
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2765 (Ahrens) - CalFresh and CalWORKs: childhood hunger and foster youth

Version: June 11, 2026

Urgency: Yes

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: HUMAN S. 3 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Agnes Lee

Bill Summary: AB 2765, an urgency measure, would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to take various steps in response to the impact of H.R. 1 (Public Law 119-21) on CalFresh benefits.

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

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026**

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown ongoing General Fund costs to increase payment levels for the CalWORKs recurring special needs allowance.
- Unknown ongoing General Fund costs, potentially hundreds of thousands, for CDSS for state administration.
- Unknown one-time General Fund costs, potentially hundreds of thousands, to update the Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS).
- 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.

Author Amendments: Delete requirements to provide for a separate CalWORKs special needs allowance and delete requirements to seek a federal waiver to exempt foster youth from loss of CalFresh benefits.

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