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2019 - 2020 Legislative Bill Summary

The Senate Committee on Human Services has jurisdiction over programs designed to assist the state's most vulnerable populations, including children who have been abused or neglected; people with disabilities; low-income individuals and families; people experiencing homelessness, and older adults. This report contains summaries and the status of all of the bills referred to the Senate Human Services Committee during the 2019-20 Legislative Session.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a statewide State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was followed by a series of executive orders and instructions intended to reduce exposure to the coronavirus throughout 2020. The Legislature took action to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including modifying normal legislative protocols and timelines. As a result, some bills that were referred to the Committee were not heard.

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Aging and Long Term Care

SB-228 (Jackson) - Master Plan on Aging.

This bill requires the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency to lead the development and implementation of the Master Plan for Aging, as specified. It requires the Secretary to work with specified agencies to identify policies, efficiencies, and strategies necessary to implement the Master Plan, as specified. This bill also requires reports to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by October 1, 2020, and annual updates thereafter, until October 1, 2030, regarding the Master Plan.

Status: Chapter 742, Statutes of 2019

SB-280 (Jackson) - Older adults and persons with disabilities: fall prevention.

This bill repeals obsolete statutes that establish unfunded programs within the California Department of Aging (CDA) and in their place establishes the Dignity at Home and Fall Prevention Program. The bill also requires CDA to provide grants to Area Agencies on Aging for injury prevention services, as specified, and requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to investigate possible changes to building standards that promote aging in place.

Status: Chapter 640, Statutes of 2019

SB-453 (Hurtado) - Older adults.

This bill requires the California Department Aging (CDA) to develop a core model of best practices for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection program, and requires these programs to implement these best practices by July 1, 2022, as specified. The bill requires CDA to take specified actions with regard to the implementation of the No Wrong Door (NWD) System, including, among other things, developing a plan for, overseeing the implementation of, and coordinating funding sources for the NWD System. This bill requires the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to determine if Medicaid may fund the NWD System, as specified, and, if so, authorizes DHCS to take necessary action to receive that funding. This bill makes implementation of these provisions contingent on an appropriation of funds for those express purposes.

Status: Chapter 850, Statutes of 2019

SB-512 (Pan) - Long-term services and supports.

This bill would have established the California Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Benefits Board, the California LTSS Benefits Trust Fund, and the California LTSS Advisory Committee, and required the Advisory Committee to provide advice and

recommendations to the Board which is, in turn, charged with managing and investing revenue deposited into the Trust, designed to help finance long-term services and supports for eligible older adults and for individuals with disabilities in California

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-596 (Stern) - In-home supportive services: additional higher energy allowance.

This bill requires a county human services agency to use existing materials to inform each applicant for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) benefits that the applicant may be eligible to receive a specified higher energy allowance and any advanced notifications that may be provided by a public utility in an emergency, as specified.

Status: Chapter 304, Statutes of 2020

SB-1068 (Pan) - Residential care facilities for the elderly.

This bill would have required the Department of Social Service's regulations to require a licensed residential care facility for the elderly to immediately telephone 911 if an injury or other circumstance results in an imminent threat to a resident's health. The bill would have also prohibit the department from waiving this requirement.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-480 (Salas) - Mental health: older adults.

This bill would have created an Older Adult Mental Health Services Administrator within the Department of Health Care Services who would have been required to oversee mental health services for older adults.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-970 (Salas) - California Department of Aging: grants: transportation.

This bill would have made grant awards available under the State Air Resources Board's (ARB) Clean Mobility Options program for disadvantaged communities and low-income communities to eligible applicants in order to fund transportation to and from nonemergency medical services for older individuals and persons with disabilities, for purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as specified. This bill would have required the grant funds to be used for the purchase, lease, operation, or maintenance of zero-emission vehicles, or, under specified circumstances, near-zero-emission vehicles, with a capacity for 7 to 15 passengers, inclusive. This bill also would have required the California Department of Aging to hold a public workshop devoted to the topic of overcoming barriers in providing transportation to and from nonemergency medical services for older individuals and persons with disabilities, as specified.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 970 without my signature.

This bill would fund near-zero emission and zero emission vehicles for transportation to nonemergency medical services for older individuals and disabled persons by allocating Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) dollars through the Clean Mobility Options program.

While funding additional types of near-zero emission or zero emission vehicles may help the State meet both the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing community access to nonemergency medical service transport, this bill would create a cost pressure on the GGRF. This allocation of potentially many millions of dollars should be discussed as part of the overall GGRF expenditure plan in the budget.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-1118 (Blanca Rubio) - Land use: livability issues for older adults.

This bill requires the Secretary of California Health and Human Services Agency to consider applying to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities on behalf of the State of California in developing the Master Plan for Aging.

Status: Chapter 820, Statutes of 2019

AB-1137 (Nazarian) - The California Department of Aging.

The bill would have required the California Department of Aging to provide area agencies on aging with flexibility to develop and manage specified programs, including the block granting of funds to administer programs. The bill also would have recast and revised the parameters of specified community-based services programs and repealed the Senior Center Bond Act of 1984.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1227 (Obernolte) - Health and human services: information sharing: administrative actions.

This bill would have required, rather than permitted, 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: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1227 without my signature.

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

This bill is not needed because these entities are already sharing such information as authorized under current law.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-1287 (Nazarian) - Universal assessments: No Wrong Door system.

This bill requires the Master Plan for Aging, developed pursuant to Executive Order N-14-19, to consider the efficacy of utilizing a No Wrong Door System for assessing older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers in obtaining information and referrals to services and supports. This bill also requires consideration of a universal tool and process that is capable of assessing individual need and determining initial eligibility for long term services and support.

Status: Chapter 825, Statutes of 2019

AB-1379 (Quirk) - Continuing care contracts.

This bill would have renamed the Continuing Care Provider Fee Fund to the Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) Oversight Fund; adopted changes to ensure that the balance in the fund is adequate to fund reasonable regulatory costs related to CCRCs;

and revised current law regarding the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) authority to require a CCRC provider to submit a financial plan in response to the department's identification of problems and deficiencies in need of remediation.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-1382 (Aguiar-Curry) - Master Plan for Aging.

This bill would have required the state to adopt a Master Plan for Aging that emphasizes workforce priorities and includes an implementation timeline.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following bills without my signature:

AB 1382 and SB 611

These bills create an aging housing task force and a master plan for aging that focuses on workforce priorities, and require the state to consider applying to join a voluntary network.

Earlier this year, I issued Executive Order N-14-19, which directs the Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency to work with a broad array of stakeholders, including the Legislature, to develop a Master Plan for Aging to serve as a blueprint that can be used by state government, local communities, private organizations and philanthropy to build environments that promote healthy aging. Issues relating to workforce and affordable housing needs, as well as opportunities to engage with other jurisdictions, will be considered as part of this holistic approach to addressing the needs of older Californians.

When the Master Plan is completed, I look forward to working with the Legislature to evaluate and implement its recommendations.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-1608 (Holden) - Community care facilities: criminal background checks.

This bill would have prohibited the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) from requiring certain individuals subject to the criminal background check process to self-disclose their criminal history information, required CDSS to annually post on its internet website certain data related to criminal record clearance and exemption approvals and denials; and prohibited certain conduct from serving as the basis of a suspension or revocation of a license to operate a community care facility, or as the basis to prohibit an individual from serving in certain administrative capacities over a community care facility, unless certain circumstances exist.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-1766 (Bloom) - Licensed adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly: data collection: residents with a serious mental disorder.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to collect and report specified information to county's department of mental health or behavioral health regarding adult residential facilities (ARFs) and residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs). It also requires an applicant or licensee of an adult community care facility to maintain an email address of record with CDSS, as specified.

Status: Chapter 139, Statutes of 2020

AB-2926 (Calderon) - Referral agencies for residential care facilities for the elderly: duties.

This bill would have: recast existing provisions from a placement agency to apply to a referral source, as define; required a referral source to provide a senior or their representative with specific written, electronic, or verbal disclosures, before sending a compensated referral; required a compensated referral source to use a nationally accredited service provider to perform background checks; and impose criminal penalties and civil penalties for a violation of these provisions, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

CalFresh

SB-173 (Dodd) - CalFresh: postsecondary student eligibility: workstudy.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to create a standardized form to be used by community colleges and universities to verify the workstudy eligibility

of students who are approved and anticipate participating in state or federal workstudy, for purpose of determining eligibility for CalFresh benefits.

Status: Chapter 139, Statutes of 2019

SB-285 (Wiener) - Public social services.

This bill would have required specified stakeholders to determine if California Statewide Automated Welfare System may allow users to initiate applications for health and human services benefits serving low-income Californians in order to minimize the burdens of the enrollment process; sets goals for CalFresh program participation rates; and facilitates CalFresh enrollment

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-298 (Caballero) - Poverty reduction.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services, commencing in 2020, and every five years thereafter until January 1, 2039, to conduct an analysis and report to the Legislature that estimates of the impact of various policies and programs on the child poverty and deep child poverty rates in California.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-470 (Skinner) - Electronic benefits transfer system.

This bill would have required the electronic benefit transfer system to limit the online purchase of food only to retailers that are authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Social Services, as specified. The bill also would have made technical changes regarding timing of benefit issuance to confirm with current practice.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-490 (Hurtado) - CalFresh: benefit overissuance.

This bill increases the threshold for collection of certain CalFresh overissuances from a household that is no longer receiving CalFresh benefits to \$400. It also requires the California Department of Social Services to develop and implement a policy for compromising administrative error claims, in whole or in part, for households that include at least one elderly or disabled member, as specified.

Status: Chapter 550, Statutes of 2019

SB-735 (Leyva) - Public social services: accommodation: notification.

This bill would have required SAWS to notify a caseworker when an applicant or recipient has disclosed a disability or experience of domestic violence that may affect their eligibility

for exemptions from and exceptions to requirements to any public assistance program, not just CalWORKs requirements, as is current law. This bill also requires application and redetermination forms for public assistance programs to include a question and notification about whether the applicant or recipient needs accommodations for a disability or domestic violence.

Status: Chapter 155, Statutes of 2019

SB-882 (Wiener) - CalFresh.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to take specific actions to increase client access to and retention of CalFresh benefits. Among other things, it would have required CDSS to expand its participation in the federal Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) by developing a user-centered application for seniors and waiving the semi-annual reporting for ESAP households. It also would have given an individual the option to apply, report, and recertify for CalFresh in person, by mail, online, or by telephone and permitted an individual to complete the interview requirement and client signature by telephone, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-494 (Berman) - CalFresh: eligibility: shelter expense deductions.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services to issue guidance to county human services agencies to establish that the shelter costs reported by a CalFresh applicant or recipient are sufficient for determining excess shelter costs, as specified. This bill prohibits a county human services agency from requesting additional documents to verify excess shelter costs, except when the reported costs are questionable, and declares the provisions of this bill an urgency statute to ensure certain individuals receive timely CalFresh benefits.

Status: Chapter 90, Statutes of 2019

AB-612 (Weber) - CalFresh: Restaurant Meals Program.

This bill expands the existing authority for the Department of Social Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding to prevent hunger among college students who are homeless to include the California Community Colleges (CCCs), and expands participation in the CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program to include qualifying food facilities that are located on a CCC campus.

Status: Chapter 804, Statutes of 2019

AB-942 (Weber) - CalFresh: Restaurant Meals Program.

This bill establishes the Access to Safe Food Choices and Food Security Act of 2019 and requires the California Department of Social Services, to the extent permitted by federal law, to establish a statewide Restaurant Meals Program.

Status: Chapter 814, Statutes of 2019

AB-1022 (Wicks) - California Antihunger Response and Employment Training Act of 2019.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services to establish the California Antihunger Response and Employment Training (CARET) program to provide benefits to a person who has been determined ineligible for CalFresh benefits, or for whom CalFresh benefits have been discontinued as a result of the able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) time limit, as specified. The bill would have made a CARET program recipient eligible for CalFresh Employment and Training program benefits, as specified. The bill also stipulated that its provision would take effect only if federal law and guidance prohibit the state from retaining 15 percent exemptions to the ABAWD time limit for use in a later month.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1229 (Wicks) - End Foster Youth Student Hunger in California Act of 2019.

This bill would have required the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to determine how much funding authority is needed for CSAC to establish a Transition Age Foster Youth Meal Plan Program and to report this information to the Legislature. This bill also would have required the Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish an official approval process to ensure that foster youth who participate in an internship may apply those work hours toward meeting eligibility standards as a student in the CalFresh program. CDSS would have been required to provide a state-funded cash benefit for nonminor dependents in a supervised independent living placement, as specified. Additionally, this bill would have required CDSS to issue guidance to county human services departments to increase CalFresh application and participation rates of exiting foster youth.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1377 (Wicks) - CalFresh.

This bill requires the California Departments of Education, Health Care Services Social Services to develop a proposed statewide process for using data collected under CalFresh, Medi-Cal, free and reduced-price school meals programs, and the electronic benefits transfer system to increase CalFresh enrollment, as provided.

Status: Chapter 461, Statutes of 2019

AB-3073 (Wicks) - CalFresh: preenrollment.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to issue recommendations and suggested methods for county human services agencies to partner with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and county jails in order to enroll otherwise eligible applicants for the CalFresh program upon reentry into the community from the state prison or a county jail, as specified. This bill also requires CDSS to submit a waiver to the federal government to allow for preenrollment of CalFresh applicants, as specified.

Status: Chapter 225, Statutes of 2020

CalWORKS

SB-268 (Wiener) - CalWORKs eligibility: asset limits.

As it was heard in this committee, this bill would have repealed the asset limitations for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) eligibility, thereby eliminating the consideration of an individual's or family's assets as a condition of eligibility for CalWORKs and makes technical conforming changes. The bill was subsequently amended into another policy area, as provisions of the bill were enacted in SB 80 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 27, Statutes of 2019).

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 268 without my signature. This bill makes modifications to ballot label requirements and notification requirements to voters for a local measure that imposes or increases a tax with more than one rate or authorizes the issuance of bonds. I am concerned that this bill as crafted will reduce transparency for local tax and bond measures.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SB-298 (Caballero) - Poverty reduction.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services, commencing in 2020, and every five years thereafter until January 1, 2039, to conduct an analysis and

report to the Legislature that estimates of the impact of various policies and programs on the child poverty and deep child poverty rates in California.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-321 (Mitchell) - CalWORKs: supportive services: childcare.

This bill would have increased access to childcare for welfare-to-work participants by, among other things, requiring that the childcare be full-time, requiring first-stage childcare to be authorized for one year, as specified. This bill was held in Assembly Human Services Committee, as provisions of this bill were enacted in SB 80 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 27, Statutes of 2019).

Status: Assembly-Died - Human Services

SB-337 (Skinner) - Child support.

This bill would have increased the amount of child support passed through to custodial parents and disregarded as income for California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipients and provided for the expungement of child support debt that was established in error or is unlikely to be collected. The bill also would have discontinued any assigned rights to support for CalWORKs applications received before October 1, 2009, as specified.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 337 without my signature:

Senate Bill 337 would increase the amount of child support passed through to families receiving California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance.

Reducing child poverty across our state is a key priority for me. To this end, in 2019 we have increased CalWORKs grants by almost 25 percent, increased the amount of earnings families on CalWORKs can retain every month from \$225 to \$600, and increased the level of savings and the value of the car families can have and qualify for CalWORKs. We also increased and expanded California's Earned Income Tax Credit to \$1 billion annually, including an increase of \$1,000 in the credit for families with children under the age of 6.

While I am supportive of increasing the amount of child support passed through to families on CalWORKs, such an increase would have a General Fund impact of tens of millions of dollars annually, thus it should be considered as part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SB-365 (Durazo) - CalWORKs: immediate needs assistance.

This bill would have required a county to provide a CalWORKs applicant who is apparently eligible for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) with immediate childcare assistance, as specified, if the applicant has verification of a job or a job offer and needs childcare assistance or if the applicant needs childcare assistance in order to attend an educational or training activity.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 365 without my signature. This bill would require a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) applicant to be provided with immediate child care assistance in order to attend work, education, or training.

Lack of access to child care can create a significant barrier to obtaining and maintaining employment. While I support this bill's efforts to increase access to child care and to that end included significant improvements to CalWORKs child care programs in this year's budget, I cannot support SB 365 as it will increase costs by millions of dollars and lead to the provision of services to families ineligible for CalWORKs.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SB-374 (Glazer) - CalWORKs: postsecondary education.

This bill would have required that a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) eligible individual participating in an educational activity full time and making satisfactory progress, as specified, shall receive a standard allowance of \$500; be deemed to be meeting all welfare-to-work requirements, including the hourly participation requirements; be entitled to advance payments for allowance or reimbursement and other

necessary supportive services, as specified; and is entitled to an extension of the 24-month cumulative participation period, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-1065 (Hertzberg) - CalWORKs: homeless assistance.

This bill makes a series of changes to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), including eliminating the \$100 liquid asset test for CalWORKs homeless assistance; deleting the requirement that the family demonstrate that an eviction was the result of a verified financial hardship as a result of extraordinary circumstances beyond their control, and not a lease or rental violations, and that the family is experiencing a financial crisis that may result in homelessness if preventive assistance is not provided; requiring the homeless assistance benefit be granted the same day as the family's application for assistance; deleting the requirement that the county welfare department verify the family's homelessness within the first three working days and instead requires the family to, upon applying for homeless assistance, provide a sworn statement that the family is homeless; deleting the requirement that a family must have become homeless as a direct and primary result of a state or federally declared "natural" disaster as a condition of eligibility for homeless assistance, and instead makes the eligibility conditioned upon a family becoming homeless as a direct and primary result of a state or federal declared disaster; and requiring that the second 16-day period of temporary homeless assistance shall continue to be available to a CalWORKs applicant who provides a sworn statement of past or present domestic abuse and who is fleeing their abuser when the CalWORKs applicant becomes a CalWORKs recipient during the first 16-day period.

Status: Chapter 152, Statutes of 2020

SB-1232 (Glazer) - CalWORKs: postsecondary education.

This bill requires that CalWORKs eligible individuals participating in a full time or part time educational activity at a publicly funded postsecondary educational institution receive a standard payment for books and college supplies of \$175 to \$500 per semester or quarter, as specified. This bill exempts such applicants or recipients from participating in specified work activities and revises applicable assessment requirements.

Status: Chapter 366, Statutes of 2020

SB-1341 (Hurtado) - CalWORKs.

This bill would have permitted California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) families whose children have been placed into foster care to continue

receiving monthly cash assistance while active reunification efforts are ongoing within the child welfare system.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1341 without my signature.

This bill would authorize California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) families whose children have been removed from the home and placed in out-of-home care to continue receiving monthly cash assistance while active reunification efforts are ongoing in the child welfare system. While I appreciate the author's intent to ensure that CalWORKs recipient families seeking to reunify with their children have needed resources, the bill could create significant costs, which would be more appropriately addressed through the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-283 (Chu) - CalWORKs: school attendance: immunizations.

This bill would have made several changes to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program by eliminating penalties associated with school attendance requirements and eliminating the "personal belief exemption" for immunization of children in families receiving CalWORKs, as specified. This bill also would have extended the deadline for providing immunization documentation.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 283 without my signature.

This bill would make several changes to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program by eliminating penalties associated with school attendance requirements and extending compliance timelines for immunization requirements.

This bill would increase General Fund costs by more than \$10 million annually, a matter that should be considered in the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-807 (Bauer-Kahan) - CalWORKs eligibility: income exemptions.

This bill exempts certain income, including certain scholarships and income for work on the decennial census, from being counted as income for purposes of California Works and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs). It also declares that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Status: Chapter 440, Statutes of 2019

AB-944 (Quirk) - CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception.

This bill would have required a county, to the extent permitted by federal laws, waivers, and directives, to renew the indigence exception of an applicant for, or recipient of, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids benefits who is a sponsored non-citizen, as specified.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 944 without my signature. This bill would require counties to annually renew certain eligible sponsored noncitizens' status as "indigent" in order to maintain their eligibility for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs). At a time when immigrant populations are repeatedly targeted by the federal government, it is important for California to support its residents. However, this legislation would result in significant General Fund costs, and the proposal should be considered through the state's annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-960 (Maienschein) - CalWORKs: homeless assistance.

This bill expands the type of housing for which a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids homeless assistance payment can be made to include a person with whom, or an establishment with which, the family requesting assistance has executed a valid lease, sublease, or shared housing agreement.

Status: Chapter 444, Statutes of 2019

AB-987 (Robert Rivas) - CalWORKs: special diet and food preparation allowance.

This bill would have expanded the circumstances under which a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipient may receive an allowance for recurring special needs for special diets to include lack of access to potable water and a child recipient having an elevated blood lead level, as specified. It would have required the special diet benefit to be provided as a supplemental food benefit and prohibited it from being considered income for the purpose of determining eligibility or amount of aid, as specified. It also would have added food preparation needs to the list of circumstances that entitle a CalWORKs recipient to receive an allowance for recurring special needs.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1403 (Carrillo) - General assistance: eligibility.

This bill would have removed an eligibility restriction for county-funded general assistance (also known as general assistance/general relief) that applies to former California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipients who are no longer eligible for CalWORKs as a result of the 48-month time limit, if the individual is a parent of a child who is under 18 years of age and not living in the home as the result of one or more specified conditions, including, among others, a court-ordered custody agreement.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-2746 (Gabriel) - Funding accountability: state funding for homelessness.

This bill would have required recipients of state funding for the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance, Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program, and Whole Person Care pilot programs to submit annual reports to the agency that provided the recipient with the funding regarding the use of those funds, as provided.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2746 without my signature.

This bill would require recipients of state funding for the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program, the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program, and the Whole Person Care pilot programs to submit annual data reports regarding the use of program funds to the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health Care Services, respectively.

My Administration is exploring ways to increase transparency in our homeless assistance programs and improve the efficiency in the delivery of those services to those who most need the help. This is important work, and we are dedicated to this effort. Unfortunately, the requirements of this measure are duplicative of existing requirements and would create additional, unnecessary data collection costs. For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Child Care

SB-321 (Mitchell) - CalWORKs: supportive services: childcare.

This bill would have increased access to childcare for welfare-to-work participants by, among other things, requiring that the childcare be full-time, requiring first-stage childcare to be authorized for one year, as specified. This bill was held in Assembly Human Services Committee, as provisions of this bill were enacted in SB 80 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 27, Statutes of 2019).

Status: Assembly-Died - Human Services

SB-365 (Durazo) - CalWORKs: immediate needs assistance.

This bill would have required a county to provide a CalWORKs applicant who is apparently eligible for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) with immediate childcare assistance, as specified, if the applicant has verification of a job or a job offer and needs childcare assistance or if the applicant needs childcare assistance in order to attend an educational or training activity.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 365 without my signature.

This bill would require a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) applicant to be provided with immediate child care assistance in order to attend work, education, or training.

Lack of access to child care can create a significant barrier to obtaining and maintaining employment. While I support this bill's efforts to increase access to child care and to that end included significant improvements to CalWORKs child care programs in this year's budget, I cannot support SB 365 as it will increase costs by millions of dollars and lead to the provision of services to families ineligible for CalWORKs.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SB-1098 (Jones) - California Child Day Care Facilities Act: regulations.

This bill would have prohibited the Department of Social Services from implementing or enforcing any regulation to carry out the childcare act not approved by the Office of Administrative Law for which approval is required under the Administrative Procedures Act, including, but not limited to, the proposed "Safe Sleep Regulations, ORD No. 0318-03," which, as of January 1, 2020, were disapproved by the Office of Administrative Law. The bill would have also deleted an obsolete provision.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-6 (Reyes) - Early childhood education: Early Childhood Education Branch.

This bill would have established, on or before January 1, 2021, the Early Childhood Education Branch within the California Department of Education for purposes of implementing holistic childhood education programs and universal preschool.

Status: Senate-Died - Budget and Fiscal Review

AB-324 (Aguiar-Curry) - Childcare services: state-subsidized childcare: professional support stipends.

This bill would have made changes to the staff retention program for providers of subsidized childcare by revising standards related to the professional support stipends.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1001 (Ting) - Child care: strategic planning councils.

This bill would have updated the composition and duties of local planning councils, renamed them, strategic planning councils (SPCs) and required SPCs to collect stakeholder input to conduct childcare needs assessments, facilitate local decision-making for early childhood education (ECE) services and guide local and statewide ECE investments.

Status: Senate-Died - Education

AB-1336 (Smith) - Child health and safety fund.

This bill expands the list of child health and safety concerns that may be funded via monies deposited into the Child Health and Safety Fund.

Status: Chapter 47, Statutes of 2019

AB-1608 (Holden) - Community care facilities: criminal background checks.

This bill would have prohibited the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) from requiring certain individuals subject to the criminal background check process to self-disclose their criminal history information, required CDSS to annually post on its internet website certain data related to criminal record clearance and exemption approvals and denials; and prohibited certain conduct from serving as the basis of a suspension or revocation of a license to operate a community care facility, or as the basis to prohibit an individual from serving in certain administrative capacities over a community care facility, unless certain circumstances exist.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

Child Welfare, Foster Care, Adoptions

SB-219 (Wilk) - Foster youth: enrichment activities.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services to establish the California Foster Youth Enrichment Grant Program to provide grants of \$500 or less to qualified foster youth in four pilot counties, as provided. This bill would have also capped the total allocation to be provided for this grant program at \$12,500,000.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

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qualified foster youth in four pilot counties, as provided. This bill would have also capped the total allocation to be provided for this grant program at \$12,500,000.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-298 (Caballero) - Poverty reduction.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services, commencing in 2020, and every five years thereafter until January 1, 2039, to conduct an analysis and report to the Legislature that estimates of the impact of various policies and programs on the child poverty and deep child poverty rates in California.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-421 (Pan) - Children's Cabinet of California.

This bill would have established the Children's Cabinet of California to consist of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of California Health and Human Services Agency, and the head of each agency and department within the state that provides services for, or has jurisdiction over, the well-being of children. This bill would also have set forth the Children's Cabinet's powers and duties.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-433 (Monning) - Youth development and diversion.

This bill would have required the State Department of Social Services, in consultation with the State Department of Public Health to establish and oversee a three year, five county pilot program for the purpose of advancing a comprehensive, coordinated, and expanded approach to youth diversion, with the goal of minimizing youth contact with the juvenile or criminal justice systems.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-436 (Hurtado) - Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

This bill makes a number of changes to the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), including: defining "family resource center" (FRC); adding a representative of a local child abuse prevention council or family strengthening organization as a potential member of an multidisciplinary personnel team; and requiring OCAP to use their federal funding to support coordination and share of best practices implemented by FRCs with other agencies, as provided.

Status: Chapter 476, Statutes of 2019

SB-695 (Portantino) - Land use planning: housing element: foster youth placement.

When it was heard in this committee, this bill would have allowed a city to meet five percent of its regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) requirement by adopting a foster youth placement program, as specified, and allows a city to count certain home-sharing arrangements towards its very low-income RHNA requirement. The bill was later amended to require a local educational agency, upon a parent's request, to translate the student's individualized education program and other related documents in the native language of the parent within 30 calendar days of the IEP team meeting.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 695 without my signature.

This bill requires a local educational agency (LEA), upon a parent's request, to translate a student's individualized education plan (IEP) and other related documents to the native language of the parent within 30 calendar days of the IEP team meeting.

Current law already requires that non-English speaking parents and guardians understand their child's IEP, and LEAs must take any action needed to ensure that pupil's non-English speaking parent understands the IEP process and LEAs must also provide any materials used to assess or place a student with exceptional needs in the parent's native language.

By establishing more prescriptive requirements, particularly specifying a 30-day timeline within which those documents must be translated, the bill would exceed the requirements of federal law (the Individuals with Disabilities Act), thereby creating a costly reimbursable state mandate that will reduce funding available to support broader educational programs for these students.

If a California school district's practices of providing translation services are inadequate, avenues already exist to remedy these problems. For these reasons, I cannot support this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SB-907 (Archuleta) - Child abuse or neglect investigation: military notification.

This bill allows a county child welfare department to develop and adopt a memoranda of understanding (MOU) with local military installations that govern the investigation of allegations of child abuse or neglect against active duty service members assigned to units on those installations. This bill also requires a county child welfare department investigating a case of child abuse or neglect to attempt to determine, as soon as practicable, if the parent or guardian is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Status: Chapter 233, Statutes of 2020

SB-912 (Beall) - California Fostering Connections to Success Act.

This bill would have permitted the juvenile court to retain jurisdiction over any ward or dependent child who is eligible to receive support as a nonminor dependent (NMD), and would have required, for any emergency declared by the Governor on or after January 1, 2021, an NMD who turns 21 years of age while a state of emergency is in effect to continue to receive support as an NMD for six months from the date of the declaration, as specified.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 912 without my signature.

During the current state of emergency related to the pandemic, the State of California has addressed the needs of many of our vulnerable populations through executive orders that immediately extended benefits and waived specified requirements to remove obstacles to provide ongoing aid. Foremost among these actions was including over \$40 million in the 2020 Budget Act to allow nonminor dependents (NMDs) who would have otherwise aged out of extended foster care access to supports and services until June 30, 2021.

This bill, however, is seeking to extend court jurisdiction for all NMDs who aged out of extended foster care once the state of emergency was declared on March 4, 2020, until June 30, 2021. Further, this bill also would, for any statewide or county-by-county state of emergency declared by the Governor on or after January 1, 2021, require NMDs who turn 21 years of age while the state of emergency is in effect to continue to receive foster care support for six months from the date of the declaration.

Because disasters and pandemics vary and are difficult to predict, this bill would obligate the State to a specific approach that may not always be the most prudent or effective.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SB-1350 (Hurtado) - Runaway Youth and Families in Crisis Project.

This bill would have extended that amount of time a Runaway Youth and Families in Crisis Project could provide food and access to overnight shelter to no more than 20 days from the no more than 14 days provided for in existing law. This bill was never heard by this Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-175 (Gipson) - Foster care: rights.

This bill updates the Foster Youth Bill of Rights to reflect the recommendations of a working group convened by the California Department of Social Services as required by previous legislation. This bill also makes changes to the duties of the Office of the State Foster Care Ombudsperson, as provided.

Status: Chapter 416, Statutes of 2019

AB-337 (Quirk-Silva) - Foster care payments: reasonable travel reimbursement for school.

This bill would have required counties to notify foster care providers if a foster youth is eligible for reasonable travel reimbursement and includes among existing requirements for certain placements made on or after July 1, 2018, the requirement that a county provide a payment to an emergency caregiver to cover the cost of reasonable travel to the foster youth's school of origin.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-465 (Eggman) - Juveniles: dual status children.

As heard by this Committee, this bill would have established a number of definitions to be used when tracking the involvement of youth in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. This bill was later amended out of this Committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Chapter 137, Statutes of 2020

AB-531 (Friedman) - Foster youth: housing.

This bill would have allowed certain approved caregivers of youth in extended foster care to convert to a host family without additional certification, requires counties to examine their ability to meet the emergency housing needs of nonminor dependents, and would have allowed counties, upon appropriation in the annual Budget Act, to request funds for the purpose of providing housing navigation services to youth, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-686 (Waldron) - Indian children.

This bill clarifies existing law regarding resource family approval (RFA) and the placement of Indian children under the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Specifically, this bill provides that tribal home approvals, conducted in compliance with ICWA are not subject to RFA requirements; requires the county and foster family agency, when placing an Indian child, to apply the prevailing social and cultural standards of the Indian community to the RFA process for that child; and requires the California Department of Social Services to issue guidance to counties and foster family agencies on how to consistently implement the application of prevailing social and cultural standards of the Indian community. Additionally, this bill requires the Judicial Council to adopt rules of court related to telephone or other remote appearance options by an Indian child's Tribe, as provided.

Status: Chapter 434, Statutes of 2019

AB-718 (Eggman) - Dependent children: documents.

This bill requires county welfare departments to submit a report verifying to the juvenile dependency court that the county has provided certain information, documents, and services at two intervals: the first regularly scheduled court review hearing after a foster youth turns 16 and before a foster youth turns 18, until they age out of foster care, as specified.

Status: Chapter 438, Statutes of 2019

AB-734 (Maienschein) - Resource families: supportive services pilot program.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish a pilot program in up to five counties in order to provide additional supports and services to resource families through coaching. This bill would have also required CDSS

to consult with relevant stakeholders and consider recommendations regarding certain parameters of the pilot program.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 734 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Social Services to establish a pilot program in five counties to provide additional supports and services to resource families.

While I appreciate the intent of this bill to improve the ability of resource families to care for the children entrusted to them, I am unable to sign this measure. This proposal should be considered in the context of 2011 realignment which shifted responsibility for child welfare services and foster care to the counties, continued implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform, and the annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-748 (Gipson) - Nonminor dependents.

This bill allows youth that are subject to an order for foster care before they reached 18 years of age, but were not yet adjudged wards of the juvenile court before reaching their 18th birthday, to be eligible for extended foster care benefits.

Status: Chapter 682, Statutes of 2019

AB-819 (Mark Stone) - Foster care.

This bill adopts changes to further the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) as it relates to the flexibility for and exclusions to resource family homes and the provision of intensive services foster care. This bill also expands out-of-state provider background checks, increases financial resources available to Tribally approved homes, aligns state and federal mandated reporter laws, authorizes group home staff to administer emergency injections, and extends the date of final implementation of the CCR rate structure.

Status: Chapter 777, Statutes of 2019

AB-859 (Maienschein) - Juveniles: dependency: judicial caseloads.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in consultation with the Judicial Council, to convene a stakeholder group that includes county counsel, a nonprofit comprised of former foster youth, representatives of dependency counsel, and other stakeholders designated by CDSS, in order to make recommendations related to juvenile dependency proceedings.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 859 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services, in consultation with the Judicial Council, to convene a stakeholder group to make recommendations related to juvenile dependency proceedings in an effort to improve child and family outcomes in juvenile dependency court and enhance collaboration between juvenile dependency courts and child welfare services. While I support the goal of this bill, it duplicates the purpose and efforts of the existing Child Welfare Council.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-861 (Chen) - Juveniles.

This bill would have shortened the timeframe a social worker has from three weeks to 10 business days, to act on affidavits alleging maltreatment, for youth who are either experiencing homelessness or have had past involvement with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. It would also have required the juvenile court to act upon, within 14 days, any application requesting a review of a social worker's decision regarding an affidavit to commence court proceedings.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-865 (Reyes) - Resource families: training.

This bill requires counties to provide information on the care and supervision of children who have been commercially sexually exploited to resource family applicants during their mandatory preapproval caregiver training, requires certain resource families to attend a training on understanding how to use best practices for providing care to child victims of

sexual exploitation within 12 months of approval as a resource family, and prohibits a resource family from being required to repeat the training, as specified.

Status: Chapter 810, Statutes of 2019

AB-1061 (Gipson) - Foster care.

This bill extends provisions in current law regarding placement changes for foster children to also include probation-supervised foster children and youth and makes related changes. This bill requires social workers and probation officers to develop with the caregivers a placement preservation strategy and notify specified parties at least 14 calendar days prior to a placement change if the social worker or probation officer receives a placement change request from the caregiver or provider or otherwise finds that a foster care placement change is necessary, with certain exceptions, including hospitalizations.

Status: Chapter 817, Statutes of 2019

AB-1068 (Cooley) - Juveniles: dependency: child and family teams.

This bill redefines the meaning of a Child and Family Team (CFT) meeting to mean a convening of all or some members of the CFT; requires certain social worker and court-appointed advocate reports to the court to include specified information; authorizes a copy of the CFT meeting summary report or action plan to be included in certain court reports, as specified; requires notification be provided to the certain team members; and requires CFT meetings to include a foster youth's court-appointed educational rights holder under certain circumstances.

Status: Chapter 780, Statutes of 2019

AB-1221 (Cooley) - Children's advocacy centers.

This bill would have authorized counties to create Child Advocacy Centers in order to impose statutory requirements that implement coordinated multidisciplinary responses to child abuse.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1221 without my signature.

This bill would specify requirements for what constitutes a child advocacy center established in counties to coordinate the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

While this bill is well-intentioned, it provides overly broad immunity from civil and criminal liability for persons providing services to children and non-offending family members. For example, the measure makes no exceptions when a service provider acted with malice, gross negligence or in bad faith, or has been criminally charged with, or is suspected of, abusing or neglecting the child who is the subject of the investigation or services provided.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-1229 (Wicks) - End Foster Youth Student Hunger in California Act of 2019.

This bill would have required the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to determine how much funding authority is needed for CSAC to establish a Transition Age Foster Youth Meal Plan Program and to report this information to the Legislature. This bill also would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish an official approval process to ensure that foster youth who participate in an internship may apply those work hours toward meeting eligibility standards as a student in the CalFresh program. CDSS would have been required to provide a state-funded cash benefit for nonminor dependents in a supervised independent living placement, as specified. Additionally, this bill would have required CDSS to issue guidance to county human services departments to increase CalFresh application and participation rates of exiting foster youth.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1301 (Cooley) - Child welfare: adoption.

This bill requires, beginning July 1, 2020, county child welfare agencies to compensate licensed private adoption agencies for approved costs of supporting families through the adoption process, and allows counties to utilize certain unspent funds for additional activities related to permanency, as specified. Further, it provides the methodology for compensation and requires California Department of Social Services to work with stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition to the new methodology and requires those entities to develop language for certain placement agreements, as specified.

Status: Chapter 827, Statutes of 2019

AB-1324 (Levine) - Foster children: immigration counsel.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services, if funding is available, to contract with qualified nonprofit legal services organizations to provide legal services to undocumented immigrant dependent children or nonminor dependents (NMDs) of the juvenile court or who have orders for placement through the juvenile court. This bill would also have required the placing agency to notify the child's or NMD's attorney of the child's or youth's immigration status, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died - Health

AB-1336 (Smith) - Child health and safety fund.

This bill expands the list of child health and safety concerns that may be funded via monies deposited into the Child Health and Safety Fund.

Status: Chapter 47, Statutes of 2019

AB-1929 (Blanca Rubio) - Child abuse and neglect reporting.

This bill authorizes any county welfare agency to develop and implement a system for internet-based reporting of child abuse and neglect. The internet-based reporting system may receive reports from any mandated reporter of suspected child abuse or neglect, but may not be used if there is an indication that the child is at an immediate risk or in imminent danger of severe harm or death.

Status: Chapter 242, Statutes of 2020

AB-1979 (Friedman) - Foster youth: housing.

This bill addresses the housing needs of nonminor dependents (NMDs) in the child welfare system by expanding the definition of a supervised independent living setting, as provided, requiring counties to examine their ability to meet NMDs emergency housing needs, and preserving a NMD's transitional housing placement during an absence of up to 14 days, as provided.

Status: Chapter 141, Statutes of 2020

AB-2944 (Mark Stone) - Foster care.

This bill adopts changes to further facilitate implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), specifically as it relates to flexibility for resource families, reference checks for approval of resource family applicants, forfeiture of a group home license, and CDSS rate setting authority, among other changes.

Status: Chapter 104, Statutes of 2020

Community Care Licensing

SB-172 (Portantino) - Firearms.

This bill enacts a number of provisions related to firearms storage by broadening criminal storage crimes; adding criminal storage offenses to those offenses that can trigger a 10-year firearm ban; creating an exemption to firearm loan requirements for the purposes of preventing suicide; and imposing on residential care facilities for the elderly rules related to firearm and ammunition storage and reporting. It also requires the Department of Social Services to promulgate regulations regarding storage at residential care facilities.

Status: Chapter 840, Statutes of 2019

SB-234 (Skinner) - Family daycare homes.

This bill revises and recasts statutes regarding licensed family daycare homes pertaining to local zoning laws and housing protections.

Status: Chapter 244, Statutes of 2019

SB-1068 (Pan) - Residential care facilities for the elderly.

This bill would have required the Department of Social Service's regulations to require a licensed residential care facility for the elderly to immediately telephone 911 if an injury or other circumstance results in an imminent threat to a resident's health. The bill would have also prohibit the department from waiving this requirement.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

SB-1098 (Jones) - California Child Day Care Facilities Act: regulations.

This bill would have prohibited the Department of Social Services from implementing or enforcing any regulation to carry out the childcare act not approved by the Office of Administrative Law for which approval is required under the Administrative Procedures Act, including, but not limited to, the proposed "Safe Sleep Regulations, ORD No. 0318-03," which, as of January 1, 2020, were disapproved by the Office of Administrative Law. The bill would have also deleted an obsolete provision.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

SB-1264 (Hurtado) - Human services.

This bill is a committee omnibus bill that makes the following changes: requires specified licensed residential facilities and adult day programs to adopt emergency and disaster preparedness plans, as provided; extends the Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) internship program pilot until January 1, 2022; defines "authorized representative" as an individual appointed by the State Council on Developmental

Disabilities (SCDD), as provided; and corrects cross references to code sections referencing the process for the appointment of an authorized representative by the SCDD.
Status: Chapter 367, Statutes of 2020

SB-1418 (Rubio) - Health and care facilities: emergency and disaster plans.

This bill would have made the emergency and disaster preparedness provisions that are applicable to a residential care facility for the elderly applicable to an adult residential facility and certain types of a children's residential facility licensed under the California Community Care Facilities Act, a residential care facility for persons with chronic life-threatening illness, and a child daycare facility. The bill would have required an adult day program licensed under the California Community Care Facilities Act to have an emergency and disaster plan with specified components that include, among others, location of all utility shut-off valves and instructions for use. Major provisions of the bill were incorporated into SB 1264, which was the Human Services Committee omnibus bill.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-163 (Cristina Garcia) - Services for unaccompanied undocumented minors: facilities liaison.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services to create a facilities liaison position within its Immigration Services Unit to assist state-licensed group homes, short-term residential treatment programs, foster family agencies, and resource families that serve undocumented immigrant youth in connecting with appropriate supports and services, including, but not limited to, legal services, mental health assessments and services, and public benefits.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-447 (Patterson) - Care facilities: criminal record clearances.

This bill would have created a process through which a licensee who operates more than one community care facility of the same facility type (except for those involving individuals associated to a certified family home or resource family of a foster family agency) may transfer an individual's criminal record clearance to one or more facilities of the same facility type operated by the licensee or, designate one facility as the central administrative facility to which individuals with a current criminal record clearance are associated, as specified.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-737 (Eggman) - Residential care facilities for the elderly: licensing and regulation.

This bill requires that existing Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) requirements apply to entities and agents signing on behalf of entities who apply for licensure and that an applicant is required to provide or cause to be provided, at the request of the California Department of Social Services, any additional information that is related to consideration of the application regarding any entity that is an applicant or holds a beneficial ownership interest of 10 percent or more.

Status: Chapter 180, Statutes of 2019

AB-1227 (Obernolte) - Health and human services: information sharing: administrative actions.

This bill would have required, rather than permitted, 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: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1227 without my signature.

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

This bill is not needed because these entities are already sharing such information as authorized under current law.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-1336 (Smith) - Child health and safety fund.

This bill expands the list of child health and safety concerns that may be funded via monies deposited into the Child Health and Safety Fund.

Status: Chapter 47, Statutes of 2019

AB-1379 (Quirk) - Continuing care contracts.

This bill would have renamed the Continuing Care Provider Fee Fund to the Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) Oversight Fund; adopted changes to ensure that the balance in the fund is adequate to fund reasonable regulatory costs related to CCRCs; and revised current law regarding the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) authority to require a CCRC provider to submit a financial plan in response to the department's identification of problems and deficiencies in need of remediation.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-1608 (Holden) - Community care facilities: criminal background checks.

This bill would have prohibited the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) from requiring certain individuals subject to the criminal background check process to self-disclose their criminal history information, required CDSS to annually post on its internet website certain data related to criminal record clearance and exemption approvals and denials; and prohibited certain conduct from serving as the basis of a suspension or revocation of a license to operate a community care facility, or as the basis to prohibit an individual from serving in certain administrative capacities over a community care facility, unless certain circumstances exist.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-1766 (Bloom) - Licensed adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly: data collection: residents with a serious mental disorder.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to collect and report specified information to county's department of mental health or behavioral health regarding adult residential facilities (ARFs) and residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFEs). It also requires an applicant or licensee of an adult community care facility to maintain an email address of record with CDSS, as specified.

Status: Chapter 139, Statutes of 2020

AB-2377 (Chiu) - Adult residential facilities: closures and resident transfers.

This bill establishes closure requirement for adult residential facilities (ARFs), including specified notifications to the residents or the residents' responsible person and the city and county; gives the city or county first opportunity to make an offer to purchase the property and continue the operation of the ARF, as specified; and requires specified

licensees and applicants to maintain an email address of record with the California Department of Social Services.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2020

Developmental Services or Rehabilitative Services

SB-163 (Portantino) - Healthcare coverage: pervasive developmental disorder or autism.

This bill would have revised and expanded the definition of behavioral health treatment (BHT) and expanded the provider qualifications to include more provider types that can provide BHT under the mandate that health plans and insurers cover BHT for pervasive developmental disorder or autism. This bill would have prohibited the setting, location, or time of treatment recommended by a qualified autism services provider from being used as the only reason to deny or reduce coverage for medically necessary services. This bill would have required the setting to be consistent with the standard of care for BHT.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 163 without my signature. This bill seeks to change the qualification standards necessary to be a qualified autism service professional or paraprofessional. When the Legislature enacted SB 946 (Steinberg, Chapter 650, Statutes of 2011), it clearly anticipated subsequent action to develop a comprehensive structure to license providers of behavioral health treatment to individuals with autism spectrum disorder. A formal licensing scheme that includes clinical expertise and administrative oversight is a more appropriate venue to address qualification standards for practitioners, ensure quality of care, and provide effective consumer protection. I encourage the Legislature to complete the work begun by SB 946.

In addition, by removing the health plan coverage exemption for contracts in the Medi-Cal program, this bill inadvertently creates conflicting requirements within the Medi-Cal program that could result in unintentional delays in access to care and jeopardizes continued receipt of federal financial participation for behavioral health treatment.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SB-312 (Leyva) - Veterans: service dog assistance.

As introduced and referred to this committee, this bill would have required the Department of Rehabilitation to establish a program to provide assistance for the cost of service dogs to veterans with disabilities.

Status: Chapter 315, Statutes of 2020

SB-398 (Durazo) - Protection and advocacy agency.

This bill makes various changes state law in order to conform with federal law, regulation, and guidance as they relate to the role and authority of the state's protection and advocacy agency (PAA) to ensure the rights and safety of individuals with disabilities.

Status: Chapter 548, Statutes of 2019

SB-412 (Stone) - Developmental services: fees.

This bill would have repealed the Family Cost Participation Program and the Annual Family Program Fee for regional center services.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-440 (Pan) - Cognitive Impairment Safety Net System Task Force.

This bill would have required the Secretary of Health and Human Services Agency to convene a task force to study and assess the need for a safety net for adults with cognitive impairment and would have required the task force to present its findings in a report with recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 2021.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-614 (Rubio) - Early childhood education: county offices of education: grant program.

As introduced, this bill would have established the Inclusive Early Childhood Education Grant Program for the purpose of increasing access to early childhood education programs. The bill also would have required the Department of Education's Special Education Division and Early Learning and Care Division, in consultation and coordination with the State Department of Developmental Services, to administer the program, as provided. This bill was later amended out of this Committee's jurisdiction.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-683 (Grove) - Developmental services: regional centers.

This bill would have required the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and regional centers to provide all numeric data disclosed to the public in a machine-readable

format, to be determined by DDS in collaboration with certain stakeholders, required DDS to develop, provide to regional centers, and post on its internet website transparency guidelines for the disclosure of information, and required regional centers to include a public disclosures menu on the homepage of their internet websites, consistent with the transparency guidelines, in order to facilitate greater access to certain information. This bill was held in Assembly Appropriations Committee. However, SB 80 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 27, Statutes of 2019) requires DDS's performance dashboard to be published in a machine-readable format.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-721 (Stone) - Developmental services: rate methodology.

This bill would have required the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to develop and implement, on or before June 30, 2021, a new rate methodology that utilizes quality and performance measures to compensate service providers based on those measures to replace the rate methodologies for all services and supports in effect before that date, or to be an adjunct to those rate methodologies. The bill also would have required DDS to seek input from specified stakeholders, as provided. This bill was never heard by this Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

SB-920 (Beall) - Persons with disabilities: terminology.

This bill would have changed the terms "dependent person" and "dependent adult" to "person with disability" and "adult with disability" in relevant sections of the code, as provided. This bill was never heard by this Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

SB-1062 (Durazo) - Developmental centers: sheltered workshops: minimum wage.

This bill would have prohibited the payment of remuneration to residents engaged in work at a developmental center shelter workshop from being less than the rate required under specified federal, state, or local minimum wage laws, whichever is higher. This bill was never heard by this Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

SB-1264 (Hurtado) - Human services.

This bill is a committee omnibus bill that makes the following changes: requires specified licensed residential facilities and adult day programs to adopt emergency and disaster preparedness plans, as provided; extends the Limited Examination and Appointment

Program (LEAP) internship program pilot until January 1, 2022; defines “authorized representative” as an individual appointed by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), as provided; and corrects cross references to code sections referencing the process for the appointment of an authorized representative by the SCDD.
Status: Chapter 367, Statutes of 2020

AB-439 (Mark Stone) - Juveniles: competency.

This bill removes references to developmental centers in the juvenile competency statute to make the statute consistent with current law regarding the use developmental centers.
Status: Chapter 161, Statutes of 2019

AB-627 (Frazier) - Developmental services: regional centers.

This bill would have required the director of the Department of Developmental Services to identify regional centers that are in need of one or more satellite offices and consult with each regional center identified as in need of one or more satellite offices to determine an appropriate location for a satellite office(s). Additionally, this bill would have required an identified regional center to inform the public of its plans to open one or more satellite office and, on or before July 1, 2021, required the regional center to offer services to persons with developmental disabilities at those satellite offices. The bill would also have specified that a satellite office may offer limited services.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-1643 (Eduardo Garcia) - Developmental services: fair hearings.

This bill would have required the service agency to provide adequate notice by first-class mail, certified mail, or electronic mail, as prescribed, to specified individuals when the service agency makes specified decisions relating to services, irrespective of whether the service agency makes the decision without mutual consent of the service recipient or authorized representative. This bill would also have made technical, conforming changes. This bill was not heard by this Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

ACR-59 (Grayson) - Autism: sensory-friendly movie screenings.

This resolution declares the Legislature’s support for the expansion of sensory-friendly movie screenings and similar programs for persons with autism and encourages families to attend a sensory-friendly movie screening during National Autism Awareness Month (April 2019).

Status: Chapter 88, Statutes of 2019

AJR-14 (Lackey) - Special Olympics.

This resolution calls for continued support and recognition of the many benefits provided by the Special Olympics.

Status: Chapter 146, Statutes of 2019

Homelessness Assistance

SB-258 (Hertzberg) - Department of Community Services and Development: grants: homeless shelters: pets and veterinary services.

This bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and administer a program that awards grants to qualified homeless shelters for the provision of shelter, food, and basic veterinary services for pets owned by individuals experiencing homelessness.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-298 (Caballero) - Poverty reduction.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services, commencing in 2020, and every five years thereafter until January 1, 2039, to conduct an analysis and report to the Legislature that estimates of the impact of various policies and programs on the child poverty and deep child poverty rates in California.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-333 (Wilk) - Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

This bill would have required the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (Council), by July 1, 2021, to develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for addressing homelessness in the state. This bill would also have required the Council, by January 1, 2021, to implement strategic plans to assist United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care lead agencies to better implement HUD recommended activities and/or better meet federal HUD requirements.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-687 (Rubio) - Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

This bill requires the Governor to appoint one representative from either the California Community Colleges, University of California, or California State University to the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

Status: Chapter 345, Statutes of 2019

SB-1065 (Hertzberg) - CalWORKs: homeless assistance.

This bill makes a series of changes to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), including eliminating the \$100 liquid asset test for CalWORKs homeless assistance; deleting the requirement that the family demonstrate that an eviction was the result of a verified financial hardship as a result of extraordinary circumstances beyond their control, and not a lease or rental violations, and that the family is experiencing a financial crisis that may result in homelessness if preventive assistance is not provided; requiring the homeless assistance benefit be granted the same day as the family's application for assistance; deleting the requirement that the county welfare department verify the family's homelessness within the first three working days and instead requires the family to, upon applying for homeless assistance, provide a sworn statement that the family is homeless; deleting the requirement that a family must have become homeless as a direct and primary result of a state or federally declared "natural" disaster as a condition of eligibility for homeless assistance, and instead makes the eligibility conditioned upon a family becoming homeless as a direct and primary result of a state or federal declared disaster; and requiring that the second 16-day period of temporary homeless assistance shall continue to be available to a CalWORKs applicant who provides a sworn statement of past or present domestic abuse and who is fleeing their abuser when the CalWORKs applicant becomes a CalWORKs recipient during the first 16-day period.

Status: Chapter 152, Statutes of 2020

SB-1201 (Jones) - Homelessness: state programs: Housing First.

This bill would have authorized an agency or department that administers a state program that has incorporated core components of Housing First to provide funding in accordance with the state program to housing that does not comply with Housing First. This bill was never heard by this Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

SB-1202 (Jones) - Employment and training grants.

This bill would have required the Department of Community Services and Development to establish a program for the provision of grants to nonprofit entities for the creation of employment and job skill training opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

SB-1350 (Hurtado) - Runaway Youth and Families in Crisis Project.

This bill would have extended that amount of time a Runaway Youth and Families in Crisis Project could provide food and access to overnight shelter to no more than 20 days from the no more than 14 days provided for in existing law. This bill was never heard by this Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-58 (Luz Rivas) - Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

This bill increases the number of members of the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council appointed by the Governor from 17 to 18, by requiring the Governor to appoint a representative from the California Department of Education to the Council.

Status: Chapter 334, Statutes of 2019

AB-307 (Reyes) - Homeless youth: grant program.

This bill would have required the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to develop and administer a grant program to support young people experiencing homelessness and prevent and end homelessness.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-344 (Calderon) - New Beginnings California Program.

This bill would have established the New Beginnings California Program (Program) within the Department of Community Services and Development to provide matching funds of up to \$50,000 annually to up to 50 cities, counties or local continuum of care programs to implement, expand or continue employment programs for homeless individuals. The bill stated that the Program would become operative upon appropriation of funding in the annual budget act.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 344 without my signature.

This bill establishes the New Beginning California Program within the Department of Community Services and Development, which would provide a maximum of 50 grants annually to award matching funds of up to \$50,000 to cities, counties, and local continuum of care programs to implement or expand employment programs for homeless individuals.

While the intent of this measure is laudable, it creates General Fund cost pressures and should be considered in the annual budget process. Moreover, the 2019 Budget Act includes \$650 million for local jurisdictions to combat homelessness, of which employment programs are an eligible use.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-728 (Santiago) - Homeless multidisciplinary personnel teams.

This bill creates a five-year pilot program in the following counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Clara and Ventura that allows those counties to expand the scope of a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team (MDT) to include serving individuals who are at risk of homelessness. This bill sets parameters for the application of these MDTs to individuals who are at risk of homelessness, as provided.

Status: Chapter 337, Statutes of 2019

AB-960 (Maienschein) - CalWORKs: homeless assistance.

This bill expands the type of housing for which a California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids homeless assistance payment can be made to include a person with whom, or an establishment with which, the family requesting assistance has executed a valid lease, sublease, or shared housing agreement.

Status: Chapter 444, Statutes of 2019

AB-1235 (Chu) - Youth homelessness prevention centers.

This bill makes changes to the community care facility category of “runaway and homeless youth shelters.” Specifically, this bill changes the name of those facilities to “homeless youth prevention centers,” expands eligibility for receiving shelter and services at these facilities, and extends the maximum length of time these facilities can offer 24-hour nonmedical care, supervision, and personal services to youth, as provided.

Status: Chapter 341, Statutes of 2019

AB-1702 (Luz Rivas) - Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

This bill would have required the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2022, recommendations for statutory changes to streamline the delivery of services and enhance the effectiveness of homeless programs in the state, as specified.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1702 without my signature.

This bill requires the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2022, recommendations for statutory changes to streamline the delivery of services and enhance the effectiveness of homeless programs in the state.

The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council is already in the process of developing a State Strategic Action Plan that will provide a blueprint for how state agencies and departments should align and prioritize their programs and resources, and how the state can support and complement regional solutions to homelessness. I fully support exploring opportunities to streamline service delivery and enhance the effectiveness of our state homeless programs, but these ideas should be incorporated into this plan rather than a separate report. Moreover, the development of the report will incur costs to the General Fund that were not included in the Budget Act.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-1845 (Luz Rivas) - Homelessness: Office to End Homelessness.

This bill would have created the Governor's Office to End Homelessness under the direction of the Secretary on Homelessness, and would have moved the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council from the Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency into the Governor's Office to End Homelessness.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1845 without my signature. This bill would establish the Office to End Homelessness within the Office of the Governor and realign several of the state's ongoing efforts related to homelessness.

I sincerely appreciate the author's leadership on this issue and the intent of this bill, but I

do not support this particular vision of organizational restructuring at this time.

Homelessness has been and remains one of my top priorities, commanding the dedicated attention of a Senior Counselor on Homelessness and Housing in the Governor's office and the dedication of senior members of my Administration including multiple Agency Secretaries. Since taking office in January 2019, we have invested over \$2 billion in new, direct aid for homelessness. I am also proud of our work to implement Project Roomkey and Homekey, which help to protect homeless Californians from COVID-19 during this pandemic.

These initiatives and investments demonstrate our commitment to prioritizing this vulnerable population, no matter what other challenges we confront. And they serve as a proof point of the interagency coordination we have led to develop and implement them successfully.

Homelessness must not be considered in a vacuum.

Our Administration has taken a demonstrably integrated approach to preventing and ending homelessness by empowering leaders in the health care and housing space to work together on coordinated solutions.

Separating policy development on homelessness from that on health care or housing will lead to more fragmentation, not less. Looking at homeless spending through a separate lens, divorced from our health care and housing budgets, will lead to more duplication and inefficiency.

There are certainly ways in which we can improve upon state government's collective work in this area. However, I am not convinced that the approach outlined in this bill is the best path forward. I am committed to partnering with the author and the Legislature next year to continue making progress on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-2746 (Gabriel) - Funding accountability: state funding for homelessness.

This bill would have required recipients of state funding for the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance, Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program, and Whole Person Care pilot programs to submit annual reports to the agency that provided the recipient with the funding regarding the use of those funds, as provided.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2746 without my signature. This bill would require recipients of state funding for the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program, the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program, and the Whole Person Care pilot programs to submit annual data reports regarding the use of program funds to the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health Care Services, respectively.

My Administration is exploring ways to increase transparency in our homeless assistance programs and improve the efficiency in the delivery of those services to those who most need the help. This is important work, and we are dedicated to this effort. Unfortunately, the requirements of this measure are duplicative of existing requirements and would create additional, unnecessary data collection costs. For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Immigration

SR-8 (Umberg) - Asylum Seekers.

This resolution made a number of statements related to asylum seekers. This resolution was never heard by this Committee.

Status: Senate-Died - Human Services

AB-163 (Cristina Garcia) - Services for unaccompanied undocumented minors: facilities liaison.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services to create a facilities liaison position within its Immigration Services Unit to assist state-licensed group homes, short-term residential treatment programs, foster family agencies, and resource families that serve undocumented immigrant youth in connecting with appropriate supports and services, including, but not limited to, legal services, mental health assessments and services, and public benefits.

Status: Senate-Died - Appropriations

AB-826 (Santiago) - Emergency food assistance: undocumented persons.

This bill would have established a program to provide emergency food assistance to adults who self-attest that they are eligible for the Federal Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants program or immigrant legal services provided through the California Department of Social Services. Among other things, the bill would have required that the food assistance benefit be issued via prepaid cards in increments of \$600 during two separate distribution periods. The bill would have declared that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 826 without my signature. This bill would require the California Department of Social Services to contract with a Feeding America partner state organization or other appropriate nonprofit entity to provide a food assistance benefit to those who self-attest that they are eligible for state or federal nutrition assistance or immigration legal services.

It has been my firm commitment that my Administration would support all Californians during the COVID-19 crisis. To that end, my Administration has advanced efforts to provide relief that is both inclusive of and directed to undocumented Californians. As we continue to address the needs of Californians during the pandemic, it is prudent to consider the most appropriate and responsible means to offer support to those in need. Given the significant General Fund impact annually that this bill would have, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-944 (Quirk) - CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception.

This bill would have required a county, to the extent permitted by federal laws, waivers, and directives, to renew the indigence exception of an applicant for, or recipient of, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids benefits who is a sponsored non-citizen, as specified.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 944 without my signature.

This bill would require counties to annually renew certain eligible sponsored noncitizens' status as "indigent" in order to maintain their eligibility for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs).

At a time when immigrant populations are repeatedly targeted by the federal government, it is important for California to support its residents. However, this legislation would result in significant General Fund costs, and the proposal should be considered through the state's annual budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

AB-1324 (Levine) - Foster children: immigration counsel.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services, if funding is available, to contract with qualified nonprofit legal services organizations to provide legal services to undocumented immigrant dependent children or nominor dependents (NMDs) of the juvenile court or who have orders for placement through the juvenile court. This bill would also have required the placing agency to notify the child's or NMD's attorney of the child's or youth's immigration status, as provided.

Status: Senate-Died - Health

AB-3134 (Reyes) - Refugee social services.

This bill would have required, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the Budget Act, eight months of refugee cash assistance (RCA) benefit payments, to be paid for with state funds. This bill would have further required that the transition from federally funded RCA payments to state-funded RCA payments be seamless and would have prohibited a requirement that the refugee apply for state-funded RCA. These provisions would have provided for the additional state-funded RCA payments to sunset on January 1, 2026.

Status: Senate-Died

ACR-1 (Bonta) - Immigration: public charges.

This resolution condemns federal Department of Homeland Security regulatory changes related to a "public charge" determination for the purpose of immigration admissibility and status-adjustment decisions and urges the federal government to repeal the regulations.

Status: Chapter 164, Statutes of 2019

In-Home Supportive Services

SB-596 (Stern) - In-home supportive services: additional higher energy allowance.

This bill requires a county human services agency to use existing materials to inform each applicant for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) benefits that the applicant may be eligible to receive a specified higher energy allowance and any advanced notifications that may be provided by a public utility in an emergency, as specified.

Status: Chapter 304, Statutes of 2020

AB-426 (Maienschein) - In-Home Supportive Services program.

This bill prohibits a licensed health care professional from charging a fee for the completion of the medical certification form that is required to document medical necessity for In-Home Supportive Services.

Status: Chapter 424, Statutes of 2019

AB-2387 (Grayson) - In-home supportive services: needs assessment.

This bill would have authorized counties to perform the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) reassessment using telehealth, including video conference or telephone, if certain conditions are met, including that the recipient has had at least one in-person assessment since the initial program intake and has had at least one in-person assessment in the past 12 months. This bill also would have provided the recipient the option to have an in-person assessment.

Status: Assembly-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2387 without my signature.

This bill would authorize counties to perform the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) reassessment using telehealth, including video conference or telephone, subject to continuing federal approval, if certain conditions are met.

The California Department of Social Services has permitted counties and other entities to use video conference or telephone to perform duties that would otherwise be done in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill would extend flexibilities that were made in response to a public health emergency.

It is premature to make statutory changes to these policies until the Department has had the opportunity to assess their impact on consumers and alignment with overall program goals and processes. Moreover, although this bill may provide counties greater case management flexibility, it may also impede social workers' ability to directly and accurately assess IHSS recipients' abilities, limitations, living conditions, health and safety.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

Public Services, Social Services & other Human Services

SB-298 (Caballero) - Poverty reduction.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services, commencing in 2020, and every five years thereafter until January 1, 2039, to conduct an analysis and report to the Legislature that estimates of the impact of various policies and programs on the child poverty and deep child poverty rates in California.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

SB-337 (Skinner) - Child support.

This bill would have increased the amount of child support passed through to custodial parents and disregarded as income for California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) recipients and provided for the expungement of child support debt that was established in error or is unlikely to be collected. The bill also would have discontinued any assigned rights to support for CalWORKs applications received before October 1, 2009, as specified.

Status: Senate-Vetoed

Governor's Veto Message:

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 337 without my signature:

Senate Bill 337 would increase the amount of child support passed through to families receiving California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance.

Reducing child poverty across our state is a key priority for me. To this end, in 2019 we

have increased CalWORKs grants by almost 25 percent, increased the amount of earnings families on CalWORKs can retain every month from \$225 to \$600, and increased the level of savings and the value of the car families can have and qualify for CalWORKs. We also increased and expanded California's Earned Income Tax Credit to \$1 billion annually, including an increase of \$1,000 in the credit for families with children under the age of 6.

While I am supportive of increasing the amount of child support passed through to families on CalWORKs, such an increase would have a General Fund impact of tens of millions of dollars annually, thus it should be considered as part of the budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

SB-735 (Leyva) - Public social services: accommodation: notification.

This bill would have required SAWS to notify a caseworker when an applicant or recipient has disclosed a disability or experience of domestic violence that may affect their eligibility for exemptions from and exceptions to requirements to any public assistance program, not just CalWORKs requirements, as is current law. This bill also requires application and redetermination forms for public assistance programs to include a question and notification about whether the applicant or recipient needs accommodations for a disability or domestic violence.

Status: Chapter 155, Statutes of 2019

SB-1259 (Hurtado) - Licensed adult residential facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly: SSI/SSP recipients: report.

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish a task force for the purpose of issuing a report, on or before January 1, 2020, that includes recommendations on how to meet the housing and care needs of low-income individuals who are blind, disabled or over 65 years of age and receiving Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment, as specified. The bill would also have required CDSS to provide updates on its progress in developing the report to specified committees.

Status: Assembly-Died - Appropriations

AB-3134 (Reyes) - Refugee social services.

This bill would have required, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the Budget Act, eight months of refugee cash assistance (RCA) benefit payments, to be paid for with state funds. This bill would have further required that the transition from federally funded RCA payments to state-funded RCA payments be seamless and would have prohibited a requirement that the refugee apply for state-funded RCA. These provisions would have provided for the additional state-funded RCA payments to sunset on January 1, 2026.

Status: Senate-Died

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