SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair 2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1324 (Sharp-Collins) - CalWORKs

Version: April 24, 2025 **Policy Vote:** HUMAN S. 4 - 1

Urgency: No Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025 **Consultant:** Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 1324 would make several changes to eligibility rules for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program.

****** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM - SUSPENSE FILE ********

The following information is revised to reflect amendments adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown ongoing General Fund costs for additional benefits provided.
- Unknown General Fund costs for automation.
- No fiscal impact to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for state operations.
- Unknown costs to counties for administration. Cost to counties would be potentially reimbursable by the state, subject to a determination by the Commission on State Mandates.

Committee Amendments: Delete income exemptions; delay by one year, the due date for the expansion feasibility study report; specify how self-employment hours are computed for purposes of welfare-to-work activities; and make other clarifying changes.