



## Legislative Update October 1, 2006

### **NEW LAWS- Effective Immediately**

#### **SB638 (Torlakson) –After School Programs**

Changes the funding to a direct grant instead of reimbursement based while increasing the maximum funding cap and decreasing the local match. Requires Department of Education to establish physical education and activity standards for after school programs. Requires: attendance reporting quarterly, breakfast service in before school programs, operation 15 hours per week minimum, establish outcome measures for 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs inc. high school exit exam success. Requires that 1.5% of the funds be spent on technical assistance, evaluation and training services. Requires that CDE develop program improvement plans if attendance falls below 75% of proposed levels, fails to demonstrate measurable outcomes or to improve academic achievement of attending students. **Status: Chaptered Bill #380**

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#### **AB172 (Chan) – Universal Preschool**

Significantly amended bill resulting from an agreement between Legislative Leadership and the Governor's Office includes \$50 million of funding that included in the 2006-07 budget with provisions for: 1) expansion of preschool programs in schools with a 2005 API score in the 1 – 3 deciles 2) family literacy coordination 3) staff development 4) limited funding for to accommodate full day child care needs 5) program evaluation. **Status: Chaptered Bill #211**

#### **AB633 (Benoit) – Child care facilities- licensing & notification**

Requires providers to notify new and existing parents of any Type A violations, noncompliance conferences, and accusations leading to revocation for one year after incident. Changes current language of "Oliver's Law" required by R&R's to give to parents along with child care referrals. Amended language is more "parent-friendly." **Status: Chaptered Bill # 545**

#### **AB1144 (Harman) – Playground Safety Standards**

Requires any new or modified playground meet standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the playground-related guidelines by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Older playgrounds will be required to meet current standards set no later than 15 years after they were installed. **Status: Chaptered Bill #470**

#### **AB1282 (Mullin)- Employer Child Care Tax Credit**

Extends the employer's child care tax credit through 2011 allowing a deduction of up to 30% of start-up expenses for a child care center, contributions to resource & referral programs. Requires the Franchise Tax Board to do a report on the effectiveness of the program. **Status: Chaptered Bill #**

**AB2196 (Spitzer) –Registered Sex Offenders Website**

Requires child care facility to give parents/guardians information about the availability of Megan’s law website. Also requires they provide a copy of the Parent’s Rights brochure.

**Status: Chaptered Bill #208**

**AB2403 (DeVore) – Large Family Child Care Permits**

Requires that local government provide a written fee verification and process time line for a conditional use permit for large family child care home, within 45 days of the applicant’s request. **Status: Chaptered Bill #105**

**AB2865 (Torrico)- Child Care Center- Pest Management**

Requires that state-funded child development programs notify parents of pesticide use and that private programs that own their site use the least toxic methods for pesticide application, maintain records on use and inform parents of pesticide use. Renters would be required to inform parents of pesticide use if notified by the property owner. **Family child care providers were excluded from the provisions of this bill in the final amendment.** Requires Department of Pesticide Management to develop integrated pest management education for child care programs.

**Status: Chaptered Bill #**

**SB1759 (Ashburn)- Criminal Background Checks**

Requires that all employees working in community care facilities complete the criminal background check process prior to commencing employment. This puts into statute the requirements already in regulation. Allows state departments to share information on administrative actions against applicants and licensees and requires DSS to maintain a centralized system for monitoring and tracking final administrative actions. **Status: Chaptered Bill #**

**VETOTED BILLS:**

**AB1601 (Laird) – License-exempt providers/Trustline**

Requires the trustline of aunts & uncles (pending available funding), shortens the time allowed for an exempt provider to complete the trustline process to 14 days. Requires APP’s to stop payment when a “hit” occurs on the provider’s trustline clearance process and requires that payment only begins upon clearance in any county (TARP & Non-TARP) where 75% of the license-exempt providers are registered with Trustline within 14 business days. Also provides for an informational brochure to inform child care providers of the details of the child care delivery system in California. **Sponsored by SEIU & United Child Care Union (AFSCME).**

**AB2802 (Pavley)- Early Learning Credential**

Requires the development of an optional early learning credential for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade that includes 24 units of Early learning with 12 units possible through community colleges and 12 units in the credential program all incorporated into the existing multiple subject credential program. Requires the commission, before it issues an optional early childhood education credential, to verify that the individual is appropriately trained to teach in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive. The bill would require the commission to use existing resources to implement the bill’s provisions.

**AB2881 (Mullin) – State Preschool Programs. R&R & Unexpended Funds-Urgency Clause- (CCDAA sponsored)**

Establishes full day state preschool programs and includes educational tasks and goals.

**Additionally requires R&R programs to notify Family Child Care Home Education Networks of the suspension or termination of a provider's license.**

**SB697 (Kuehl)- Collective Bargaining Rights for Family Child Care Providers**

Allows family child care providers to be represented by a collective bargaining entity who would negotiate with the state and at the local (in areas under their control) on their behalf. Licensed family child care providers would be included effective January 2007 and licensed-exempt providers who receive subsidies would be included effective January 2009. Allows for the unions to negotiate at the local level for the collection of union and administration fees by Alternative Payment Programs. Prohibits the calling of a strike.