

Child Care Legislative Summary, 2009

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California Assembly Bills		Bold = introduced or amended since last San Diego public policy meeting	Date is either when the position was published or when I verified it.
ABX3-1 Evans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget bill; 2-4 amendment. • Sets maximum APP reimbursement rate to 75th percentile of 2007 RMR, effective July 1, 2009. • \$10,000,000 for “the purpose of broadening access to federal Child and Adult Care Food Program benefits for low-income children in proprietary child care centers.” • Adds 13 positions at CDE “to address compliance monitoring and overpayments”. CDE shall provide to the Leg and Dept of Finance yearly overpayment data by program and by provider, including instances and amounts of overpayments and fraud. • \$736,000 to replace CDE’s provider reporting system software. • \$5,000,000 for wraparound care to children enrolled in state preschool programs. Priority to children enrolled in prekindergarten and family literacy programs. • \$11,062,664 for the infant and toddler earmark, for increasing the supply of quality child care for infants and toddlers. • \$2,969,000 in one-time federal funding to fully fund TrustLine workload; anything left over to be used for quality expenditures. • \$4,000,000 to train former CalWORKs recipients as child care teachers • \$2,700,000 to DSS for increased inspections of child care facilities • \$1,000,000 for TrustLine registration workload • \$500,000 for health and safety training for licensed and exempt child care providers. • \$300,000 for the Health Hotline • \$300,000 to implement a technical assistance program to child care providers in accessing financing for renovation, expansion, or construction of child care facilities. • \$15,000,000 for AB 212 (same as last year) • Monthly sharing of case load data between CDE and DSS to facilitate moving money between APP programs. • Income eligibility limits from 2007–08 and 2008–09 remain in effect for 2009–10. • “Family fee schedule for child care providers to reflect a state median income of \$66,166 annually for a family of four.” Lowest family fees go up \$2; sliding scale reaches 10% of family income at a lower income. • \$5,000,000 of the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund may be used for one-time renovations and repairs to meet health and safety standards, to comply with ADA, and to perform emergency repairs, that were the result of an unforeseen event and are necessary to maintain continued normal operation of the program. • Requires CDE to gather a great deal of information from APPs and providers; for each kid, they will need to track the program, child’s age, family income, family size, work status of parents, full time vs part time, age at entry into the program, foster care yes/no, family fees collected, family co-pays collected, exempt from family fees by family size yes/no, reasons for fee exemptions; for each program CDE must track: percentage of families receiving child care due to CPS, foster care, seeking work, working, or in training programs leading to work, and the relative distribution of families entering the system by family income and size; for each APP program, the incidence, relative proportion, and dollar magnitude of actual care payments per child and family that are in excess of or below the current mean-market rates, classified in percentage increments from the mean-market rate. 	<p>1-12 passed Assembly as spot bill</p> <p>2-14 amended to add content and passed Budget and Fiscal Review committee</p> <p>To the floor</p> <p>To third reading</p> <p>2-15 urgency clause defeated 25-13</p> <p>2-19 Passed Senate 25-13</p> <p>2-19 Passed Assembly</p> <p>To the governor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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AB 12 Beall	AFDC Foster care: Abolishes 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” and requires the state to institute a different federal kinship guardianship assistance program. Follow the link for details of the new program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends age to 21 • “No appropriation from the General Fund would be made for the purposes of implementing these provisions.” 	12-2-08 Introduced																																																																																	
AB 89 Torlakson	Creates new tobacco tax of 10.5¢ a cigarette and a quarterly inventory tax on tobacco venders of 10.5¢ a cigarette, to be put into a Tobacco Excise Tax Account and used exclusively for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Children's health care. • Tobacco cessation services. • Lung cancer research. • General health care 	1-5-09 introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 																																																																																
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SB 177 Lowenthal	Seat belts for kids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes requirements for kids under 6 to sit in the front seat; now 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 	2-17 introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 																																																																																

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AFSCME = American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees
 CAEYC = California Association for the Education of Young Children
 CAPPA = California Alternative Payment Program Association
 CCCCCA = 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

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
 LPC = Local Planning Council
 PACE = Professional Association for Childhood Education
 R&R = California State Resource & Referral Network
 SEIU = Service Employees International Union