
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 321 (Valladares) - Childcare services: enrollment priority

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: ED. 6 - 0, HUMAN S. 5 - 0

Mandate: No

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill adds children with a primary home language other than English to priority enrollment in state preschool and federal or state subsidized general child care programs.

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

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 11, 2022**

Fiscal Impact: The California Department of Education (CDE) estimates General Fund costs of \$188,000 in the first year and \$186,000 (GF) in the second year for 1.0 position to write regulations and provide guidance to the field. The workload activities include responding to questions from the field, developing and conducting ongoing trainings and providing technical assistance. These costs also include related travel expenses. The CDE indicates that the cost for updating the Child Development Management Information System will be minimal.

The CDE also indicates that there is no data available to indicate how the new priority would impact the overall levels of reimbursement because these children are already eligible for services. Additionally, the bill's new subcategory of income eligibility would not increase the number of children that will be eligible to receive services because these children are already income eligible.

Author Amendments: Make technical changes to address chaptering issues.

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