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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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

**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-In Committee Process - 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:** Vetoed (see page 33 for veto message)

**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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

**AB-1227 (Oberholte) - 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:** Vetoed (see page 34 for veto message)

### **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-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:** Vetoed (see page 35 for veto message)

## **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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

### **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

### **AB-1377 (Wicks) - CalFresh.**

This bill requires the California Department of Education, the Department of Health Care Services, and the California Department of 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

## 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 this bill were enacted in SB 80 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 27, Statutes of 2019).

**Status:** Senate-In Floor Process

### **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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:** Vetoed (see page 27 for veto message)

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

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

**Status:** Vetoed (see page 28 for veto message)

### **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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

### **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:** Vetoed (see page 30 for veto message)

### **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 requires 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:** Vetoed (see page 34 for veto message)

### **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

## **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-In Committee Process - 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 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:** Vetoed (see page 30 for veto message)

### **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-In Floor Process

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

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

**Status:** Senate-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

### **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

## **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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:** Vetoed (see page 29 for veto message)

### **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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

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

This bill would have allowed certain 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-In Committee Process - 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 also have required CDSS to consult with relevant stakeholders and consider recommendations regarding certain parameters of the pilot program.

**Status:** Vetoed (see page 31 for veto message)

### **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:** Vetoed (see page 32 for veto message)

### **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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

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

This bill requires counties beginning January 1, 2021, 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:** Vetoed (see page 34 for veto message)

### **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - Judiciary

### **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

## **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

### **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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 permit, the California Department of Aging, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Care Services, the California Department of Social Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority to share information with respect to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or individuals who have been the subject of any administrative action resulting in the denial of a license, permit, or certificate of approval, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed (see page 34 for veto message)

### **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

## **Developmental Services, 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:** Vetoed (See page 26 for veto message)

### **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

### **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, on or before July 1, 2020, 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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

### **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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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-In Committee Process - 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

### **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 344 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-In Committee Process - 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 would have stated that the Program will become operative upon appropriation of funding in the annual budget act.

**Status:** Vetoed (see page 30 for veto message)

### **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 (CalWORKs) 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:** Vetoed (see page 36 for veto message)

## **Immigration**

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

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) 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-In Committee Process - Appropriations

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

This bill requires 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 (CalWORKs) benefits who is a sponsored non-citizen, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed (see page 34 for veto message)

### **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-In Committee Process - Judiciary

### **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**

### **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

## **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-In Committee Process - 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:** Vetoed (see page 27 for veto message)

## **Veto Messages**

### **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:** 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-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:** 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 CalWORKs with immediate childcare assistance, as specified, if the applicant has verification of a job or a job offer and needs childcare assistance or the applicant needs childcare assistance in order to attend an educational or training activity.

**Status:** 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-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:** 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

### **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:** 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-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 would have stated that the Program will become operative upon appropriation of funding in the annual budget act.

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

This bill would have required the California Department of Social Services to establish a pilot program in up to five counties in order to provide additional supports and services to resource families through coaching and to consult with relevant stakeholders and consider recommendations regarding certain parameters of the pilot program.

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

This bill requires 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 (CalWORKs) benefits who is a sponsored non-citizen, as specified.

**Status:** 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 (CaWORKs).

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

This bill would have required, rather than permit, the California Department of Aging, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Care Services, the California Department of Social Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority to share

information with respect to applicants, licensees, certificate holders, or individuals who have been the subject of any administrative action resulting in the denial of a license, permit, or certificate of approval, as specified.

**Status:** Vetoed

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 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-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:** Vetoed

Governor's veto message: To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning the following bills without my signature:

AB 1382

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-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:** 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