



## State and Federal Legislative Update October 18, 2017

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### 2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

With the bill signing deadline on October 15, the 2017 state legislative season is over. The year 2017 was an active one for policies impacting young children, including the successful passage of First 5 California's (F5CA) sponsor bill, SB 63 (Jackson); the passage of GRACE's sponsor bill, AB 1520 (Burke); and a number of other pieces of "job killer" legislation intended to support young children and their families. In addition to the strong support of the Legislative Women's Caucus, 2017 also ushered in an informal "New Parent Caucus" which garnered Assembly and Senate floor speeches from various elected young parents and grandparents alike, as they each articulated their personal support for children's issues.

F5CA took positions and submitted formal letters of support on 17 pieces of legislation, and monitored 30 bills in the 2017 regular session. Attachment A is an Executive Summary and Detailed Report identifying the status of each of those bills at the end of year one of the two year legislative cycle. Highlighted below are the final outcomes for seven bills of high importance to F5CA.

#### *Child Health*

- **AB 15 (Maienschein): Denti-Cal Program: Reimbursement Rates** – The 2017–18 final Budget Act enacted the policy provisions of AB 15, which increases child access to Medicaid funded services by increasing the Medi-Cal and Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services based on the average rates per service established in the 2015–16 fiscal year.  
**Governor Action:** Included in 2017–18 Final Budget Act
- **AB 1520 (Burke): Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force** – This bill establishes the Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force within the Department of Social Services, consisting of stakeholders for the purpose of developing, recommending, and annually updating a plan aimed at addressing deep child poverty and providing recommendations on how to reduce child poverty in California.  
**Governor Action:** Chaptered

## *Early Learning and Care*

- **AB 60 (Santiago and Gonzalez Fletcher): Subsidized Child Care and Development Services: Eligibility Periods** – The final Budget Act enacted the policy provisions of AB 60, which F5CA co-sponsored with Parent Voices and the Child Care Law Center, and provided full funding for the AB 60 policy changes. AB 60 aims to modernize how working parents become eligible for state child care subsidies. Starting July 1, 2017, the new eligibility threshold and policy guidelines for AB 60 went into effect. F5CA staff are working closely with the co-sponsors and the California Department of Education on implementation of this crucial legislation.  
**Governor Action:** Included in 2017–18 Final Budget Act
- **AB 752 (Rubio): Child Care: State Preschool Programs: Expulsion** – This bill, under the Child Care and Development Services Act, prohibits a contracting agency from expelling or unenrolling a child because of a child’s behavior unless the contracting agency has explored and documented all possible steps to maintain the child’s safe participation in the program and determines, in consultation with the parents or legal guardians of the child, the child’s teacher, and, if applicable, the local agency responsible for implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and that the child’s continued enrollment would present a continued serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children.  
**Governor Action:** Chaptered
- **SB 63 (Jackson): Unlawful Employment Practice: Parental Leave** – This bill, which F5CA co-sponsored with the California Employment Lawyers Association and Legal Aid at Work, prohibits an employer from refusing to allow an employee with more than 12 months of service with the employer and who works at a worksite in which the employer employs at least 20 employees within 75 miles, to take up to 12 weeks of parental leave to bond with a new child within one year of the child’s birth, adoption, or foster care placement. The bill also prohibits an employer from refusing to maintain and pay for coverage under a group health plan for an employee who takes this leave.  
**Governor Action:** Chaptered

## *Strong and Engaged Families*

- **AB 992 (Arambula): CalWORKS: Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program** – This bill would establish the Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program that would require the State Department of Social Services to award funds to counties for the purpose of implementing or contracting with specified early home visiting programs to provide voluntary maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs approved by the department, and would authorize the funds to be used to coordinate early home visiting services with, among others, diaper bank services. This is a two-year bill and may be acted upon in January 2018.
- **AB 1127 (Calderon): Baby Diaper Changing Stations** – This bill creates a state-mandated local program by requiring new construction or renovation of a public

building that is owned by a state or a local agency, or a portion of a building that is owned by a state or local agency and includes at least one restroom that is open to the public, to provide at least one safe, sanitary, convenient, and publicly accessible baby diaper changing station, as specified. The bill requires each station to be maintained, repaired, and replaced as necessary to ensure safety and ease of use, and to be cleaned at the same frequency as the restroom in which it is located.

**Governor Action:** Chaptered

## FEDERAL POLICY UPDATE

### *Children's Health Insurance Program*

The bipartisan Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides health insurance to nearly 9 million low-income children across the country, expired on September 30, 2017, without reauthorization from Congress. This program covers services such as routine checkups, immunizations, doctor visits, prescriptions, dental and vision care, inpatient and outpatient hospital care, laboratory and x-ray services, and emergency services.

Earlier this month, House Republicans introduced the *Helping Ensure Access for Little Ones, Toddlers, and Hopeful Youth by Keeping Insurance Delivery Stable (Healthy KIDS) Act of 2017*, which proposes \$1 billion in extra Medicaid funding to Puerto Rico as part of a five-year plan to fund CHIP. The Senate Finance Committee quickly passed the *Keeping Kids' Insurance Dependable and Secure (KIDS) Act* to reauthorize the funding, but got considerable push back from Democrats because it required the dollars to be offset by Medicare.

If CHIP is not extended by Congress soon, many states will no longer be able to fund the program and will be limiting coverage, some as early as the end of 2017. California's final Budget Act for 2017–18 assumed a delay in program reauthorization, however, long term effects of delay are unknown at this time.

### *Home Visiting*

Despite multiple reauthorization efforts moving through Congress and strong bipartisan support, the Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visitation Program (MIECHV), which funds evidence-based home visiting for vulnerable families that are living in poverty or facing other risk factors, also expired on September 30, 2017.

Last month, the House passed the *Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act*, and the Senate introduced the *Strong Families Act of 2017*, both of which would reauthorize the program for 5 years. The House bill makes a number of problematic changes to the program, including requiring state, local, and private organizations to match the federal funds. It is now up to the Senate to negotiate the policy differences and move their reauthorization bill for a floor vote. However, the longer it takes Congress to reauthorize the program, the more likely local home visiting programs will shut down, home visitors will lose their jobs, and families will lose home visiting services.

Created in 2010, MIECHV funds home visits for nearly 160,000 parents and children in all 50 states. In fiscal year (FY) 2016, California received over \$22 million from the program.

### *Child Care for Working Families Act*

In September, Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) and Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA) introduced the *Child Care for Working Families Act*, which would guarantee affordable, high-quality child care to millions of working families. The Act, which amends the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), would create a funded child care entitlement for families, ensuring that no family under 150 percent of the state median income pays more than seven percent of their income on child care. Families would pay for care on a sliding scale, regardless of the number of children they have. The bill also would support universal access to high-quality preschool programs for all 3- and 4-year-olds, and would significantly improve compensation and training for the child care workforce. Under this system, providers would be funded based on cost of compensation and quality, rather than cost of care – a huge leap forward. This legislation is not scheduled to move at this time; however, it serves as a vehicle to debate the future of access to affordable and high-quality child care.

## **2018 POLICY AGENDA PLANNING**

As the 2017 Legislative season comes to a close, the Legislative Advisory Committee will meet over the fall to review the 2017 State Policy Agenda, F5CA's legislative achievements and partnerships, and examine the 2017 priorities in line with the Strategic Plan, evolving policy work, and capacity.

The Legislative Advisory Committee also will meet this fall to discuss the intersections between F5CA's public relations work and advocacy work, in order to further the goals of our Policy Agenda and the Strategic Plan goal to track progress toward policy goals in a concrete, measurable, and strategic manner with F5CA's advocacy partners.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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- A. Executive Summary and Detailed Report of 2017 Legislative Bills of Interest
- B. 2017–18 Children's Policy Agenda



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND DETAILED REPORT OF  
2017 LEGISLATIVE BILLS OF INTEREST**

<b>FINAL OUTCOMES FOR LEVEL 1 BILLS</b>			
<b>BILL # AUTHOR</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>FIRST 5 POSITION</b>	<b>FINAL OUTCOME/STATUS</b>
AB 15 (Maienschein)	Denti-Cal Program: Reimbursement Rates	Support	<b>Funded in 2017–18 Budget via Prop. 56</b>
AB 340 (Arambula)	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program: Trauma Screening	None	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
AB 753 (Caballero)	Denti-Cal: Improved Access	Support	2 Year Bill
AB 1520 (Burke)	Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
SB 18 (Pan)	Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of California: Joint Legislative Committee	Support	2 Year Bill
SB 300 (Monning)	Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: Health Warnings	Support	2 Year Bill
SB 707 (Cannella)	Medi-Cal: Denti-Cal Advisory Group	None	2 Year Bill
AB 11 (McCarty)	Child Care: Early Childhood Innovation Partnerships and Grants	None	2 Year Bill
AB 60 (Santiago)	Subsidized Child Care and Development Services: Eligibility Periods	Support	<b>Funded in 2017–18 Budget</b>

**FINAL OUTCOMES FOR LEVEL 1 REGULAR SESSION BILLS (Cont'd)**

<b>BILL # AUTHOR</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>FIRST 5 POSITION</b>	<b>FINAL OUTCOME/STATUS</b>
AB 170 (O'Donnell)	Teacher Credentialing	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
AB 231 (Chávez)	Subsidized Child Care: Eligibility	None	2 Year Bill
AB 258 (Arambula)	Child Care and Development Services: Individualized County Child Care Subsidy Plan: County of Fresno	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
AB 273 (Aguiar-Curry)	Child Care Services: Eligibility	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
AB 300 (Caballero)	Child Care and Development Services: Individualized County Child Care Subsidy Plans: Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
AB 312 (O'Donnell)	School Finance: Special Education Funding	None	2 Year Bill
AB 377 (Frazier)	Child Care Subsidy Plans: Counties of San Diego and Solano	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
AB 435 (Thurmond)	Child Care Subsidy Plans: Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
AB 540 (Mullin)	Child Care: Alternative Payment Programs: Reimbursement Rates	None	2 Year Bill
AB 605 (Mullin)	Day Care Centers: Birth to First Grade License Option	None	2 Year Bill
AB 752 (Rubio)	Child Care: State Preschool Programs: Expulsion	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
AB 1106 (Weber)	Child Care and Development Services: Alternative Payment Programs	None	<b>CHAPTERED</b>

**FINAL OUTCOMES FOR LEVEL 1 REGULAR SESSION BILLS (Cont'd)**

<b>BILL # AUTHOR</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>FIRST 5 POSITION</b>	<b>FINAL OUTCOME/STATUS</b>
AB 1304 (Melendez)	Public Social Services: CalKIDS: Personal Income Taxes: Exclusion	None	2 Year Bill
SB 63 (Jackson)	Unlawful Employment Practice: Parental Leave	Support	<b>CHAPTERED</b>
SB 426 (Pan)	Community-Based Home Visitation Pilot Program	None	2 Year Bill
AB 43 (Thurmond)	Taxation: Prison Contracts: Goods and Services	Support	2 Year Bill
AB 230 (Chávez)	Personal Incomes Taxes: Credit: Dependent Care	None	2 Year Bill
AB 274 (Garcia)	Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Food Products	None	2 Year Bill
AB 963 (Gipson)	Taxation: Marijuana	None	2 Year Bill
AB 992 (Arambula)	CalWORKS: Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program	Support	2 Year Bill
AB 1127 (Calderon)	Baby Diaper Changing Stations	None	<b>CHAPTERED</b>



**Level 1 Bills**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

**Child Health**

- AB 15**      **(Maienschein R) Denti-Cal program: reimbursement rates.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 3/23/2017 [Text](#)  
**Location:** 5/26/2017-A. 2 YEAR  
**Level 1**  
**Support**      **Summary:** This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to increase Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services to the regional average commercial rates, effective January 1, 2018.  
[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Health Letter](#)
- AB 340**      **(Arambula D) Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program: trauma screening.**  
**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)  
**Location:** 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED  
**Level 1**  
**Support**      **Summary:** This bill would require, consistent with federal law, that screening services under the EPSDT program include screening for trauma, as defined by the bill and as specified. The bill also would require the Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services and others, to adopt, employ, and develop, as appropriate, tools and protocols for screening children for trauma and would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific the screening tools and protocols by means of all-county letters, plan letters, or plan or provider bulletins, as specified.
- AB 753**      **(Caballero D) Denti-Cal: improved access.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 3/29/2017 [Text](#)  
**Location:** 4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR  
**Level 1**  
**Support**      **Summary:** This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to implement specified initiatives designed to significantly improve access to dental services for adults and children in the Medi-Cal program consistent with the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- AB 1520**      **(Burke D) Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force.**  
**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/2/2017 [Text](#)  
**Location:** 10/2/2017-A. CHAPTERED  
**Level 1**  
**Support**      **Summary:** Would establish the Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force, consisting of specified stakeholders, for purposes of researching, analyzing, and providing guidance to the Legislature in supporting California's efforts on lifetime wellness, self-sufficiency, and economic strength in families and communities throughout the state. The bill would require the task force to report to the Legislature on its projections of how the Governor's budget proposal will impact the child poverty rate in California.  
[Governor Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Concurrence Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Floor Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Support Letter](#)
- SB 18**      **(Pan D) Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of California: joint legislative committee.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 4/3/2017 [Text](#)  
**Location:** 5/12/2017-S. 2 YEAR  
**Level 1**  
**Support**      **Summary:** This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to expand and codify the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of California to establish a comprehensive framework that governs the rights of all children and youth in California, outlines the research-based essential needs of California's



children, and establishes standards relating to the health, safety, well-being, early childhood and educational opportunities, and familial supports necessary for all children to succeed.

**SB 300**

**(Monning D) Sugar-sweetened beverages: health warnings.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/13/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 4/28/2017-S. 2 YEAR

**Support**

**Summary:** This bill would establish the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Health Warning Act, which would prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a sugar-sweetened beverage in a sealed beverage container, or a multipack of sugar-sweetened beverages, in this state unless the beverage container or multipack bears a health warning, as prescribed.

[Senate Support Letter](#)

**SB 707**

**(Cannella R) Medi-Cal: Denti-Cal Advisory Group.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 4/28/2017-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** This bill would, until January 1, 2023, establish the Denti-Cal Advisory Group in the Department of Health Care Services, as specified, for the purpose of studying the policies and priorities of Denti-Cal with the goal of raising the Denti-Cal utilization rate among eligible child beneficiaries to 60% or greater, providing assistance and advice to the department, the Legislature, and the Governor to ensure that proposed decisions relating to the Denti-Cal program are based on the best available evidence, and studying and evaluating how Denti-Cal program policies align with and support the implementation of the state oral health plan.

**Early Learning and Care**

**AB 11**

**(McCarty D) Child care: early childhood innovation partnerships and grants.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/23/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** This bill would make various findings and declarations regarding child care and would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish the Early Head Start-Child Care-Early Intervention Partnership and provide funding to establish classroom-based early intervention services to Early Head Start-Child Care programs.

**AB 60**

**(Santiago D) Subsidized child care and development services: eligibility periods.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2016 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 7/21/2017-S. 2 YEAR

**Support**

**Summary:** This bill would require that a family, upon establishing initial eligibility or ongoing eligibility for services under the Child Care and Development Services Act, be considered to meet all eligibility requirements for those services for not less than 12 months, receive those services for not less than 12 months before having its eligibility redetermined, and not be required to report changes to income or other changes for at least 12 months, except as provided. The bill would revise the definition of "income eligible" and provide that the definition applies for purposes of establishing initial income eligibility for services under the act, and would add a definition of "ongoing income eligible" for purposes of establishing ongoing income eligibility for services under the act.

[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

[Assembly First Budget Request Letter](#)

[Senate First Budget Request Letter](#)

[Senate Budget Agenda Letter](#)

[Assembly Budget Agenda Letter](#)

[Assembly Budget Request Letter](#)

[Senate Budget Request Letter](#)

[Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Assembly Human Services Letter](#)

**AB 170**

**(O'Donnell D) Teacher credentialing.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/25/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 7/24/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Support**

**Summary:** This bill would no longer require, for issuance of a multiple subject teaching credential or a preliminary multiple subject teaching credential, that the baccalaureate degree be in a subject other than professional education.

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

**[AB 231](#)**

**(Chávez R) Subsidized child care: eligibility.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 2/21/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** The Child Care and Development Services Act requires families to meet certain requirements in various areas to be eligible for federal and state subsidized child development services. The act authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to enter into and execute local contractual agreements with any public or private entity or agency for the delivery of child care and development services. This bill would limit a family to a total of not more than 8 years of state-funded child care and development services per child under the act.

**[AB 258](#)**

**(Arambula D) Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plan: County of Fresno.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Support**

**Location:** 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2025, the County of Fresno to develop an individualized county child care subsidy plan, as specified. The bill would require the plan to be submitted to the local planning council and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plan and any subsequent modifications to the plan.

[Governor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

**[AB 273](#)**

**(Aguiar-Curry D) Child care services: eligibility.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Support**

**Location:** 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** The Child Care and Development Services Act requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer child care and development programs that offer a full range of services for eligible children from infancy to 13 years of age. Existing law establishes eligibility requirements and requires families to meet at least one requirement in each of 2 specified areas. This bill would include in the area relating to need, as a requirement that may be satisfied for purposes of eligibility, that the family needs the child care services because the parents are engaged in an educational program for English as a second language learners or to attain a high school diploma or general educational development certificate.

[Governor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Education Committee Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Support Letter](#)

**[AB 300](#)**

**(Caballero D) Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plans: Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Support**

**Location:** 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2022, the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz to develop individualized county child care subsidy plans, as specified. The bill would require the plans to be submitted by the counties to their local planning council and their respective county board of supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plans and any subsequent modifications to the plans.

[Governor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

[AB 312](#)**(O'Donnell D) School finance: special education funding.****Current Text:** Amended: 2/28/2017 [Text](#)**Level 1****Location:** 5/26/2017-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to phase-in equalization of SELPA funding rates to an unspecified percentile, commencing with the full implementation of the local control funding formula. The bill would also express the intent of the Legislature to establish a state funding mechanism to provide all local educational agencies with the funding necessary to establish high-quality preschool programs for California's preschool-age children with disabilities in order to give those children the best chance for educational success in the most cost-efficient manner.

[AB 377](#)**(Frazier D) Child care subsidy plans: Counties of San Diego and Solano.****Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)**Level 1****Support****Location:** 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2023, the County of Solano to develop and implement an individualized county child care subsidy plan, as specified. The bill would require the plan to be submitted to the local planning council and the Solano County Board of Supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plan and any subsequent modifications to the plan.

[Governor Support Letter](#)[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)[Senate Education Committee Support](#)[AB 435](#)**(Thurmond D) Child care subsidy plans: Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma.****Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)**Level 1****Support****Location:** 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2023, the County of Contra Costa to develop an individualized county child care subsidy plan, as specified. The bill would require the plan to be submitted to the local planning council and the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plan and any subsequent modifications to the plan.

[Governor Support Letter](#)[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)[Senate Education Committee Support](#)[AB 540](#)**(Mullin D) Child care: alternative payment programs: reimbursement rates.****Current Text:** Amended: 3/23/2017 [Text](#)**Level 1****Location:** 4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to create legislation that would establish an optional statewide child care and education subsidy policy program to increase and encourage county and regional collaboration among subsidized early care and education programs and providers in order to increase access to subsidized services for children and families, promote local flexibility to meet the unique needs of children and families in each county or region, and maximize the utilization of the allocated funding within the county or region.

[AB 605](#)**(Mullin D) Day care centers: birth to first grade license option.****Current Text:** Amended: 3/23/2017 [Text](#)**Level 1****Location:** 4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law, the California Child Day Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of day care centers by the State Department of Social Services. Current law requires the department to develop guidelines and procedures to authorize licensed child day care centers serving infants to create a special program component for children between 18 months to three years of age. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

[AB 752](#)**(Rubio D) Child care: state preschool programs: expulsion.****Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)**Level 1****Location:** 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Support**

**Summary:** This bill would, under the Child Care and Development Services Act, prohibit a contracting agency from expelling or unenrolling a child because of a child's behavior unless the contracting agency has explored and documented all possible steps to maintain the child's safe participation in the program and determines, in consultation with the parents or legal guardians of the child, the child's teacher, and, if applicable, the local agency responsible for implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and that the child's continued enrollment would present a continued serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children.

[Governor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Education Committee Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Human Services Support Letter](#)

**AB 1106**

**(Weber D) Child care and development services: alternative payment programs.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** The Child Care and Development Services Act requires the department to expand existing alternative payment programs and fund new alternative payment programs to the extent that funds are provided by the Legislature. This bill would require an alternative payment program to have no less than 36 months to expend funds allocated to that program in any fiscal year, and would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop a contracting process that provides alternative payment programs no less than 36 months to expend funds allocated to that program in any fiscal year.

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Education Committee Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)

**AB 1304**

**(Melendez R) Public social services: CalKIDS: personal income taxes: exclusion.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/17/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 4/28/2017-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** This bill would create the CalKIDS Savings Trust Fund and savings accounts within that fund for each beneficiary for the purpose encouraging and earmarking savings for the costs of child care, education, or other enrichment activities that will prepare the beneficiary for the future or higher education or for the purpose of taking care of elderly dependents. The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, would exclude from gross income the moneys deposited in a CalKIDS savings account.

**SB 63**

**(Jackson D) Unlawful employment practice: parental leave.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 10/12/2017-S. CHAPTERED

**Support**

**Summary:** Would prohibit an employer, as defined, from refusing to allow an employee with more than 12 months of service with the employer, and who has at least 1,250 hours of service with the employer during the previous 12-month period, to take up to 12 weeks of parental leave to bond with a new child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement. The bill would also prohibit an employer from refusing to maintain and pay for coverage under a group health plan for an employee who takes this leave. The bill would provide that it would not apply to an employee who is subject to both specified state law regarding family care and medical leave, and the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

[Governor Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Concurrence Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Floor Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Judiciary Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Labor & Employment Support Letter](#)  
[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[SB 63 Support Letter](#)

**SB 426**

**(Pan D) Community-based home visitation pilot program.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/3/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 9/1/2017-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law requires the Office of Child Abuse Prevention to evaluate implementation plans and award implementation grants to selected voluntary home visit programs. In order to ensure that

implementation proposals reflect the prevention and early intervention focus of home visits, existing law requires the office to develop proposed criteria for awarding implementation grants in accordance with each plan's addressing of those elements. This bill would require particular focus on independently evaluated program models with regard to the office's development of the proposed criteria for awarding the implementation grants in accordance with each plan's addressing of those elements.

## **Revenue and Governance**

- AB 43**      **(Thurmond D) Taxation: prison contracts: goods and services.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 5/10/2017 [Text](#)  
**Level 1**      **Location:** 5/17/2017-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE  
**Support**      **Summary:** Current law imposes various taxes, including taxes on the privilege of engaging in certain activities. The Fee Collection Procedures Law, the violation of which is a crime, provides procedures for the collection of certain fees and surcharges. This bill, for the privilege of contracting with a state prison, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, or the Department of General Services to provide a state prison with goods, services, or both, would impose a tax on vendors, as defined, at the rate equal to 10% of the final contract price, as defined, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2018.  
[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)  
[Assembly Revenue and Tax Support Letter](#)
- AB 230**      **(Chávez R) Personal income taxes: credit: dependent care.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 4/18/2017 [Text](#)  
**Level 1**      **Location:** 5/26/2017-A. APPR.  
**Summary:** This bill, the Personal Income Tax Law, in modified conformity to federal income tax law, authorizes a credit for household and dependent care expenses necessary for gainful employment, as provided. That law provides that the amount of the state credit is a percentage of the allowable federal credit, with the percentage dependent on adjusted gross income, as provided. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, would increase the amount of the applicable state credit percentage and revise adjusted gross income amounts, as provided.
- AB 274**      **(Garcia, Cristina D) Sales and use taxes: exemption: food products.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 5/1/2017 [Text](#)  
**Level 1**      **Location:** 3/20/2017-A. REV. & TAX  
**Summary:** Sales and use tax laws provide various exemptions from these taxes, including an exemption for food products for human consumption, as provided. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that defines the term "snack food" for the purposes of these laws.
- AB 963**      **(Gipson D) Taxation: marijuana.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 5/30/2017 [Text](#)  
**Level 1**      **Location:** 6/1/2017-A. INACTIVE FILE  
**Summary:** This bill would provide for the suspension or revocation of those permits, would authorize the board to deny an application for a permit if the applicant had previously been issued a permit that was suspended or revoked, among other reasons, and would set forth the process for appealing permit suspensions, revocations, and application denials. The bill would also impose specific criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment, for certain violations of the provisions relating to the cultivation and excise taxes on marijuana and would require funds derived from those fines and collected or paid to the board to be deposited into the Marijuana Tax Fines and Penalties Account, which this bill would create in the California Marijuana Tax Fund. By modifying the scope of a crime and imposing new crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

## **Strong and Engaged Families**

- AB 992**      **(Arambula D) CalWORKs: Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 5/26/2017 [Text](#)  
**Level 1**      **Location:** 7/14/2017-S. 2 YEAR  
**Support**      **Summary:** This bill would, as of January 1, 2018, establish the Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program that would require the State Department of Social Services to award funds to counties for the purpose of implementing or contracting with specified early home visiting programs to

provide voluntary maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs approved by the department and would authorize the funds to be used to coordinate early home visiting services with, among others, diaper bank services.

[Senate Human Services Committee Support Letter](#)

**[AB 1127](#)**

**([Calderon D](#)) Baby diaper changing stations.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/13/2017 [Text](#)

**Level 1**

**Location:** 10/13/2017-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** This bill would require new construction or renovation, as specified, of a public building, as specified, that is owned by a state or a local agency, or a portion of a building that is owned by a state or local agency and includes at least one restroom that is open to the public, to provide on each floor level containing one or more restrooms that are accessible to the public at least one safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing station, as specified. The bill would require each station to be maintained, repaired, and replaced as necessary to ensure safety and ease of use, and to be cleaned with the same frequency as the restroom in which it is located.

**Total Measures: 30**

**Total Tracking Forms: 30**



*Vision: California’s children receive the best possible start in life and thrive.*

## 2017–18 CHILDREN’S POLICY AGENDA

*First 5 California will advocate for the strong start all children deserve, with an emphasis on children prenatal through age 5 and their families, to optimize early childhood development and reduce childhood poverty.*

<b>STRONG AND ENGAGED FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES</b>
Support evidence-based parent education and engagement, including parent engagement on child brain development and Talk. Read. Sing.
Support sustainability of Family Resource Centers and other community hubs for integrated services for children and families.
Increase supports for breastfeeding, family leave, and baby-friendly policies in all settings.
Expand voluntary home visit programs.
<b>CHILD HEALTH</b>
Protect children and families’ access to health care, and support coordination across the health care system to ensure every pregnant mother and child ages 0 to 5 has affordable and comprehensive health insurance coverage.
Support and promote universal developmental screenings, assessment, referral, and treatment.
<b>EARLY LEARNING</b>
Expand access to quality early care and education programs for children ages 0 to 3.
Support implementation of high-quality universal preschool access for all low-income four-year-old children, and high-quality transitional kindergarten and kindergarten state-wide.
Support a high-quality early learning workforce through strengthened qualifications, compensation, stability, diversity, and robust professional development systems.
Promote statewide access to and participation in successful Quality Rating and Improvement Systems.
<b>REVENUE</b>
Promote inclusion of funding for children ages 0 to 5 and their families in existing and new revenue policy discussions.
Promote regulation of tobacco-related products, including electronic cigarettes, and sustainability of licensing and enforcement programs.