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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	<p>Budget bill; 2-14 amendment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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AB 12 Beall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 2-23 to committees on Revenue & Taxation and Government Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 																																																																																
AB 434 Block	Reduces Prop 49 after school program local matching from 33% to 15%	2-25 introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 																																																																																
AB 495 Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would require CDE to annually determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the number of 3- and 4-year-old children in the state and in each county, ○ the number of licensed providers offering preschool services, ○ the number of children that each licensed provider could accommodate with respect to preschool services. • And post it on the internet. 	2-24 introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 																																																																																
AB 595 Adams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would prohibit DSS from issuing a license to any foster family home or certified family home applicant who has not obtained both a California and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal record clearance or an exemption • Would prohibit placement of the child in the home of a person if the criminal records check indicates the person has been convicted of a crime that DSS cannot grant an exemption for with respect to foster family home and certified family home applicants. 	2-25 Introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 																																																																																

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would also prohibit placement of a child in the home of a person who has been convicted of an exemptible crime, unless the county grants a criminal records exemption, based on substantial and convincing evidence, to support a reasonable belief that the person with the criminal conviction is of such good character as to justify the placement and not present a risk of harm to the child. 		
AB 627 Brownley	<p>As a condition of licensing, every child care facility would have to follow these rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 2 percent milk shall be served to children over two years of age. Juice shall be limited to one serving per day, and only 100 percent juice shall be served. At least one vegetable shall be served at lunch and supper. Deep fat frying shall be prohibited onsite. Sugar shall be limited to 6 grams per serving for both hot and cold cereals. For children in full day care, screen time, including, but not limited to, television, video games, and computer usage, shall be limited to a maximum of one hour per day and shall be limited to educational programming or programs that encourage movement. For children in less than full day care, screen time shall be reduced proportionately. <p>As a condition of receiving state nutrition money, participating entities shall do all of the above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit the serving of fried potatoes to one time per week. Limit the serving of sweet grains, including, but not limited to, toaster pastries, cookies, coffee cake, sweet rolls, doughnuts, or cakes, to no more than two times per week, and only as snacks. Serve at least one whole grain per day. Limit serving hot dogs, SPAM, luncheon meats, and other processed meat products to a maximum of three times per week. Not serve sugar-sweetened or artificially sweetened beverages. 	2-25 introduced	Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">
AB 769 Torres	Adds “children who have a biological parent who is, or who has been within the previous 6 months, under the jurisdiction of the delinquency or dependency court” as a priority for state preschool equivalent to CPS referral. I.e, kids of foster kids (and some others) are eligible for state preschool with a CPS-level priority.	2-26 Introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
AB 932 Torlakson	Expands Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund to allow money to be used for purchase, development, construction, expansion, renovation, repair, or improvement of licensed child care	2-26 introduced	Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCCCA 3-5-09
AB 983 Skinnere	Would allow Prop 49 after school programs to operate on weekends.	2-27 introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
AB 1004 Portantino	Amends the Brown Act to delete the requirement that at least a quorum of the members of the body participating in a teleconferenced meeting be located within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction	2-27 introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
AB 1195 Brownley	The QRIS committee established by last year’s SB 1629 (Steinberg) “shall assist CDE in the development of a plan to implement any new federal grant funds made available after March 1, 2009, for child care and development programs and early childhood education.”	2-27 Introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
AB 1349 Torlakson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuously appropriates \$550,000,000 for Prop 49 after school programs Changes formula by which Prop 49 money is reduced under certain circumstances 	2-27 introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
AB 1494 Eng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rewrites and clarifies section of Brown Act on using electronic devices or intermediaries to develop a collective concurrence Permits agency staff to talk with members and answer their questions, as long as the staff don’t tell members what other members think or say 	2-27 introduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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California Senate Bills			
SB 19 Simitian	States intent of legislature to create the “Statewide Education Data Governing Board, the purpose of which would be to facilitate the linking of education data from disparate education and noneducation sources.”	12-1-08 introduced	•
SBX3-25 Cox	<p>Eliminates state and local First 5 and puts the tobacco tax money to other purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moves what used to be state First 5 money and half of local First 5 money into 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 unencumbered state First 5 trust fund money goes to the state general fund. • 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. 	2-10 introduced	•
SB 177 Lowenthal	<p>Seat belts 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) • Deletes findings about the value of seat belts. 	<p>2-17 introduced</p> <p>3-9 to Transportation and Housing committee</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Hearing date 3-31</p>	•
SB 244 Wright	<p>Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a more cohesive, effective, and equitable system for addressing the needs of high-risk children that would reduce the long-term educational, social, and economic impacts that occur when early childhood needs are not met,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes, in each county or consortium of counties, a committee or similar entity with authority to coordinate systems of care, review data, and ensure timely delivery of services to high-risk children. • Implement changes to eligibility and priority enrollment criteria for existing early care and education programs to ensure inclusion of high-risk children. • Establish a state-level committee or similar entity to make recommendations to the Legislature before January 1, 2011, that will improve and integrate services to children with special needs, with particular attention to transition issues for children at age three. 	Introduced 2-24	•
SB 379 Huff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempts Heritage schools from child care licensure. • The definition of heritage school is confusingly written, but I think it means a school that does all of the following and serves children at least 4 years and 9 months old who also attend a regular year-round school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specifies regular hours of operation. ○ Offers education or academic tutoring, or both, in a foreign language. ○ Offers education on the culture, traditions, or history of a country other than the United States. ○ Offers culturally enriching activities, including, but not limited to, art, dancing, games, or singing, based on the culture or customs of a country other than the United States. 	2-26 introduced	•

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SB 798 DeSaulnier	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.	2-27 introduced	●

Ballot Propositions

1D	<p>Temporary redirection of funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moves \$340 million in unencumbered state First 5 current reserves to the general fund. ● For 5 years, moves \$268 in First 5 income to the state general fund, 1/5 of which would come from the state First 5 and 4/5 from local First 5. This amounts to all of state income (and match) and an increasing percentage of local income, beginning with about 50%. <p>Permanent changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Requires that an auditor sit on local First 5 commissions ● Requires that the 6% of First 5 income currently spent by state First 5 on mass communications be moved into general programs. ● "Allows a county controller to borrow from local commission income for that county's general fund, unless the transfer would interfere with local commission activities." 	On May 19 ballot	●
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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
 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

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