
SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FISCAL REVIEW

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Subject: Human Services

Summary: Provides for statutory changes necessary to enact human services related provisions of the Budget Act of 2026.

Proposed Law: This bill makes statutory changes necessary to implement the Budget Act of 2026-27. This bill includes the following provisions:

- 1) Extends the operative date for the Stop the Hate program and requires an implementation report to be submitted by March 1, 2027.
- 2) Allows the Department of Finance to use a reasonable estimate for certain calculations related to cost-of-living annual adjustment factors.
- 3) Allows for the use of electronic signatures and electronic payments for activities related to California Department of Social Services (CDSS) licensing programs.
- 4) Transitions Home Care Organization licensing to an annual license system effective January 1, 2029, and includes various administrative fees, as well as authority to use interim licensing standards related to violation fines until regulations are adopted.
- 5) Allows General Fund to be used to support the CDSS Home Care Services Branch along with existing fee revenues.
- 6) Makes various technical changes to clarify the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) access to youth, records, and posting of Youth Bill of Rights requirements.
- 7) Delays statutory adoption of changes relating to the California Department of Aging (CDA) Interstate Funding Formula to September 1, 2027.
- 8) Extends CDSS statutory authority to issue guidance related to electronic food benefit theft until formal regulations are adopted.
- 9) Extends the operative date of the CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Project to June 30, 2028.

- 10) Establishes the Tribal Foster Care Prevention Initiative to assist federally recognized Indian tribes in California with services aimed at preserving families and preventing the entry of children into foster care.
- 11) Establishes a 1.8 percent increase to CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payments.
- 12) Establishes enforcement provisions related to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) provider wages and benefits by requiring a county that has not entered an agreement by July 1, 2026 to reach an agreement with the employee organization within 90 days.
- 13) Shifts timing of IHSS and CalWORKs administrative funding reassessments so that only one CDSS program undergoes a reassessment each year.
- 14) Allows the Youth Legal Services program to include social services support.
- 15) Authorizes Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) payments for Wraparound Services and defines eligibility criteria for Wraparound Services and in-state out-of-home placements paid for with AAP payments, as specified.
- 16) Requires CDSS to ensure that transition support services are made available to adoptive families whose children have returned from out-of-state facilities, as specified, and requires CDSS to report to the Legislature regarding outcomes for this transition. Requires CDSS to engage specified stakeholders to identify the services, supports, and any gaps that exist to support adoptive families connecting to resources.
- 17) Caps the amount of a county's required share of the nonfederal costs for administration of the CalFresh program at the amount the county expended in 2024-25, through 2028-29, to provide fiscal relief to counties created by the federal cost shift to states under H.R. 1.
- 18) Makes a technical change to establish consecutive recovery of CalFresh and California Food Assistance Program over issuance claims for households containing both CalFresh and CFAP members.
- 19) Extends the sunset date of the Guaranteed Income Pilot Program.
- 20) Establishes income exclusions, as specified, for Federal Children's Savings Accounts.
- 21) Extends the statutory deadline for CDSS to adopt regulations for biennial inspections of Home Care Organizations to January 1, 2028.
- 22) Establishes data collection requirements related to county administration of the CalFresh program in order to support access to CalFresh, accurately determine eligibility and benefit amounts, and complement federal and state performance measures, as specified.
- 23) Makes various technical and conforming changes.

Fiscal Effect: Appropriates \$344,000 from the General Fund to CDSS for the purpose of implementing CalFresh transparency initiatives.

Support: None on file.

Opposed: None on file.

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