



AGENDA ITEM: 4
DATE OF MEETING: January 18, 2012
ACTION: _____
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BILLS OF INTEREST – 2011- 2012 REGULAR SESSION

BUDGET

- AB 99 (Committee on Budget) California Children and Families Act: Use of Funds**
Current Text: Chaptered: 3/24/2011
Location: 3/24/2011-A. CHAPTERED
Summary: This bill establishes the Children and Families Health and Human Services Fund. The bill requires specified amounts of state and local children and families commission funds to be deposited in the fund for the 2011-12 fiscal year, as specified. Specifically, the bill transfers \$50 million, upon commission approval, from the State Commission and \$950 million from county commissions to the Children and Families Health and Human Services Fund to support state health and human services programs for children from birth through five years of age.
- SB 87 (Leno) 2011-12 Budget**
Current Text: Chaptered: 6/30/2011
Location: 6/30/2011-S. CHAPTERED
Summary: This bill makes appropriations for support of state government for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

ASSEMBLY

- AB 101 (John A. Pérez D) Family Child Care Providers: Bargaining Representative.**
Current Text: Vetoed: 10/4/2011
Location: 10/4/2011-A. VETOED
Summary: This bill would have promoted quality, access, and stability in the child care system, as well as full communication between child care providers and the state by authorizing family child care providers to form a provider organization for purposes of negotiating with state agencies on specified matters.

- AB 171 (Beall D) Autism Spectrum Disorder**
Current Text: Amended: 5/3/2011
Location: 5/28/2011- A. APPR SUSPENSE FILE - 2YR BILL
Summary: This bill would require health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The bill would, however, provide that no benefits are required to be provided by a health benefit plan offered through the California Health Benefit Exchange that exceed the essential health benefits required under federal law. The bill would prohibit coverage from being denied for specified reasons.
- AB 419 (Mitchell) Community Care Licensing Key Indicator Protocol for Licensing Visits**
Current Text: Amended: 4/28/2011
Location: 5/28/2011- A. APPR SUSPENSE FILE - 2YR BILL
Summary: This bill would increase the frequency of inspections of child care and other community care licensed facilities to help ensure basic health and safety for California's most vulnerable children. The bill would require, through the use of research based protocols that promotes efficiency, annual unannounced site visits to all licensed child care centers and biannual visits to family child care facilities. The bill also would increase the availability of technical assistance to child care providers.
- AB 823 (Dickinson) Children's Cabinet of California**
Current Text: Amended: 8/15/2011
Location: 8/26/2011- S. APPR SUSPENSE FILE - 2YR BILL
Summary: This bill would, to the extent that sufficient federal or private funds are deposited with the state and appropriated by the Legislature, establish the Children's Cabinet of California to serve, until January 1, 2019, as an advisory body responsible for improving the collaboration among agencies that provide services to the children and youth of the state. This bill would provide that the cabinet shall be comprised of, among others, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, the Chief Justice of California, or his or designee, and the heads of various specified state agencies. The bill would require the cabinet to provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature every odd-numbered year.
- AB 1072 (Fuentes) Community Development: California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative**
Current Text: Amended: 6/21/2011
Location: 8/26/2011- S. APPR SUSPENSE FILE - 2YR BILL
Summary: This bill would establish the California Promise Neighborhoods Initiative in the Office of Economic Development. It would require the office to establish 40 promise neighborhoods throughout the state, according to specified criteria, to maximize collective efforts within a community to improve the health, safety, education, and economic development of each neighborhood. It would

require the office to use existing state resources and federal funds to implement these provisions, and authorize the office to accept financial support from other public or private sources for these purposes. The bill would require the office to work with the California Department of Education, the Employment Development Department, the California Children and Families Commission, the California Health and Human Services Agency, and others in implementing the bill.

SENATE

SB 30 (Simitian) Kindergarten: Age of Admission and Readiness

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2011

Location: 7/7/2011- A. APPR SUSPENSE FILE - 2YR BILL

Summary: Existing law requires that a child be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of a school year, or at any time later in the same year if the child will have his or her 5th birthday as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

SB 166 (Steinberg D) Health Care Coverage: Autism Spectrum Disorders

Current Text: Amended: 1/4/2012

Location: 1/4/2012-S. HEALTH - 2YR BILL

Summary: This bill would require health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The bill would, however, provide that no benefits are required to be provided by a health benefit plan offered through the California Health Benefit Exchange that exceed the essential health benefits required under federal law. The bill would prohibit coverage from being denied for specified reasons.

SB 885 (Simitian) Public Education Accountability: Longitudinal Education Data System

Current Text: Amended: 7/7/2011

Location: 9/1/2011-A. INACTIVE FILE - 2YR BILL

Summary: Existing law establishes a system of public education in this state. This system includes public elementary and secondary schools, which provide instruction to pupils from preschool through grade 12, as well as the institutions that comprise the 3 segments of higher education, which are the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California. This bill would amend the expression of intent of the Legislature to state that the design and implementation of a high-quality, comprehensive, and longitudinal preschool through higher education (P-20) statewide data system should meet specified goals. The bill would also authorize the State Board of Education, in addition to the entities referenced above, to enter into a joint powers agreement, rather than interagency agreements, to facilitate the implementation of the comprehensive longitudinal preschool through higher education (P-20) statewide data system referenced by the bill.

SB 946

(Steinberg D) Health Care Coverage: Pervasive Developmental Disorder: Autism

Current Text: Enrolled: 9/16/2011

Location: 9/16/2011-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide benefits for specified conditions, including certain mental health conditions. This bill, effective July 1, 2012, requires those health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies, except as specified, to provide coverage for behavioral health treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism. The bill provides, however, that no benefits are required to be provided that exceed the essential health benefits that will be required under specified federal law. Because a violation of these provisions with respect to health care service plans would be a crime, the bill imposes a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.