amendment makes wording change above.	Introduced 2-24 3-31 amended 4-2 committee on Ed 4-22 passed committee 6-1 To Appropriations 5-4 amended 5-18 Appropriations suspense file 5-20 amended Hearing date 5-28 (Suspense - for vote only) 6-1 amended and passed Appropriations 7-5 6-3 Passed Senate 25-9 To the Assembly 6-22 To Human Services 6-30 passed HS To Appropriations 7-8 amended Hearing date 8-19 First hearing cancelled at request of author	Sponsored by LA COE and LA Co Education Foundation Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alameda COE 4-20-09 Assn of CA School Administrators 4-20-09 Compton Unified 4-20-09 Maria's Italian Kitchen 4-20-09 Santa Clara COE 4-20-09 Sally & Dick Roberts Coyote Foundation 4-20-09 CA Chapter of Natl Assn of Social Workers 7-1-09 Watch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCCCA 4-2-09 CWDA 4-24-09
SB 293	Changes birthday cutoff for kindergarten entry	Dead	
SB 379	Exempts Heritage schools from child care licensure.	Dead	
SB 383	Autism Spectrum Disorders Early Screening, Intervention, and Treatment Pilot Program	Dead	

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SB 702	Employees of an “ancillary child care center,” are considered license-exempt providers who must be TrustLined	10-11 signed	•
SB 797 Pavley	<p>Would “prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of any bottle, cup, or liquid, food, or beverage in a can or jar <u>or plastic bottle that contains bisphenol A or that is lined with a material that contains bisphenol A</u>, at a level above 0.1 parts per billion” and require manufacturers to use the least toxic substitute.</p> <p>6-25 amendment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes the lining of a container. • Adds plastic bottles to list of types of containers <p>7-15 amendment makes it take effect January 1, 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempts containers for liquid infant formula. • Exempts medical devices • Repeals the bill if the Department of Toxic Substances Control adopts regulations that do certain things. 	<p>2-27 introduced</p> <p>3-19 to committees on Environmental Quality and Health</p> <p>4-20 passed committee 5-2</p> <p>To Committee on Health</p> <p>4-29 passed committee 6-2</p> <p>6-2 passed Senate 21-16</p> <p>To the Assembly</p> <p>Committees on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials and Health</p> <p>6-25 amended in ES&TM</p> <p>6-30 Passed by ES&TM committee 5-2</p> <p>7-14 passed Health 10-6</p> <p>To the floor</p> <p>7-15 amended</p> <p>9-9 failed in Assembly 35-32</p> <p>9-9 Motion to reconsider made by Assembly Member John A. Perez.</p> <p>9-10 Placed on inactive file on request of Assembly Member Torrico</p>	<p>Sponsored by Environmental Working Group Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Cancer Fund 4-20-09 • CA League of Conservation Voters 4-20-09 • CA Nurses Association 4-20-09 • CA WIC 4-20-09 • Clean Water Action 4-20-09 • Commonweal 4-20-09 • Consumer Federation of CA 4-20-09 • Consumers Union 4-20-09 • Environment CA 4-20-09 • MOMS (Making our Milk Safe) 4-20-09 • Physicians for Social Responsibility 4-20-09 • Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA 4-20-09 • Planning and Conservation League 4-20-09 • San Diego Coastkeeper 4-20-09 • SEIU 4-20-09 • Sierra Club California 4-20-09 • Women's Foundation of CA 4-20-09 • Zero Breast Cancer 4-20-09 • Asian Health Services 4-28-09 • CA Assn of Sanitation Agencies 4-28-09 • CALPIRG 4-28-09 • CA Teamsters 4-28-09 • Co of LA • Natural Resource Defense Council 4-28-09 <p>Oppose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Chemistry Council 4-20-09 • CA Grocers Assn 4-20-09 • Civil Justice Assn of CA 4-20-09 • CA Chamber of Commerce 4-28-09 • Can Manufacturer's Institute 4-28-09 • International Formula Council 4-28-09
SB 798 DeSaulnier	<p>Rewrites funding system for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. People involved in administering this program should read the bill. I don't know enough about the program to see what the changes are.</p> <p>4-1 amendment says it applies to elementary and middle school programs and selected high school programs (ASES)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires all school sites operating during the summer that are eligible to provide free meals and snacks to 	<p>2-27 introduced</p> <p>3-19 committee on Ed</p>	<p>Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 16 Agencies with programs 1/22/10 • AFSCME 4-20-09 • Bay Area Partnership 1/22/10

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	<p>participating children through the United States Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program to offer free meals and snacks through the federal Summer Food Service Program or the federal Seamless Summer Option.</p> <p>4-29 amendment changes Advisory Committee on Before and After School Programs from an entity that must consent to changes in the program to one that CDE must consult with.</p> <p>1-11 amendment deletes all current content and replaces it with: Whenever this program's appropriation exceeds the 2008-09 appropriation, the excess goes to direct grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Thirty-five percent to community learning centers serving high school pupils. (2) Fifty percent to community learning centers serving elementary and middle school pupils. (3) Fifteen percent to summer programs serving elementary and middle school pupils. 	<p>Hearing date 4-15</p> <p>4-1 amended</p> <p>4-2 Hearing canceled at the request of author</p> <p>4-22 passed committee 9-0</p> <p>To Appropriations</p> <p>4-29 amended</p> <p>5-11 Appropriations suspense file</p> <p>5-28 held under submission</p> <p>1-11-10 amended</p> <p>1-21 passed by Appropriations 6-3</p> <p>1-28 passed Senate 31-6</p> <p>To Assembly Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Food Policy Advocates 1/22/10 • Children Now 1/22/10 • Cybermill 1/22/10 • Fight Crime: Invest in Kids 1/22/10 • League of CA Afterschool Providers 1/22/10 • San Francisco Department of Children Youth & Their Families 1/22/10 • Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center 1/22/10 • Woodcraft Rangers 1/22/10 • Alameda BOS 1/22/10 • CA School Boards Assn 1/22/10 • Assn of CS School Administrators 1/22/10
SB 1099 Correa	Would allow counties to use CDD Child Development program funds as the local match for Title 4-E subsidized foster care.	2-17 introduced	
SB 1109 Cox	Eliminates state and local First 5 and puts the tobacco tax money to healthy Families and Medi-Cal.	2-17 introduced 2-25 to Health committee Hearing date 4-14	Oppose: CCCCA 3-4-10
SB 1126 Liu	Requires community colleges and CSUs "to develop articulation and transfer program agreements for early childhood education and related majors" that "include a waiver of course requirements for those majors for completion of similar courses at a community college and to count those courses toward the completion of minimum upper division requirements for those majors."	2-18 introduced 3-08 to Education Hearing date 3-24	
SB 1225 Yee	Allows city and county of San Francisco to continue and expand an existing individualized county child care subsidy plan.	2-18 introduced 4-4 to Education	
SB 1381 Simitian	Extends sunset date of Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program two years; participating schools use Sept. 1 as a cut-off birth date for admission.	2-19 introduced 4-4 to Education	
<p>Federal Legislation (Federal legislation is much harder to track than state, so if anybody notices a significant change to these bills, please let me know.) (The federal leg website doesn't give direct links to bills. Go to http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/thomas and search on the bill number)</p>			
HR 702 Hirono	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching grants to states to enhance or improve state-funded preschool programs • Grant formula favors states that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ have curricula aligned with state early learning standards ○ use nationally-established, or better, best practices for class size and teacher-to-student ratios 	1-27-09 House Committee on Education and Labor	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ require each teacher to have at least an associate degree in early childhood education or a related field ○ require such programs to operate for at least a full academic year ○ have a plan for meeting the requirement, within five years of receiving such grant, that teachers have at least a baccalaureate degree in early childhood education or have such degree in a related field, but have also completed specialized training in early childhood education. ● Prohibits state grantees from reducing their preschool or child care expenditures. ● Requires priority for areas of concentrations of impoverished children ● Among grant uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ increasing the qualifications of, and benefits provided to, teachers, teacher aides, and program directors ○ decreasing class size and improving teacher-to-student ratios; ○ providing certain comprehensive services that support healthy child development ○ extending program duration; and (5) improving program monitoring and learning environments. ● Reserves funds for competitive grants to Indians for their preschool programs. 		
HR 1685 McCarthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding to community development financial institutions (CDFI) and other nonprofit lenders to provide low-cost loans and grants to child care providers. 		Support ● LIIF 4-10-09
HR 2041 Lowey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides 1/3 federal matching grants to businesses and consortia who provide or subsidize employees' child care and to non-profits who offer technical assistance to them. 	Introduced 4-22-09	
USH 1755 Hare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Awards 5-year initial grants to States to establish, enhance, or expand high-quality preschool programs for children ages 3 through 5 in rural areas ● States may spend 5% for various quality improvements ● Allotment formula shall consider local barriers to quality education, local needs including learning disabilities and limited English proficiency, and current availability of programs ● Provider eligibility requires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ max class size of 20 ○ teacher-to-student ratio of 10 to 1 or lower; ○ adherence to comprehensive early learning standards; ○ at least one highly nutritious meal for each child for every 3 hours of program participation per day; and ○ at least one highly nutritious snack for each child participating in the program for up to 3 hours per day. 	Introduced 3-26-09	

AFSCME = American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees

BOS = Board of Supervisors

CAEYC = California Association for the Education of Young Children

CAPPA = California Alternative Payment Program Association

CCCCA = California Child Care Coordinators Association

CCDAA = California Child Development Administrators Association

CCLC = Child Care Law Center

CDPI = Child Development Policy Institute

CCSESA = California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

CFT = California Federation of Teachers

COE = County Office of Education

CSAC = California State Association of Counties

CTA = California Teachers Association

CWDA = County Welfare Directors' Association

First 5 = First 5 Commission of California

LCC = League of California Cities

LIIF = Low Income Investment Fund

LPC = Local Planning Council

PACE = Professional Association for Childhood Education

PTA = California State Parent Teachers Association

R&R = California State Resource & Referral Network

SEIU = Service Employees International Union