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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair  
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**AB 499 (Mayes) - Personal information: social security numbers: state agencies**

**Version:** July 31, 2020

**Policy Vote:** G.O. 16 - 0

**Urgency:** No

**Mandate:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 20, 2020

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**Bill Summary:** AB 499 prohibits a state agency from sending any outgoing mail containing an individual's social security number (SSN) unless the number is truncated to its last four digits and requires agencies to follow reporting requirements and offer identify theft prevention services, as specified.

**\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE \*\*\*\*\***

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on August 20, 2020**

**Fiscal Impact:**

- The Employment Development Department (EDD) reports that it is investing in a new wholesale benefit system replacement, known as the Benefit Systems Modernization (BSM) project, that will allow it to use a unique identifier in lieu of a SSN on documents mailed to claimants by January 1, 2023.

The EDD would develop business requirements and make technical changes to information technology systems to accommodate the new identifier. The EDD estimates costs in the millions to tens of millions of dollars to incorporate the requirements of this bill into the BSM project. The final cost estimate will depend on project details, required program resources, among other factors.

- Cost pressures of up to \$1 million (General Fund) to the Department of Justice's California Justice Information Services Division.

**Author Amendments:**

- Exempts documents sent in response to an individual's request to access personal information, as specified.
- Make technical and clarifying changes.

**Committee Amendments:**

- Strike the provision requiring state agencies to offer to provide identify theft mitigation services.

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